



## Mohawk Council Communiqué

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# Monday, 9 Ohiarí:ha/June 2025

### Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

**In:** Ratitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (Chairperson, am), Cody Diabo (attended remotely, am – Chairperson, pm), Jeremiah Johnson, Iohahí:io Delisle, Melanie Morrison, Ryan Montour (am only), Jeffrey Diabo, David Diabo (am only), Stephen McComber, Arnold Boyer

**Out:** Ratitsénhaienhs Ross Montour (Special Leave), Paul Rice (work-related travel), Ryan Montour (pm only, work-related travel), David Diabo (pm only, work-related travel)

**Also Present:** Jaime-Lynn Deere (Council Meeting Administrator), Onerahtokha Marquis (Executive Director), Abbey Diabo (Director of the Office of the Council of Chiefs) and Lisa Lahache (Public Relations); and for Housekeeping only: Taiawentetie Hemlock, Sarah Delisle, and Tyanna Kirby (Executive Assistants)

#### Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Ryan Montour
- Cheque Signers: Tonya Perron, Melanie Morrison
- Minutes for Approval - February 17, 2025 & March 24, 2025 **Approved**
- Summer Council Meeting & Strategic Discussion Schedule: July 7, July 22 (Tuesday Audit Presentation), August 4, August 18; Strategics are the day following (Except July 21), Community Meeting summer schedule as presented at the May Community meeting: June 25, July off, resuming August 27 **Approved**
- Public Relations Items: Tetewathá:ren MCK Friday (Stephen McComber, June 13); Ratitsénhaienhs Report (Ryan Montour, air date June 16) **For information purposes**
- Call for expressions of interest: Governance of genomic research and biobanks among First Nations **Deferred**
- Invitation: Kruger Energy Golf Tournament – Eric Doucet or Iohahí:io Delisle **Approved**
- Incoming Mail – Canada Post Property Sale **Referred to Seigneurie of Sault Saint Louis File team**
- (1) Land Allotment **Approved**
- **Jeremiah Johnson:** Thursday: Mortgage Reconciliation meetings, Kahnawà:ke Legislative Services (KLS) Working Group meeting; Friday: out (Wellness)
- **Iohahí:io Delisle:** Tuesday: out (progressive return to work); Wednesday: Still Ours Campaign meeting and portfolio updates; Thursday: out (progressive return to work); Friday: External Government Relations Portfolio (EGR) team visit to Roussillon Museum
- **Melanie Morrison:** Tuesday: Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitíohkwa Language and Cultural Center board meeting; Wednesday: Mercier Bridge Redesign project and Multi-Purpose Building Campaign meetings; Thursday: Language & Culture Network meeting; Friday: EGR team visit to Roussillon Museum
- **Ryan Montour:** Monday-Thursday: 18th Annual Native American Economic Development Conference; Friday: Housing Reconciliation meetings
- **Jeffrey Diabo:** Thursday: Library meeting; Friday: EGR team visit to Roussillon Museum, out pm (Wellness)
- **David Diabo:** Monday-Thursday: Tribal Emergency Management Conference; Friday: High-Frequency Rail meeting
- **Stephen McComber:** No meetings scheduled for this week
- **Arnold Boyer:** Wednesday: Mercier Bridge Redesign project and Child and Family Services (CFS) budget meeting; Thursday: Onen'tó:kon Treatment Center Board of Directors and Kahnawake Shakotíia'takehnhas Community Services meetings; Friday: meeting with Secrétariat aux relations avec les Premières Nations et les Inuit; Upcoming Vacation: July 14-18
- **Tonya Perron:** Thursday: Governance Advisory Team, KLS Working Group, and Justice meetings; Upcoming Vacation: June 23, 2025
- **Cody Diabo:** Monday: meeting with Chief Michelle Glasgow of Sipekne'katik First Nation; Wednesday: Review of Strategic Discussions, Still Ours Campaign and CFS budget meetings; Thursday: Onen'tó:kon Board of Directors and Jay Treaty Border Alliance (JTBA)/Canada Border Services Agency meetings; Friday: out (Vacation)
- **\*Note:** Paul Rice attending the First Nations Trade Sovereignty Conference 2025 at Rivercree Resort in Enoch First Nation (Edmonton), Alberta

#### Mohawk Council Resolution: Enactment of consequential amendments related to the Kahnawà:ke Justice Act

*Presence of: Kevin Fleischer (Commissioner of Justice), Chris Bush (KLC Policy & Research Specialist), Shotehra Rice (Justice Development Technician), and Sage Goodleaf (Summer Student), Portfolio Chiefs: Tonya Perron and Ryan Montour*



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Request to the Council of Chiefs to approve amendments to the Kahnawà:ke Justice Act. The purpose of these amendments is to: Ensure cohesion between Kahnawà:ke laws and to integrate the Kahnawà:ke justice system more fully into the body of these laws; Correct the spelling of "Kahnawà:ke" within these laws; and Renumber sections of laws, where necessary  
**Passed by consensus**

### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Multi-Purpose Building - Finance And Technical Committee Replacement**

*Presence of: Kyle Delisle (Executive Financial Officer) Portfolio Chief: Paul Rice*

Request to the Council of Chiefs to temporarily appoint the Director of Capital as a member of the Multi-Purpose Building Project Finance & Technical Committee, to replace the Executive Infrastructure Officer (EIO) for the duration of the EIO's leave of absence .

**Passed by consensus**

### **Client-Attorney Privilege Discussion**

*Presence of Ms. Suzanne Jackson (MCK Legal Counsel), and Brandon McComber (OCC Technician)*

This item is client-attorney privileged

### **Executive Office Updates**

Onerahtokha Marquis updated on Human Resources matters; Executive Director's Committee updates; Finance, Administration & Operations Committee updates; Housing;

### **Ratitsénhaïenhs Updates**

**Jeffrey Diabo** updated on the Library file and the Archaeology file

**Stephen McComber** updated on the Sustainable Development Portfolio

**Cody Diabo** updated on the JTBA trip to Washington

**Jeremiah Johnson** updated on the Housing file

### **Discussion: Traffic Issues**

*Presence of Lloyd Phillips (Public Safety Commissioner), Robyn Montour (Director of Public Safety), Dwayne Zacharie (Chief Peacekeeper), Alan John Rice (Executive Operations Officer), Dawn Marquis-Deere (Executive Administrative Officer), Martin Morris (Director of Public Works), and David Lahache (Transport Coordinator)*

Discussion on traffic issues caused by Old Chateaugay Road Rehabilitation Project and mitigation measures.

**For future discussion**

### **Adjournment**

Closing by Cody Diabo. Meeting adjourned at **4:21pm**