

2024-2027 MCK COUNCIL OF CHIEFS PORTFOLIO DISTRIBUTION

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1. Heritage

The Heritage portfolio addresses issues related to Kanien'kehá:ka identity, including the protection, preservation and commemoration of history, traditions, environment, and historic buildings of Kahnawake. This includes language and cultural programs, services and legislation.

Files/Projects:

- Relations/Networks: Tewahará:tat Tsi Niionkwarihò:ten Language & Culture Network, Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitióhkwa Language and Cultural Center(KORLCC)
- Tsi Niionkwarihò:ten tsi Tewaháhara'n (MCK Language & Culture Training Center)
- Language Revitalization
- Cultural Revitalization & Historical Preservation
- New Cultural Center & Museum Project
- Commemoration & Public Education
- Tourism

Lead Portfolio Chief: Ietsénhaïenhs Melanie Kawenieson Morrison

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaïenhs Stephen Angus McComber

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaïenhs Paul Rice

Related Legislation:

- Language Law

Sectoral Tables:

- N/A

2. Environment

The Environment portfolio addresses issues related to the stewardship and protection of the traditional territory of the Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke, including legislation, regulation and external environmental matters that may have an impact on Kahnawà:ke.

Files/Projects:

- Environmental monitoring and protection measures
- Restoration projects

Lead Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaïenhs Ross Kakwirakeron Montour

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaïenhs Jeremiah Nien:taraken Johnson

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaïenhs Stephen Angus McComber

Related Legislation:

- N/A

Sectoral Tables:

- Federal: KCR Sectoral Table – Link to Lands Sectoral Table

3. Lands & Territories

The Lands portfolio addresses issues related to development of a comprehensive Kahnawà:ke lands framework, management of lands and management of Land Allotments, use and management of Territories (Tioweró:ton), legislative matters and advancing stronger jurisdiction in Kahnawà:ke.

Files/Projects:

- Land Management
- Land Use Framework
- Land Use Agreements (Third Party Agreements)
- Tioweró:ton
- Land-based Projects

Lead Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaïenhs Tahawennon:tie David Diabo

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaïenhs Ross Kakwirakeron Montour

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaïenhs Iohahiio Delisle

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaïenhs Paul Rice

Related Legislation:

- N/A

Sectoral Tables:

- Federal: KCR Sectoral Table on Lands

4. Indigenous Rights & Research

The Indigenous Rights & Research portfolio addresses issues related to the protection, research and application of Indigenous rights, archeological and historical artifacts, legislative matters and negotiations on specific files.

Files/Projects:

- Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis Land Grievance
- Land Claims
- Duty to Consult (Consultation & Accommodation)
- Indigenous Rights & Title Research
- Hunting & Harvesting
- Archeology

Lead Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaïenhs Ross Kakwirakeron Montour

Portfolio Chief: Ohén:ton Í:rate ne Ratitsénhaïenhs Cody

Portfolio Chief: Kanerahti:io Diabo

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaïenhs Tahawennon:tie David Diabo

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaïenhs Jeffrey Sha'korontakehtats Diabo

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaïenhs Stephen Angus McComber

Related Legislation:

- N/A

Sectoral Tables:

- Federal: SSSL Negotiations (& Mandating) Table
- Quebec: Consultation Sectoral Table

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5. External Government Relations

The External Government Relations portfolio addresses issues related to the establishment, formalization, fostering and maintenance of relationship frameworks with external governments, including KCR and QKR, that advance Kahnawake's jurisdictional and legislative integrity.

Files/Projects:

- Kahnawà:ke & Canada Relations
- Quebec & Kahnawà:ke Relations
- Nation-Building & Networking
- Border Crossing & International Affairs

Lead Portfolio Chief: Ohén:ton Í:rate ne Ratitsénhaiehs Cody Kanerahti:io Diabo

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Iohahi:io Delisle

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Ryan Karoniarakwon Montour

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Jeffrey Sha'korontakehtats Diabo

Related Legislation:

- N/A

Sectoral Tables:

- Federal: Steering Committee, Maintable, Fiscal Relations Sectoral Table
- Quebec: Central Table, Trade & Commerce Sectoral Table

6. Administrative Affairs

The Administrative Affairs portfolio addresses issues related to MCK Administration and Finance, including the Finance, Administration and Operations Committee and legislative linkages and matters.

