



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 17 Enniskó:wa / March, 2008

The following is a brief synopsis of the latest Council Meeting

Attendance

In - Chiefs Mike Delisle Jr, Johnny Montour, Kenneth McComber, Martin Leborgne, Melvin Zacharie, Peter Paul, Peggy Mayo-Standup, Warren Lahache, Rhonda Kirby

Also in Attendance - Kevin Kennedy, Associate Executive Director (Capital & Public Works), Dwaine White, Office of the Council of Chiefs, Ron Sky, Associate Executive Director (Justice), Ryan Rice, Associate Executive Director (Finance)

Out - John Dee Delormier (Vacation), Alana Goodleaf-Rice (vacation), Mike Bush (Unavailable)

Housekeeping

Meetings/Travel/Vacations

On Wednesday, March 19, Chiefs Kenneth McComber and Mike Delisle Jr will be in Quebec City, along with Michael O'Brien of Social Development and Melanie Gilbert of the Office of the Council of Chiefs to meet with Quebec Labour Minister, David Whissell. Grand Chief Delisle will also have a follow-up meeting with Quebec Native Affairs Minister Benoit Pelletier while in Quebec City.

Rhonda Kirby will be on vacation the week of April 7

The following agenda items were discussed:

Mercier Bridge

A brief discussion took place on the Mercier Bridge French News reports on a potential ban on trucks, to see if the MCK would make any statements. Later, the MTQ informed the MCK that the news reports were false.

North American Indigenous Games

A very brief discussion took place on Mohawk TV's complaint that MCK Communications was involved in a fundraiser for Team Kahnawá:ke. After it was explained that 100% of all money is going towards Team Kahnawá:ke and that the Communications Team are fulfilling the request of the Chef de Mission of Team Kahnawá:ke and to the Sports & Recreation Unit, Chiefs asked Communications to respond to the complaint and Portfolio Chief Rhonda Kirby was asked to handle the matter.

2008/2009 Budget

The 2008/2009 budget took up the remainder of the day and spilled over to Tuesday morning. All budgets were submitted for review and approval. Previously, the budget had gone through the Operations Team (made up of all MCK Directors) and the Finance & Operations Committee (which is primarily made up by Chiefs Johnny Montour, Melvin Zacharie, Peggy Mayo-Standup and Rhonda Kirby). The budget was given final approval after much discussion and final cuts to secondary items.

Note: Two Agenda items could not take place due to the time spent on the Budget and will be re-scheduled.