



## Mohawk Council Communiqué

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**Tuesday, 20 Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2025**

### Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

**In:** Ratitsénhaienhs Cody Diabo (Chairperson), Jeremiah Johnson, Paul Rice, Melanie Morrison, Ryan Montour, Jeffrey Diabo, David Diabo, Stephen McComber, Ross Montour, Tonya Perron, Arnold Boyer

**Out:** Ratsénhaienhs Iohahí:io Delisle (Medical Leave)

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

#### Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Cody Diabo
- Cheque Signers: Tonya Perron, Paul Rice
- Assembly of First Nations Chiefs Assembly and Tribute evening: Jeffrey Diabo (Mont-Saint-Anne – June 18-19) **Approved**
- Invite letter to Annual Celebrations – Cody Diabo (Tsuut'ina First Nation – July 25-27) **Approved**
- Canadian Gaming Summit – Paul Rice (Toronto, June 17-19) **Approved**
- Invitation: Office of the Commissioner of Indigenous Languages - Global Indigenous Languages Summit – David Diabo (Ottawa – August 11-14) **Approved**
- Kahnawà:ke Residency Law discussion – Jeremiah Johnson **For information purposes**
- Invitation: Heritage Trail Verdun's 150th Anniversary – Stephen McComber (Montreal/Nun's Island – June 10) **Approved**
- Incoming Letter from Community Member **For information purposes**
- Land Allotment **For information purposes**
- Public Relations Items: Ratitsénhaienhs Report – Jeremiah Johnson; Monthly Reports due May 22 at 12pm **For information purposes**
- **Jeremiah Johnson:** Thursday: Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relation (KCR), Mortgage Reconciliation and External Government Relations Portfolio (EGR) meetings; Friday: KCR Registration & Lands, and Kahnawà:ke Legislative Services (KLS) Working Group meetings
- **Paul Rice:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission weekly, and Port of Montreal meetings; Thursday: EGR Portfolio, Gaming Working Group, and MCK/Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec bi-weekly meetings; Friday: out (Wellness)
- **Melanie Morrison:** Thursday: Heritage Portfolio and Multi-Purpose Building Finance & Technical meetings; Friday: Ministry Presentation, MCK/The Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated (JCCBI) bi-weekly, and Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office meetings
- **Ryan Montour:** Thursday: EGR Portfolio and Peacekeeper Research Project meetings; Friday: KCR Registration & Lands and Mortgage Reconciliation meetings
- **Jeffrey Diabo:** Thursday: Adult Education and EGR Portfolio meetings; Friday: out pm (Wellness)
- **David Diabo:** Wednesday: Jay Treaty Border Alliance/Assembly of First Nations meeting; Thursday: EGR Portfolio, Consultation Committee, and Kanien'kehá:ka Rights & Research (KRR) Portfolio meetings; Friday: KCR Registration & Lands and Lands & Estates meetings
- **Stephen McComber:** Thursday: Heritage Portfolio meeting; Friday: Fort Chambly Archaeology meeting
- **Ross Montour:** Thursday: EGR Portfolio, Consultation Committee, and KRR Portfolio meetings; Friday: Consultation Committee meeting, out pm (Wellness)
- **Tonya Perron:** Thursday: Governance Advisory Team and Justice Commission meetings; Friday: KLS Working Group, and orientation/onboarding meeting with Director of the Administrative Services Unit
- **Arnold Boyer:** Thursday: EGR Portfolio and Social Assistance meetings; Friday: Onen'to:kon Treatment Center, Transports Quebec, and JCCBI bi-weekly meetings
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: Review of Strategic Discussions; Thursday: EGR Portfolio, Gaming Working Group, and KRR Portfolio meetings; Friday: out (Vacation)



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### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Submission of the Cultural Spaces Fund Application for the Multi-Purpose Building**

*Presence of Abbey Diabo (Director of OCC) and Trina C. Diabo (OCC Project Technician)*

*Portfolio Chiefs: Melanie Morrison and Paul Rice*

Request to the Council of Chiefs for support in submitting a \$2,500,000 funding application to the Ministry of Canadian Heritage's Cultural Spaces Fund for financial assistance toward the construction of the Kahnawà:ke Multi-Purpose Building Project.

**Passed by consensus**

### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Revised Administration Unit Mandate**

*Presence of Onerahtokha Marquis (Executive Director) and Abbey Diabo (Director of OCC)*

*Portfolio Chief: Paul Rice*

Request to the Council of Chiefs to approve the Revised Administration Unit Mandate.

**Passed by Consensus**

### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Appointment of the Office of the Council of Chiefs Representative to the Kahnawà:ke Legislative Commission**

*Presence of Chris Bush (KLC Policy & Research Specialist) Portfolio Chiefs: Jeremiah Johnson and Tonya Perron*

Request to the Council of Chiefs to appoint Vernon Goodleaf as the Office of the Council of Chiefs Representative on the Kahnawà:ke Legislative Commission.

**Passed by Consensus**

### **Executive Updates**

*Presence of Onerahtokha Marquis*

Onerahtokha Marquis updated on Human Resource matters

### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Amendments to the Constitution of the Kahnawà:ke Justice Commission**

*Presence of: Shotehra Rice (Justice Development Technician) Portfolio Chiefs: Tonya Perron and Ryan Montour*

Request to the Council of Chiefs to approve and bring into force the amended *Constitution of the Kahnawà:ke Justice Commission*.

**Passed by Consensus**

### **Ratitsénhaïenhs Updates**

**Cody Diabo** updated on the Cannabis file

**David Diabo** updated on the Lands & Territories Portfolio

**Jeffrey Diabo** updated on the Library file

**Ryan Montour** updated on the Community Safety Portfolio

**Paul Rice** updated on strategic planning, portfolio assignments, Economic Development, the recent presentation at the Canadian Renewable Energy Association (CanREA) conference on renewable energy, the Community Initiatives Fund, Gaming, the Investment Revenue Committee, and Administrative Affairs

**Arnold Boyer** updated on Infrastructure, Transport & Operations

**Ross Montour** updated on Kanien'kehá:ka Rights & Research and the Environment Portfolio

### **Adjournment**

Closing by Stephen McComber. Meeting adjourned at **2:30pm**