



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 16 Enníska/February 2026

Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

In: Ratitséhaienhs Cody Diabo (Chairperson), Jeremiah Johnson, Iohahí:io Delisle, Paul Rice, Melanie Morrison, Ryan Montour, Jeffrey Diabo (Virtual), David Diabo, Stephen McComber, Tonya Perron, Arnold Boyer

Out: Ratséhaienhs Ross Montour (Vacation)

Also Present: Jaime-Lynn Deere (Council Meeting Administrator), Abbey Diabo (Director of the Office of the Council of Chiefs), Lloyd Phillips (Chief Political Advisor), Tehosterihens Deer (Public Relations Specialist, Political), Dawn Marquis-Deere (Executive Administrative Officer/Interim Executive Director), and for Housekeeping only: Tyanna Kirby (Executive Assistant to Ohén:ton Í:rate ne Ratitséhaienhs), Sarah Delisle (Executive Assistant to the Kahnawa'kehró:non Ratitséhaienhs)

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwen by Cody Diabo
- Cheque Signers: Nitséhaienhs identified
- Public Relations Items: Ratséhaienhs Report — **David Diabo confirmed /Jeremiah Johnson confirmed for MCK Friday**
- Minutes for approval – November 10 & 17, 2025 — **Approved**
- Invitation: Rematriation – Wampum string from Kahnawà:ke — **Melanie Morrison to attend and follow up**
- Invitation: Symposium – Additions to Reserve: Exploring New Approaches scheduled for April 22-23 in Vancouver — **David Diabo to follow up virtually**
- Communityship Training at Château Vaudreuil scheduled for March 24-26 — **Approved**
- (1) Travel Request – **David Diabo — Iroquois Caucus in Tyendinaga February 18-19 — Approved**
- **Jeremiah Johnson:** Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Services (KLS) working group; Friday: Community Safety Portfolio meeting
- **Iohahí:io Delisle:** Tuesday: Jay Treaty Border Alliance (JTBA) entry of goods meeting, Wednesday: Meeting with Mayor of Delson; Thursday: Investment & Revenue Committee (IRC) meeting, Economic Development Portfolio meeting, Social Supports Policy review meeting
- **Paul Rice:** Wednesday: Finance and Operations (FAO) meeting, Office of the Council of Chiefs (OCC) Lunch meeting, Bi-weekly Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission (KGC) Chairperson meeting; Thursday: IRC meeting, Economic Development Portfolio meeting, Executive Directors Committee, OCC
- Lunch meeting; Friday: Relationship framework working group, Transport and User Fees (TUF) meeting, Phone-call with Senator Scott Tannas, Bell negotiations prep meeting, Sustainable Development Portfolio meeting
- **Melanie Morrison:** Wednesday: FAO meeting
- **Ryan Montour:** Tuesday: Financial Literacy Housing Workshop at the Golden Age Club; Wednesday: Internal Housing meeting, IRC meeting, Economic



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Development Portfolio meeting, Office of the Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke Registry (OKKR)/Kahnawà:ke-Canada Relations (KCR) registration project, MCK Annual Budget overview; Friday: Community Safety Portfolio meeting, Sustainable Development Portfolio meeting, OKKR/KCR registrations meeting

- **Jeffrey Diabo:** Tuesday: JTBA entry of goods meeting; Wednesday: Meeting with Mayor of Delson; Thursday: Library Project meeting; Friday: Men's group meeting
- **David Diabo:** Wednesday: Iroquois Caucus Harvest working group in Tyendinaga; Thursday: Harvest working group in Tyendinaga; Friday: Community Safety Portfolio meeting, Sustainable Development Portfolio meeting
- **Stephen McComber:** Wednesday: Three Sisters Garden initiative; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact, Eastern Townships seed pickup; Friday: Sustainable Development Portfolio meeting
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: FAO meeting, Justice working group, Meeting with external legal counsel; Thursday: KLS working group; MCK Annual Budget overview; Friday: KLS working group, Relationship framework working group
- **Arnold Boyer:** Monday: Ministry of Transport and Sustainable Mobility project; Wednesday: Ministry of Transport and Sustainable Mobility meeting, Kahnawà:ke Shakotia'takehnhas Community Services Board meeting; Thursday: Social Supports Policy review meeting, Capital Unit meeting on Route 207; Friday: Bi-weekly Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated meeting
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: Iroquois Caucus Harvest working group in Tyendinaga, OCC Lunch meeting; Friday: Relationship framework meeting, TUF meeting

Agenda Items

Mohawk Council Executive Directive (MCED): Updates to MCK Procurement Policy

Presence of Nikola Mirkovic (Director of Finance) and Kyle Delisle (Executive Financial Officer), Portfolio Lead: Paul Rice

To Update the MCK Procurement Policy; This policy update will enable senior executives to focus on higher-value transactions, while empowering MCK Directors and Managers to oversee and ensure that lower value transactions are accurate and aligned with MCK procurement principles — **Approved by consensus**

MCED: Water & Sewer: Proposed Changes

Presence of Nikola Mirkovic (Director of Finance) and Kyle Delisle (Executive Financial Officer), Victor Amedu (Finance), Suzanna Jackson (MCK Legal Counsel) Portfolio Chief: Paul Rice
This item is confidential

Executive Office Updates

Presence of: Dawn Marquis-Deere (Interim-Executive Director)

Dawn Marquis-Deere provided updates on HR Matters, Employee training, Client Based Services

Ratitsénhaienhs Updates

Jeremiah Johnson provided updates on Kahnawà:ke Legislative Committee
Iohahí:io Delisle provided updates on Client Based Services

Paul Rice provided updates on Phone-call with Senator Scott Tannas, KGC, Alcoholic Beverages Control Board, Aboriginal Financial Officers Association (AFOA) Conference



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Melanie Morrison provided updates on Golden Age Club elders visit, Multi-Purpose Building
Ryan Montour provided updates on Public Safety matters, Seaway Funding request, AFOA Conference

Jeffrey Diabo provided updates on Library Project, Golden Age Club elders visit

David Diabo provided updates on 2026 Harvest Summit

Stephen McComber provided updates on Seed Bank Project

Tonya Perron provided updates on Kahnawà:ke Legislative Committee, Portfolio commitments

Arnold Boyer provided updates on Health Portfolio, Terrapure, Green Space Project, Ministry of Transport and Sustainable Mobility project

Cody Diabo provided updates on Seigneury of Sault St. Louis Land Grievance, Homeland Security Investigations phone call, Bill C-12 presentation, Terrapure working group

Adjournment

Meeting closed by at 4:04pm by Cody Diabo