



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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**Monday, 16 Enniska/February 2026**

### **Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke**

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

**Out:** Nitsénhaienhs lohahí:io Delisle (Wellness), Melanie Morrison (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: Sarah Delisle and Taiawentetie Hemlock (Executive Assistants to the Kahnawa'kehró:non Ratitsénhaienhs)

#### **Housekeeping**

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Paul Rice
- Public Relations Items: Ratsénhaienhs Report — **Tonya Perron confirmed / Ross Montour and Paul Rice confirmed for MCK Friday**
- Invitation as speaker for April 16, 2026: Montreal Climate Summit — **Stephen McComber & Ross Montour to attend**
- Invitation: The Electrify Society Summit at Concordia University in Montreal on May 5, 2026 — **Stephen McComber to attend**
- Gaming invitation: Enoch Cree Nation in Saskatchewan from April 27th - May 1 — **Cody Diabo and Paul Rice to attend**
- 2026 Harvest Summit Update – David Diabo presents lodging contract — **Approved**
- Grant request and signage approval of Indigenous Habitat Participation Program (IHPP) grant agreement (MCED) for Kanien'kehá:ka Rights and Research — **Approved**
- (3) Land Allotments — **Deferred**
- **Jeremiah Johnson:** Wednesday: Social Supports Development Portfolio meeting; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Services (KLS) working group
- **Paul Rice:** Wednesday: Strategics review, Finance Administration and Operations (FAO), Office of the Council of Chiefs (OCC) internal, and Multi-Purpose Building meetings; Thursday: Investment Revenue Committee (IRC), Economic Development Portfolio, Mercier Bridge design sub-committee meetings, and Multi-Purpose Building donor announcement; Friday: Relationship framework, Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated, Phone-call with Senator Scott Tannas, and Ombudsman working session meetings
- **Ryan Montour:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke-Canada Relations, Land fund update, and Social Supports Development Portfolio meetings; Thursday: Economic Development Portfolio, IRC, meetings; Friday: OCC Outing
- **Jeffrey Diabo:** Wednesday: Quebec Revenue Tax exemption, and Mayor of Delson scheduled meetings; Thursday: Economic Development Portfolio, IRC, and Community Member meetings; Friday: Wellness
- **David Diabo:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Labor Code, and Land fund update meetings; Friday: Jay Treaty Border Alliance safety and security table discussion and OCC Outing



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- **Stephen McComber:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact (KCI) visit to Kanesatake; Thursday: KCI Meeting; Friday: OCC Outing
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: ALTO Rail meeting, Land fund update, Terrapure working group, interview with Aboriginal Peoples Television Network, and W8banaki virtual meetings; Thursday: Montreal port authority consultation meeting; Friday: ALTO Rail funding agreement
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: FAO, OCC Internal, and Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre Board of Directors meetings; Thursday: Internal OCC meeting, and K103.7FM noon hour talk show attendance, KLS working group meeting; Friday: Relationship framework working group, Ombudsman working session meetings, and Ratsénhaienhs Report filming; Saturday: Ratsénhaienhs Terms of reference presentation
- **Arnold Boyer:** Monday: Ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable meeting; Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Shakotiiat'akéhnhas Community Services (KSCS) ethics sub-committee, Terrapure working group, Social Supports development Portfolio, and KSCS Board of Directors meetings; Thursday: 2026 Kidney Walk preparations, and Mercier Bridge design sub-committee meetings; Friday: Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated bi-weekly meeting
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: Strategics review, FAO, Terrapure working group, and OCC Internal meetings; Friday: Confidential item, Relationship framework working group, and meetings with JFK Quarry; Saturday: Ratsénhaienhs Terms of Reference presentation

### **Agenda Items**

#### **Meeting with External Legal Counsel**

*Presence of: IMK Legal Attorneys*

This item is Client Attorney Privilege

#### **Land Purchase**

*Presence of: Veronica Leborgne (Director of Lands), Steven Diabo (Land Management Technician), Patrick Ragaz (Director of Kahnawake Environmental Protection Office), Chris Stacey (Executive Infrastructure Officer), Portfolio Lead: David Diabo*

This item is Confidential

#### **Confidential Discussion**

*Presence of: Justus Polson-Lahache (Director of Public Relations), Katie Spillane (Legal Counsel), Portfolio Lead: Cody Diabo*

This item is Confidential

#### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Suspension of Sections of the Internal Complaints Process**

*Presence of: Portfolio Lead: Cody Diabo*

Issues were identified with certain sections of the Internal Complaints Process; therefore, the table suspended them. Council will handle current complaints while Governance Portfolio team continues to work on the policy — **Approved with one objection from Ratsénhaienhs Jeremiah Johnson to the decision**



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### **Executive Office Updates**

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

Deferred

### **Ratitsénhaienhs Updates**

Deferred

### **Adjournment**

Meeting closed by Cody Diabo at 4:23pm