Files/Projects:

- Finance
- Administration
- Operations
- Strategic Planning
- Linkage: Asbestos - Occupational Health & Safety management, and monitoring effects of exposure

Lead Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Paul Rice

Portfolio Chief: Ietsénhaiehs Melanie Kawenieson Morrison

Portfolio Chief: Ietsénhaiehs Tonya Wentanoron Perron

Related Legislation:

- N/A

Sectoral Tables:

- Federal: KCR Sectoral Table on Fiscal Relations (tentative)

7. MCK Governance

The MCK Governance portfolio addresses issues related to the governance and operational structure of the Council of Chiefs, and respective legislation.

Files/Projects:

- Governance Framework for Council Chiefs
- Operational Policy for Council Chiefs
- Community Engagement Framework & Strategy

Lead Portfolio Chief: Ietsénhaiehs Tonya Wentanoron Perron

Portfolio Chief: Ohén:ton Í:rate ne Ratitsénhaiehs Cody Kanerahti:io Diabo

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Jeffrey Sha'korontakehtats Diabo

Related Legislation:

- Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke Election Law

Sectoral Tables:

- N/A

8. Legislation

The Legislation portfolio addresses issues related to the Kahnawake Legislative Coordinating Commission's (KLCC) Community Decision Making Process (CDMP), and current and impending legislative matters.

Files/Projects:

- Governance: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission
- Development of Legislative Development Office
- Community Decision Making Process Evaluation & Review
- CDMP procedural manual review

Lead Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Jeremiah Nien:taraken Johnson

Portfolio Chief: Ietsénhaiehs Tonya Wentanoron Perron

Related Legislation:

- N/A

Sectoral Tables:

- N/A

9. Justice

The Justice portfolio addresses issues related to the development and implementation of the Kahnawà:ke Justice Act, legislation and activities of the Justice Commission.

Files/Projects:

- Kahnawà:ke Justice Act implementation
- Community Review Board

Lead Portfolio Chief: Ietsénhaiehs Tonya Wentanoron Perron

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Ryan Karoniarakwon Montour

Related Legislation:

- Kahnawake Justice Act

Sectoral Tables:

- Federal: KCR Sectoral Table on Justice (Mandate pending)
- Quebec: QKR Sectoral Table on Justice (Mandate pending)

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10. Economic Development

The Economic Development portfolio addresses issues related to fostering economy, business opportunities and projects that create revenue and wealth, and legislative matters. Socio-economic development is a prime focus of this portfolio.

Files/Projects:

- Governance (Open for Business)
- Tewatohnhi'saktha/Kahnawà:ke Economic Development Commission
- Business Economic Development Fund (BEDF)
- Business Coalition
- Gaming Revenue Generation (MOL)
- Revenue Generation
- Gaming Revenue Generation

Lead Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Paul Rice

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Iohahi:io Delisle

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Jeffrey Sha'korontakehtats Diabo

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Ryan Karoniarakwon Montour

Related Legislation:

- N/A

Sectoral Tables:

- Federal: KCR Sectoral Table on Economic Development (Mandate pending)
- Quebec: QKR Sectoral Table on Economic Development

11. Sustainable Development

The Sustainable Development portfolio addresses matters related to holistic approaches to community development which aim to prioritize and balance environmental, social and human health. This portfolio aims to meet existing community needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. The portfolio includes community-wide planning initiatives, as well as grassroots initiatives that promote environmental and socio-economic sustainability.

Files/Projects:

- Community Development Initiatives (KCI, CCP)
- Renewable and Sustainable "Green" Initiatives
- Food Sovereignty, Security & Agriculture

Lead Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Stephen Angus McComber

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Cody Kanerahti:io Diabo

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Tahawennon:tie David Diabo

Related Legislation:

- N/A

Sectoral Tables:

- N/A

12. Infrastructure, Transport & Operations

The Infrastructure, Transport & Operations portfolio addresses issues related to community infrastructure services for roads, water, new development areas, capital planning and development, and relevant legislation. This portfolio includes addressing matters related to Transport issues impacting Kahnawà:ke.

Files/Projects:

- Community Infrastructure Services
- Transport (Mercier Bridge, Transport Agreement, 207, etc)
- Asbestos Containing Materials Remediation (link to Occupational Health & Safety management, and monitoring effects of exposure)

Lead Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Arnold Ken'wentéshon Boyer

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Paul Rice

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Melanie Kawenieson Morrison

Related Legislation:

- N/A

Sectoral Tables:

- Quebec: QKR Sectoral Table on Transport Issues

13. Community Safety

The Public Safety portfolio addresses issues related to safety of the public, policing services, fire prevention and response services, and legislative matters. This portfolio includes inspection and monitoring services, such as environmental health officer services.

