



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday 27, Onerahtókha/April 2026

Meetings at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

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

Out: Ohén:ton Í:rate ne Ratitsénhaienhs Cody Diabo (Jay Treaty Border Alliance High Table in Ottawa)

Also Present: Jaime-Lynn Deere (Council Meeting Administrator), Lloyd Phillips (Chief Political Advisor), Tehosterihens Deer (Public Relations Specialist, Political), Dawn Marquis-Deere (Executive Administrative Officer/Interim Executive Director), Chris Brown (Community Member left at 10am) and for Housekeeping only: Olivia Diabo (Office of the Council of Chiefs Coordinator), Tyanna Kirby (Virtual) (Executive Assistant to the Ohén:ton Í:rate ne Ratitsénhaienhs) and Taiawentetie Hemlock (Executive Assistant to the Kahnawa'kehró:non Ratitsénhaienhs)

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Stephen McComber
- Public Relations Items: Ratitsénhaienhs Report — **Melanie Morrison confirmed; MCK Friday: Stephen McComber confirmed**
- Minutes for Approval – March 16 & 23, 2026 — **Deferred**
- Follow up - Invitation: The Electrify Society Summit at Concordia University on May 5 and 6, 2026 — **Ross Montour to attend**
- Invitation: Wheelchair Challenge 2026 — **Tonya Perron to participate and follow up**
- (1) Travel Request: David Diabo to attend the Jay Treaty Border Alliance-Collaborative Initiative Governance Meeting April 28th – 30th, 2026 — **Approved**
- Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador Chiefs assembly in Montreal review of agenda — **Table to follow up**
- **Jeremiah Johnson:** Tuesday: Community meeting, and virtual presentation to the Senate Standing Committee; Wednesday: AI information government planning summit, and accessibility policy working group meetings; Thursday: External Government Relations (EGR) portfolio meeting; Friday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Services (KLS) Working Group meetings
- **Paul Rice:** Tuesday: Community meeting; Wednesday-Saturday: Travel to Saskatchewan and Edmonton for Enoch Cree Nation economic alliance meeting
- **Melanie Morrison:** Tuesday: Kanien'keháka Onkwawén:na Raotitíóhkwa Language and Cultural Center Board, and Community meetings; Wednesday: Multi-Purpose Building Capital Finance and Technical committee, and Kanien'kehá:ka Rights and Research (KRR) archeology meetings; Thursday: Indigenous Relations Montreal meeting; Friday: MCK/Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated (JCCBI) bi-monthly meeting
- **Ryan Montour:** Tuesday: Community meeting; Tuesday-Friday: Travel to First Nations Major Projects Coalition
- **Jeffrey Diabo:** Tuesday: Community meeting; Wednesday: Specific Claims; Thursday: EGR Portfolio; Friday: Municipalités regionales de comté
- **David Diabo:** Tuesday: Community meeting; Tuesday-Thursday: Jay Treaty Border Alliance Collaborative Initiative Governance in Ottawa; Friday: Community member meeting, Land management committee
- **Stephen McComber:** Tuesday: Community meeting; Wednesday: Internal consultation committee, and KRR archeology meetings; Thursday: Indigenous Relations Montreal meeting
- **Ross Montour:** Monday: Kahnawà:ke environment advisory committee meeting; Tuesday: Community meeting; Wednesday: Internal consultation committee, KRR archeology, and legal meetings; Thursday: Terrapure working group, EGR Portfolio, and Indigenous Relations Montreal meetings; Friday: Montreal Port authority contrecoeur meetings
- **Tonya Perron:** Tuesday: Community meeting; Wednesday: AI information government planning summit, and virtual presentation to the Senate Standing Committee meetings; Thursday: KLS working group, and Justice Portfolio team meetings; Friday: Relationship framework, working sessions on complaints policy, and KLS working group meetings



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- **Arnold Boyer:** Tuesday: Community meeting; Thursday: Terrapure working group, and Mercier Bridge transport sectorial table meetings; Friday: JCCBI bi-weekly, commercial water rates, and 2026 Kidney Walk meetings

Agenda Items:

Complaints Internal to the Ratitsénhaienhs

Presence of: Ratitsénhaienhs Ryan Montour, Jeremiah Johnson, Paul Rice, Melanie Morrison, Jeffrey Diabo, David Diabo, Stephen McComber, Ross Montour, Tonya Perron, and Arnold Boyer

Decisions rendered on formal complaints against Chiefs. Discussion confidential. Further information forthcoming.

Executive Office Updates

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

Dawn Marquis-Deere provided updates on out of offices, inflationary benefit, JFK, HR Matters

Ratitsénhaienhs Updates

Melanie Morrison provided updates on First Nations Education Council (FNEC), Economic Development portfolio, Governance, and Onkwehonwe Project meetings

Jeffrey Diabo provided updates on Specific claims, and Assembly of First Nations

David Diabo provided updates on 2026 Harvest Summit

Ross Montour provided updates on archeological conference attendance

Arnold Boyer provided updates on Kahnawà:ke Shakotiiia'takehnhas Community Services Board, transportation matters, JFK, and Mayor of Chateauguay Eric Allard Quebec Transport and Sustainable Mobility meetings

Adjournment

Meeting closed at 4:15pm by Stephen McComber