



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 20, Tsothohrhkó:wa/January 2025

Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Cody Diabo, Jeremiah Johnson, Iohahí:io Delisle, Melanie Morrison, Ryan Montour, David Diabo, Stephen McComber, Ross Montour, Tonya Perron, Arnold Boyer

Out: Ratsénhaienhs Paul Rice (Medical Leave)

Absent: Ratsénhaienhs Jeffrey Diabo

Also Present: Meagan Ottereyes (Council Meeting Administrator), Vernon Goodleaf (General Manager of Operations, OCC), Brandon Cross (OCC Project Leader), Brandon McComber (OCC Project Technician), and Lisa Lahache (Public Relations), and for Housekeeping only: Taiawentetie Hemlock and Sarah Delisle (Executive Assistants)

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Cody Diabo
- Upcoming absences: Cody Diabo (March 3-7 – Vacation)
- Cheque Signers: Tonya Perron and Melanie Morrison
- Invitation - the Indigenous Connections Summit - Cody Diabo (Montreal – March 12)
- **Approved**
- Invitation: First Nations Gaming Summit - Cody Diabo and Eric Doucet (Tsuut'ina Nation - February 13) **Approved**
- Invitation as a speaker - Strategic Workshop on Renewable Energies 2025 – Eric Doucet (Mashteuiatsh – February 19) **Approved**
- Incoming Letter: Education Portfolio Chief to review and assess **For future discussion**
- Land Allotments (3): (NOTE: Abstention by Stephen McComber on one allotment due to conflict of interest) **Approved by consensus**
- (4) Travel Requests: National Housing and Infrastructure Conference – Arnold Boyer (Calgary – February 19-21) **Approved**; Regional Committee on First Nations Languages – Melanie Morrison (Saint Sauveur – February 4-6) **Approved**; READY2025 Conference – David Diabo and Melanie Morrison (Ottawa – January 28-29) **Approved**
- Public Relations Items: Ratitsénhaienhs Report – David Diabo (January 27); MCK Friday – Cody Diabo and Iohahí:io Delisle (January 24); Chief's Monthly Reports due complete by January 22 at 12:00pm **For information**
- Minute Approvals – July 31 **Deferred**, August 12 **Approved by Consensus**
- **Jeremiah Johnson:** Monday: language class, First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission (FNQLHSSC) Governance presentation, Kahnawà:ke Fire Brigade (KFB) Executive Committee Meeting; Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Services (KLS) working group, Bell Let's Talk; Thursday: Legislation Portfolio, Social Supports & Development accessibility, and Social Supports & Development Portfolio team meetings; Friday: Kahnawà:ke Governance Project (KGOV) documentary filming
- **Ryan Montour:** Monday: language class, FNQLHSSC Governance presentation, Kahnawake Shakotii'a'takehnhas Community Services (KSCS) Board meeting; Wednesday-Friday: Peacekeepers Services Board working retreat
- **Melanie Morrison:** Monday: language class, FNQLHSSC Governance presentation, KFB Executive Committee meeting; Wednesday: Bell Let's Talk, weekly Multi-Purpose Building (MPB) campaign meeting, MPB Committee weekly check-in; Thursday: MPB Technical and Finance Committee meeting; Friday: Administrative Affairs Portfolio team meeting
- **Iohahí:io Delisle:** Monday: language class, FNQLHSSC Governance presentation; Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke/Quebec Relations (KQR) internal briefing meeting, Bell Lets Talk; Thursday: External Government Relations Portfolio and Social Supports & Development Portfolio meetings; Friday: out pm (Vacation)
- **David Diabo:** Monday: language class, FNQLHSSC Governance presentation; Wednesday: KQR, and Jay Treaty Border Alliance (JTBA) meetings, Hunting & Harvesting strategic planning session, and Indigenous Services Canada strategic planning meeting; Friday: Occupational Health & Safety meeting
- **Stephen McComber:** Monday: language class, FNQLHSSC Governance presentation; Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact and Archaeology meetings, Thursday: Health Portfolio team meeting
- **Ross Montour:** Monday: language class, FNQLHSSC Governance presentation; Wednesday: KQR internal briefing and KQR external meetings, Bell Let's Talk, Hunting & Harvesting strategic planning session; Thursday: out (Wellness); Friday: Seigneurie of Sault St Louis (SSSL) internal and external, and Specific Claims meetings



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- **Tonya Perron:** Monday: language class, FNQLHSSC Governance presentation; Wednesday: KLS working group, Bell Let's Talk, and Governance Portfolio team meetings; Thursday: Legislation Portfolio team and Justice Commission monthly meetings; Friday: Administrative Affairs Portfolio team meeting and KGOV documentary filming session
- **Arnold Boyer:** Monday: language class, FNQLHSSC Governance presentation; Wednesday: Bell Let's Talk, Thursday: Health Portfolio team and Social Supports & Development accessibility meetings; Friday: Hydro-Quebec vegetation meeting, KGOV documentary filming session, Community Wellness Action Plan meeting on special needs and elders' affairs
- **Cody Diabo:** Monday: language class, FNQLHSSC Governance presentation, KSCS Board meeting; Wednesday: KQR internal briefing, Review of strategic discussions, JTBA meeting, KQR external meeting, Bell Let's Talk, MCK Governance Portfolio team meeting, Indigenous Services Canada strategic planning meeting, out pm (Wellness); Thursday: EGR Portfolio team and Public Services and Procurement Canada meetings; Friday: SSSL internal and external meetings, KGOV documentary filming

Agenda Items

Request to Approve Kihew Consulting & Research Inc.

Presence of: Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Counsel) and Vernon Goodleaf (General Manager of Operations, OCC) Portfolio Chief: Jeffrey Diabo

Recommendation to the Council of Chiefs to secure the services of Kihew Consulting & Research Inc. to conduct research into various Indigenous gaming regulatory frameworks and advocacy strategies.

Approved by consensus

Executive Office Updates

Onerahtokha Marquis provided updates on Finance, Infrastructure, Housing, Public Relations, Human Resource matters, and the Staff challenge to Ratiitsénhaienhs for the KYC Polar Plunge

Adjournment

Closing by Cody Diabo. Meeting ended at **11:27am**