



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 4 Onerahtohkó:wa/May 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 (stepped out at 1pm due to meeting with the Wabanak Nation), Tonya Perron, and Arnold Boyer

Out: Melanie Morrison (travel to the National Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls two-spirit [MMIWG2S+] Summit in Ottawa)

Also Present: Jaime-Lynn Deere (Council Meeting Administrator), Abbey Diabo (Director of the Office of the Council of Chiefs), Tehosterihens Deer (Public Relations Specialist, Political), Dawn Marquis-Deere (Executive Administrative Officer/Interim Executive Director), and for Housekeeping only: Olivia Diabo (Office of the Council of Chiefs Coordinator), Tyanna Kirby (virtual) (Executive Assistant to Ohén:ton Í:rate ne Ratitsénhaienhs) and Taiawentetie Hemlock (Executive Assistant to the Kahnawà'kehró:non Ratitsénhaienhs)

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Ross Montour
- Public Relations Items: Ratitsénhaienhs Report — **Melanie Morrison confirmed/ Sports and Recreation Unit new rink announcement/ Gaming Working Group (GWG) MCK Friday confirmed**
- Minutes for Approval – March 16 & 23— **Approved by consensus**
- Invitation: Sainte-Anne De-Beaupre Sunday of the First Nations traditional event on Saturday June 27-28 — **Stephen McComber to follow up**
- Iroquois Caucus Agenda scheduled for May 5-7 — **Confirmed**
- 2026 National Earth Observation Forum on October 26-28 — **Jeffrey Diabo to attend**
- Attendance to Capital Campaign press conference — **Paul Rice confirmed**
- Kidney Walk 2026 Update – **Arnold Boyer provides details on event with June 6 confirmed at Karonhianóhnha**
- Church Committee Files: **Stephen McComber selected as table liaison**
- Invitation: Discover the Anse-à-l'Orme Branch of the Réseau express métropolitain (REM) rail on May 14 9am-11am — **Arnold Boyer to attend**
- **Jeremiah Johnson:** Wednesday: Regulatory Boards Commissions & Labor Portfolio meetings; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Commission Monthly, and Kahnawà:ke-Canada Relation (KCR) meetings; Friday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Services (KLS) Working Group
- **Paul Rice:** Monday: Kanatakwèn:ke capital campaign, First Peoples Gaming Association phone-call; Wednesday: Strategic review, Administrative Affairs Portfolio, GWG discussion, GWG Kiosk, and Regulatory Boards Commissions & Labor Portfolio meetings; Thursday: Alcoholic Beverages Control (ABC) Board, Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission (KGC), Infrastructure Economic Development meetings; Friday: Relationship framework working group, Real-Estate project, MCK Friday GWG discussion, Virtual Seven Generations Capital, and KGC chairperson meetings
- **Ryan Montour:** Wednesday: Coast Guard, GWG discussion, and GWG kiosk meetings; Thursday: KCR meeting, K103.7FM discussion of Sports and Recreation new rink announcement, Tobacco working group, and Kahnawà:ke Youth Centre meetings; Friday: MCK Friday GWG discussion; Saturday: Sports and Recreation Unit new rink event
- **Jeffrey Diabo:** Monday: Jay Treaty Border Alliance (JTBA) meetings; Wednesday: Regulatory Boards Commissions & Labor Portfolio meetings; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Library, and Tobacco Working Group meetings
- **David Diabo:** Monday: JTBA meetings; Tuesday-Friday: Teaching courses at Kahnawà:ke Labor Office
- **Stephen McComber:** Tuesday: Sustainable Forestry initiative opening ceremony; Wednesday: Electrify Society Summit at Concordia University
- **Ross Montour:** Meeting with the Wabanaki; Archeology team meeting debrief
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Administrative Affairs Portfolio, Regulatory Boards Commissions & Labor Portfolio, Kahnawà:ke Legislative Committee Monthly, and Onkwata'karitáhtshera meetings; Friday: Relationship framework working group, Community Wellness Initiative program appeals committee, KLS working group, and legal meetings



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- **Arnold Boyer:** Monday: Kahnawà:ke Shakotia'takehnhas Community Services (KSCS) board meeting; Wednesday: KSCS board meeting; Thursday: Terrapure working group, Infrastructure Economic Development, and Onkwata'karitáhtshera meetings; Friday: Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador virtual, and Mercier Bridge meetings
- **Cody Diabo:** Monday-Friday: Iroquois Caucus in Ottawa

Agenda Items:

Impromptu item: Legal Matter

This item is confidential

Record of Decision (ROD): Tewatohnni'saktha (2) Secondary Funding Requests

Presence of: Tammy Delaronde (Tewatohnni'saktha Executive Director), Marissa Leblanc (Tewatohnni'saktha Director of Operations); Portfolio Leads: Ryan Montour and Cody Diabo

1. Request for the Secondary Funding Request for the Tewatohnni'saktha Supplemental Financial Retirement Plan (SFRP) to address Quebec Pension Plan issues in the amount of \$140,000 — **Approved by Consensus**
2. Secondary Funding Request for legal fees for the current fiscal year related to litigation in the amount of \$329,905 — **Approved by Consensus**

ROD: Land Exchange

Presence of: Brent Skye (Land Management Tech), Audrey Rice (Land Management Administrator), and Steven Diabo (Interim-General Manager of Land Management); Portfolio Lead: David Diabo

This item is confidential

Chiefs Kanien'keha Class

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Reappointment of Community Representative on the Kahnawake Justice Commission

Presence of: Kevin Fleischer (Commissioner of Justice Services) and Shotehra Rice (Justice Development Technician Court); Portfolio Leads: Tonya Perron, and Ryan Montour
Request for the reappointment of Louise Mayo as Community Representative on the Kahnawà:ke Justice Commission (Commission) — **Approved by Consensus**

Executive Office Updates

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

Dawn Marquis-Deere provided updates on Client Based Services, Occupational health initiative, policy matters, upcoming holidays

Ratitsénhaienhs Updates

Also in attendance, Gregory Robertson (OCC strategist), Jenny Toh (OCC strategist), and William Lahache (OCC strategist)

Jeremiah Johnson provided updates on KLC, Social Health Committee, discussions with community members

Paul Rice provided updates on travel to Enoch Cree, Western Chiefs Economic Alliance, First Peoples Gaming Association, and meetings with Revenue and Business Development Unit

Ryan Montour provided updates on First Nations Major Projects Coalition Conference in Toronto, First Peoples Gaming Association

Jeffrey Diabo provided updates on JTBA visit in Ottawa and discussions with Senators, Summer student planning, Tobacco and Kahnawà:ke Library meetings

David Diabo provided updates on JTBA visit in Ottawa and discussions with Federal Senators

Stephen McComber provided updates on the community meeting, and MCK Friday

Ross Montour provided updates on Municipal file

Tonya Perron provided updates on Justice Portfolio, AI information government planning summit, standing senate committee presentation meetings

Arnold Boyer provided updates on confidential items, and Ministry of Transport and Sustainable Mobility meetings

Cody Diabo provided updates on JTBA visit in Ottawa, travel to Enoch Cree, Western Chiefs Economic Alliance, GWG, special GWG community meeting

Adjournment

Meeting closed at 3:23pm by Cody Diabo