



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 29 Seskehkó:wa/September 2025

Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Cody Diabo, Jeremiah Johnson, Iohahí:io Delisle (joined at 10:13am), Paul Rice, Melanie Morrison, Ryan Montour, Jeffrey Diabo, David Diabo, Stephen McComber, Ross Montour, Tonya Perron, Arnold Boyer.

Also Present: Jaime-Lynn Deere (Council Meeting Administrator), Abbey Diabo (Director of the Office of the Council of Chiefs), Lloyd Phillips (Chief Political Advisor), Justus Polson-Lahache (Public Relations), Tehosterihens Deer (Public Relations Specialist, Political), Dawn Marquis-Deere (Executive Administrative Officer/Interim Executive Director), and for Housekeeping only: Taiawentetie Hemlock (Executive Assistant to the Kahnawa'kehró:non Ratitsénhaienhs).

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Cody Diabo
- Cheque Signers: Two (2) Ratitsénhaienhs identified
- Public Relations Items: MCK Friday - Jeffrey Diabo and Stephen McComber; Ratitsénhaienhs Report - Melanie Morrison, Introduced Tehosterihens Deer as the new Public Relations Specialist - Political of the Public Relations Unit
- Minutes for Approval - September 2, 2025 and September 8, 2025 - **Approved**
- Aboriginal Financial Officers Association - Request to attend engagement event in Montreal, Quebec on September 15th, 2026. Paul Rice to attend - **Approved**
- Indigenous Agriculture Summit - Request to attend November 27-28, 2025 in Regina, Saskatchewan. David Diabo to attend - Suggested for community members to attend - **Approved**
- Travel Request: Jeffrey Diabo requested travel to a Specific Claims meeting in Winnipeg, Manitoba from October 21-24, 2025 - **Approved**
- Travel Request: David Diabo requested travel to the SarScene Conference in Ottawa, Ontario from October 1-5, 2025 - **Approved**
- Request to support 325th Anniversary of Great Peace Montreal for upcoming event in September 2026. Invitation to be sent to Longhouse representatives. Presented by Ross Montour - **Approved**
- **Jeremiah Johnson** - Thursday: Housing Reconciliation [Prep](#), Peacekeepers Swearing-In, *Kahnawà:ke Residency Law* meeting
- **Paul Rice** - Monday: Montreal Port Authority meeting; Wednesday: Economic Development and Hydro Quebec meeting; Thursday: MCK / Hydro-Quebec Hertel Working Group, Peacekeepers Swearing-In, *Kahnawà:ke Sovereign Wealth Fund* Economic Development meeting; Friday: MCK / Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated (JCCBI) Bi-Weekly Coordination, External Government Relations Portfolio
- **Melanie Morrison** - Tuesday: Every Child Matters event at Golden Age Club; Wednesday: Name unveiling for Multi-Purpose Building; Thursday: Peacekeepers Swearing-In; Friday: *Kahnawà:ke Language Law* discussion, internal meeting
- **Ryan Montour** - Thursday: Meeting with Community Member, *Kahnawà:ke* Youth Center Vegas Night training, Peacekeepers Swearing-In, Peacekeeper Services Board meeting; Friday: Housing letters, Housing Mortgage Reconciliation meeting; Saturday: Vegas Night volunteering
- **Jeffrey Diabo** - Wednesday: Library meeting; Thursday: Tobacco Working Group, Peacekeepers Swearing-In; Friday: Tobacco Filming Session
- **David Diabo** - Wednesday: Attending SarScene Conference in Ottawa, Ontario; Hot Mixed Asphalt Report, Lands, Safety and Security table; Friday: Management Skills for Supervisors training (tentative)
- **Stephen McComber** - Tuesday: Speaking engagement in Verdun; Thursday: Speaking engagement at Palliative Care Residence in Kirkland
- **Ross Montour** - Thursday: Peacekeepers Swearing-In; Notice of upcoming vacation day for October 9

Amrize (Lafarge) Quarry - Record of Decision

Presence of Katie Spillane (MCK Legal Counsel), Patrick Ragaz (General Manager of Field Science - *Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office*), Rose-Ann Morris (Advisor - Office of the Council of Chiefs), Iris Montour (General Manager of Kanien'kehá:ka Rights and Research Office). Portfolio Holders Nitsénhaienhs Ross Montour and David Diabo. This item was Client-Attorney Privileged.



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Confidential Item - Record of Decision

Presence of: Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Counsel), Dawn Marquis Deere (Interim Executive Director/Executive Administrative Officer), Kyle Delisle (Executive Finance Officer), Stephen Ashkenazy (External Legal Counsel). This item was Client Attorney Privileged.

Executive Office Updates

Presence of Dawn Marquis-Deere (Executive Administrative Officer/Interim Executive Director).
Dawn Marquis-Deere updated on: Pension plan analysis video recording, senior leadership unit feedback on Quebec Pension Plan, Organizational Development work on policies and prioritization, security training, Capital work, Kahnawà:ke Library demolition, Staff Halloween party, Dayforce changes, and reporting requirements for workplace safety.

Ratitsénhaïenhs Updates

Paul Rice - Updated on National Indigenous Economic Development Board and Indigenous Advisory Council, Peepeekisis Nation meeting Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Association, Kahnawà:ke Sovereign Wealth Fund

Melanie Morrison - Updated on visit to the Quebec Bridge Disaster Memorial Site, meeting with Senator Michele Audette, Innu Hydro-Quebec line project, Harvest Summit, and Multi-Purpose Building public launch

Arnold Boyer - Updated on Route 207 Rehabilitation Project design phase, Spanish Residential School visit on October 21 - 22, Kahnawà:ke Shakotiiia'takéhnhas Community Services board, Government of Ethics Committee, and Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre board meetings.

Cody Diabo - Updated on Jordan's Principle tuition payments and upcoming Iroquois Caucus meeting, visit from a Six Nations of the Grand River gaming representative

Adjournment

Closing by Cody Diabo. Meeting adjourned at 2:52pm