



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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**Monday, 15 Tsothóhrha/December, 2008  
& Thursday, 18 Tsothóhrha/December, 2008**

*The following is a synopsis of the latest Council Meetings*

### **Chief Attendance (15 Tsothóhrha)**

**In** – Chiefs Mike Delisle Jr., Mike Bush, Martin Leborgne, Peggy Mayo-Standup, Warren Lahache, Rhonda Kirby, John Dee Delormier, Johnny Montour, Kenneth McComber.

**Absent** - Chiefs Marvin Zacharie (Personal), Peter Paul (Meeting).

**Also present** - Melanie Gilbert, Interim OCC Coordinator, Alana Goodleaf-Rice, Executive Director.

### **Chief Attendance (18 Tsothóhrha)**

**In** – Chiefs Mike Delisle Jr., Mike Bush, Martin Leborgne, Peggy Mayo-Standup, Warren Lahache, Rhonda Kirby, Johnny Montour, Kenneth McComber, Chiefs Marvin Zacharie, Peter Paul.

**Absent** - Chief John Dee Delormier (late).

**Also present** - Alana Goodleaf-Rice, Executive Director, Sam Montour, Special Assistant to the Grand Chief, Michael O'Brian, Director of Social Development, Shari Lahache, Membership Office.

### **Housekeeping (15 Tsothóhrha)**

- Grand Chief Mike Delisle will meet AFN Chief Phil Fontaine, regarding the issue of land claims and Bill C-30 in the New Year. Delisle updated on a recent meeting with Ralph Brant, Director of Specific Claims regarding outstanding Claims. The main issue discussed was if the Seigneurie claim may not be affected by Bill C-30.
- Peggy Mayo-Standup updated on the latest ABC Board Meeting, in which the main issue is the sale of alcohol by stores without a permit as well as sales to minors.
- The issue of service delivery on Snow Removal for the Elderly & Disabled was discussed, with no formal decisions being made.
- Warren Lahache gave an update on his recent meeting in Saskatchewan in which he relayed that recent Kahnawake Peacekeeper recruits were commended.
- Basic Land Allotments for those who have paid their loans, RRAPS, etc... were granted.



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### **The following agenda item was discussed: (15 Tsothóhrha)**

#### **Kateri Memorial Hospital Expansion**

Members of the Kateri Memorial Hospital Board of Directors, etc... were present to discuss the Hospital expansion. The main issue is MSI and jurisdiction. The current agreement calls for construction workers to be on CSST.

### **The following agenda item was discussed: (18Tsothóhrha)**

#### **New Status Cards**

There will be new secure Status Cards to replace the existing Indian Status cards. These new cards will be available in the new year. A Mohawk Council Executive Decision (MCED) was required to proceed in Kahnawà:ke. This MCED was passed. The old cards will still be valid for a period of time, but eventually (after expiration date has passed), will no longer be valid. Members of the Membership Office will require special training with the new secure cards and will work together with the local Indian Affairs office (across from the Hospital) on the transition. Announcements on how to obtain cards will be made sometime in the new year.