



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 11 Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2026

Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

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

Out: Nitsénhaienhs Cody Diabo (Vacation) and Ross Montour (Vacation)

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), and Tyanna Kirby (virtual) (Executive Assistant to Ohén:ton Í:rate ne Ratitsénhaienhs)

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwen by Tonya Perron
- Public Relations Items: Ratitsénhaienhs Report — Paul Rice confirmed
- Invitation: FUSION 2026 National Planning Conference — **Deferred**
- Meeting with Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL) on May 12, 2026 — **Jeffrey Diabo to Attend**
- Incoming Letter: Karihwanoron Kanienkeha Owenna Tsi lonteriwaienstahkwa — **Discussion held and Interim-Executive Director to follow up**
- Incoming Letter: May Kahnawake Stop — **Ryan Montour, Jeffrey Diabo, David Diabo, Arnold Boyer, and Jeremiah Johnson to participate**
- Band Transfer Request: Office of the Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke Registry (OKKR) — **Transfer read and transfer request approved**
- **Jeremiah Johnson:** Wednesday: Artificial Intelligence (AI) information government working group, Kahnawà:ke-Canada Relations (KCR) Registration, and Kahnawà:ke community residency law hearing meetings; Thursday: Playground property operations tour visit; Friday: Office of the Council of Chiefs (OCC) outing
- **Paul Rice:** Monday: First Peoples Gaming Association (FPGA) presentation, and FPGA phone call with Whitecap Dakota Chief Darcy Bear; Tuesday: FPGA preparations; Wednesday: Sustainable Development Ecosystems grocer, Sustainable Development Portfolio meeting, Golden Age Club visit, and Gaming Working Group (GWG) Kiosk; Thursday: Administrative Affairs and Regulatory Security Group meetings, Ratitsénhaienhs Report filming, and Playground property operations tour visit
- **Melanie Morrison:** Monday: Tewatohnhi'saktha Problem Solving and Decision-Making course; Thursday: Client Based Services committee, language and culture lessons; Friday: MCK Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated (JCCBI) bi-monthly, OCC outing; Saturday: Onkwehón:we project conference at the Royal Canadian Legion Mohawk Branch 219 - Kahnawà:ke
- **Ryan Montour:** Tuesday: Kahnawà:ke Youth Center (KYC) Board meeting; Wednesday: Sustainable Development Ecosystems grocer and GWG Kiosk meetings; Thursday: Regulatory Security Commission, Playground property operations tour visit, and Mohawk Internet Technologies tour meetings (tentative); Friday: MCK Friday GWG discussion, and OCC outing
- **Jeffrey Diabo:** Wednesday: Playground meeting, and Meeting with La Prairie Member of Parliament Jacques Ramsey
- **David Diabo:** Wednesday: Land Management Committee, Sustainable Development Ecosystems grocer, AI information government working group, Sustainable Development portfolio, and meetings with community member; Thursday: KCR lands sectorial meetings, and Playground property operations tour visit; Friday: Lands and Territories Portfolio team meeting, and OCC outing
- **Stephen McComber:** Wednesday: Sustainable Development Ecosystems grocer meeting; Thursday: Playground property operations tour visit
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: AI information government working group, Kahnawà:ke Shakotia'takehnhas Community Services (KSCS) Child and Family services projects, and Community Wellness Plan initiative committee meetings
- **Arnold Boyer:** Tuesday: KSCS Kidney Walk Press conference; Wednesday: KSCS Child and Family services projects, and Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre Board of Directors meetings; Thursday: Terrapure working group, and Réseau express métropolitain (REM) rail visit; Friday: JCCBI bi-monthly meeting, and Out of office



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Executive Office Updates

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

Dawn Marquis-Deere provided updates on Out of Office, lot 106 new rink, Kahnawà:ke Library, Public Works, and Administrative & Operational Affairs

Chiefs Kanien'keha Class

Political Updates:

Presence of: Patrick Zachary (OCC Strategist), Jenny Toh (OCC Strategist), Trina C. Diabo (OCC Strategist/Interim General Manager), William Lahache (OCC Strategist), Georgia MacLeod (KCRCoordinator), Gregory Robertson-Ryan (OCC Strategist), and Iris Montour (General Manager of Kanien'keha:ka Rights & Research)

Strategic discussion between OCC staff and Ratitsénhaienhs

Ratitsénhaienhs Updates

Jeremiah Johnson provided updates on Land management committee inquiries, and KLC monthly meetings

Paul Rice provided updates on First Nations Gaming Association in Toronto, GWG Kiosks, GWG MCK Friday, Real Estate projects, Relationship framework, and Capital Campaign press conference

Melanie Morrison provided updates on the National Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls two-spirit [MMIWG2S+] Summit in Ottawa, Rematriation of human remains, and Kahnawà:ke Rights and Research (KRR) archeology meetings, and Quebec Bridge monument discussions

Ryan Montour provided updates on GWG Kiosk, GWG MCK Friday, Tobacco working group, Sports and Recreation Unit new rink unveiling, and KYC new building

Jeffrey Diabo provided updates on Kahnawà:ke Library, Tobacco working group, and Quebec Constitutions meetings and discussions

David Diabo provided updates on ASP 30 Health and Safety on Construction Sites (HSCS) Course KLO Flagsman training, and Lands Fund

Stephen McComber provided updates on Forestry sustainable opening discussion

Tonya Perron provided updates on Regulatory Boards and Commissions, and on KLC monthly meetings

Arnold Boyer provided updates on Onkwata'karitáhtshera, and Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador discussions and meetings

Adjournment

Meeting closed at 2:30pm by Tonya Perron