Files/Projects:

- Public Safety Commission
- Peacekeepers Ethics Commission
- Peacekeeper Services Board
- Parole Supervision
- Emergency Preparedness
- Conservation
- Inspections & Enforcement
- Emergency Services (Fire, Ambulance)
- MCK Kahnawake Animal Protection
- Landfill & Demolition Waste Recycling

Lead Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Ryan Karoniarakwon Montour

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Tahawennon:tie David Diabo

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Jeremiah Nien:taraken Johnson

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Melanie Kawenieson Morrison

Related Legislation:

- Peacekeeper Law, Demolition Waste Recycling Law, Emergency Preparedness Law, Sanitary Conditions Law

Sectoral Tables:

- Quebec: Health & Social Sectoral Tables (Ambulance issue)

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14. Regulatory Boards/Commissions & Labor

The Regulatory Boards/Commissions & Labor portfolio addresses issues related to regulatory board and commissions in the territories of Kahnawà:ke, matters related to workers on the Territory, and related legislative matters. This portfolio includes the Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission, Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Board, Alcoholic Beverages Board, Tobacco Control Board, and Kahnawà:ke Athletic Commission.

Files/Projects:

- Kahnawake Gaming Commission
- Alcoholic Beverages Control Board
- Kahnawake Cannabis Control Board
- Kahnawake Athletic Commission
- Labor
- Tobacco

Lead Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Iohahiio Delisle

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénha ienhs Tahawennon:tie David Diabo

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Jeremiah Nien:taraken Johnson

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Jeffrey Sha'korontakehtats Diabo

Portfolio Chief: Ietsénhaiehs Tonya Wentanoron Perron

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Paul Rice

Related Legislation:

- ABC Law, Kahnawake Gaming Law, Kahnawake Cannabis Control Law
- Upcoming Laws: Labor Law, Tobacco Law

Sectoral Tables:

- Federal: KCR (Gaming{Mandate pending})
- KCR Sectoral Tables (Central Table {Alcohol, Tobacco, etc.}), Labor

15. Health

The Health portfolio addresses issues related to community health, health services and programs, and legislation. This includes authorizing and monitoring of research and reports related to community health matters.

Files/Projects:

- Relations/Networks: Onkwata'karitáhtshera One Health Agency
- Child & Family Services (KSCS, Prevention & Intervention services)
- Primary Health Care (KMHC, outreach, etc)
- Health Research
- Indian Day Schools

Lead Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Arnold Ken'wentéshon Boyer

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Stephen Angus McComber

Related Legislation:

- Health Professionals Act

Sectoral Tables:

- Quebec: QKR Health & Social Sectoral Table

16. Social Supports & Development

The Community Social Affairs portfolio addresses issues related to social needs of community members, prevention services, legislation, recreation, youth and Elders.

Files/Projects:

- MCK Client Based Services
 - Social Assistance
 - Office of the Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke Registry
 - Income Security (Taxation, pension) Services/Assistance
 - Elders Snow Removal
- Sports & Recreation
- Housing
- Child Care Authority (Daycares)
- Youth Services & Entities
- Elder Services & Entities
- Connecting Horizons/Accessibility

Lead Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Iohahiio Delisle

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Arnold Ken'wentéshon Boyer

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Jeremiah Nien:taraken Johnson

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Stephen Angus McComber

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Ryan Karoniarakwon Montour

Related Legislation:

- Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke Law
- Residency Law

Sectoral Tables:

- Federal: KCR Sectoral Table on Membership

17. Education

The Education portfolio addresses issues related to educational needs of community members, including educational services, life-long learning, and legislation.

Files/Projects:

- Relations/Networks: Kahnawà:ke Combined Schools Committee (KCSC), Karihwanoron, First Nations Regional Adult Education Center
- K-12 Education
- Adult Education
- Post-Secondary Education
- Skawenni:io Tsi Iewennahnotákhwa Kahnawà:ke Library

Lead Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Jeffrey Sha'korontakehtats Diabo

Portfolio Chief: Ratsénhaiehs Ross Kakwirakeron Montour

Related Legislation:

- N/A

Sectoral Tables:

- N/A