



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 31 Enniskó:wa/March 2025

Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Ryan Montour (Chairperson), Jeremiah Johnson, Melanie Morrison, David Diabo, Stephen McComber, Ross Montour, Tonya Perron (attended virtually), Arnold Boyer, Cody Diabo (attended remotely for CAP Discussion)

Out: Ratitsénhaienhs Iohahí:io Delisle (Medical Leave), Cody Diabo (Attending conference in San Diego), Paul Rice (Vacation), Jeffrey Diabo (Wellness)

Also Present: Meagan Ottereyes (Council Meeting Administrator) and Lisa Lahache (Public Relations); and for Housekeeping only: Tyanna Kirby and Taiawentetie Hemlock (Executive Assistants)

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwen by Ross Montour
- Cheque Signers: Tonya Perron and administrative signer
- Invitation to designate a representative for the Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador AGM on June 10, 2025 **Declined**
- Vanier MMIWG Event April 30, 2025 – Melanie Morrison **Approved**
- Community Engagement Lunch: Elders visit at the Golden Age Club (Date TBD on a Wednesday in May 2025) **Approved**
- Letter of Support: Request for Consultation **Approved**
- Letter: Request for feedback **Deferred**
- (1) Land Allotment **Passed by Consensus**
- Minute Approvals: December 16, 2024 **Deferred**, and January 13, 2025 **Deferred**
- Public Relations Items: Ratitsénhaienhs Report – Ryan Montour (Release date April 7, 2025); K1037 MCK Friday – Ryan Montour and Jeremiah Johnson (April 4, 2025) **For information Purposes**
- **Jeremiah Johnson:** Thursday: Housing Reconciliation meeting, Kahnawà:ke Legislative Services (KLS) Working Group meeting; Friday: KLS Working Group meeting
- **Melanie Morrison:** Tuesday: Trauma-Informed Attachment Training; Wednesday: First Nations Language Gathering (Montreal); Thursday: Infrastructure, Transport & Operations, and Multi-Purpose Building Technical & Finance Committee meetings
- **David Diabo:** Wednesday: First Nations Language Gathering (Montreal); Friday: Iroquois Caucus Webinar and Lands & Territories Portfolio meeting
- **Stephen McComber:** Thursday: Fort Chambly Ancestral Remains meeting
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: Education briefing and MCK/Ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable meeting; Thursday: Fort Chambly Ancestral Remains meeting; Friday: Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations (KCR) Environment meeting, and session on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- **Arnold Boyer:** Thursday: Infrastructure, Transport & Operations and Onkwata'karitáhtshera meetings; Friday: Kidney Walk planning meeting, out pm (Flex)
- **Ryan Montour:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Legion Branch 219 medal acceptance ceremony, Kahnawà:ke Fire Brigade (KFB), and KCR internal meetings; Thursday: KCR Justice Mandate and Housing Reconciliation meetings; Friday: KCR Housing Mandate and KFB Assessment meetings
- **Tonya Perron:** Thursday: KLS Working Group, KCR Justice Mandate, and Governance Advisory team meetings; Friday: KLS Working Group meeting

Agenda Items

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Kanien'kehá:ka Rights and Research (KRR) Office Mandate Approval

Presence of Dawn Marquis-Deere (Executive Administrative Officer), Nathalie Murray, Vernon Goodleaf, and Brandon Montour; Portfolio Chiefs: Ross Montour and Jeffrey Diabo

Request to the Council of Chiefs to approve the newly developed KRR Office Mandate and the KRR Office 2025-2026 budget.

Approved by Consensus *NOTE Melanie Morrison abstained from this decision

Client Attorney Privileged Item

Presence of Onerahtokha Marquis (Executive Director), Marylee Armstrong (Director of Legal Services), Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Counsel), Carle-Jane Evans (MCK Legal Counsel), Justus Polson-Lahache (Director of Public Relations) and Vernon Goodleaf (General Manager of OCC)
Client-Attorney Privileged discussion

Executive Office Updates



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Onerahtokha Marquis updated on Human Resources matters, Facilities & Maintenance, and Accounting/Finance

Ratitsénhaienhs Updates

Melanie Morrison updated on the Archaeology file

David Diabo updated on the Iroquois Caucus

Ross Montour updated on External Government Relations, Seigneurie of Sault Saint Louis, and Consultation

Arnold Boyer provided updates on Social Supports & Development and the Health Portfolio

Tonya Perron updated on Governance, Administrative Affairs, Kahnawà:ke Legislative Services, and the Cannabis file

Adjournment

Closing by Ryan Montour. Meeting adjourned at **4:05pm**