



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Tuesday, 21 Ohiarikhó:wa/July 2026

Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Paul Rice (Chairperson), Jeremiah Johnson, Melanie Morrison, Ryan Montour, David Diabo, Ross Montour, Tonya Perron

Out: Arnold Boyer (bereavement), Cody Diabo (vacation), Jeffrey Diabo (vacation), Stephen McComber (vacation)

Also Present: Jaime-Lynn Deere (Council Meeting Administrator), Jazmin Jacobs (Meeting Administrator), Abbey Diabo (Director of the Office of the Council of Chiefs), Tehosterihens Deer (Public Relations Specialist, Political), Dawn Marquis-Deere (Executive Director), and for Housekeeping only: Olivia Diabo (Office of the Council of Chiefs [OCC] Coordinator), Tyanna Kirby (Executive Assistant to Ohén:ton Í:rate ne Ratitsénhaienhs), Mia Lucero-Armstrong (Rights Based Researcher Summer Student), Kelly Marquis (OCC KRR Strategist), and Taiawentetie Hemlock (Executive Assistants to the Kahnawà'kehró:non Ratitsénhaienhs)

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén recited by Ryan Montour
- Out of Offices: Paul Rice on July 31st 2026 (vacation)
- Public Relations Items: Ratitsénhaienhs Report: **Jeremiah Johnson confirmed; Paul Rice and Ross Montour confirmed for MCK Friday**
- Invitation – Montréal 1976 Olympic Games 50th Anniversary on Thursday, July 30, 2026 — **David Diabo to attend**
- Funding Request — Centre d'éducation populaire du Grand Châteauguay for funding for a French drain system — **Declined**
- Indigenous Lands Symposium 2026: Miigwetch to the Participants held at the Westin Ottawa March 1-5, 2027 — **David Diabo approved to attend and a Travel request is forthcoming**
- Saratoga National Historical Park Deer Management Consultation — **David Diabo to attend (virtually)**
- Impromptu item: Quebec Regional Safety on the Land scheduled for August 6th — **David Diabo to attend**

Wednesday: All-day Strategic discussions

- **Jeremiah Johnson:** Thursday: Public Safety Strategic meeting; Friday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Services (KLS) Working Group; Tolls meeting
- **Paul Rice:** Tuesday: Nation-to-Nation phone call; Thursday: Multi-Purpose Building Finance and Technical Committee; Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission, Alcoholic Beverages Control (ABC) Board, Senior Management, and bi-weekly project Mohawk Online 2.0 meetings; Friday: Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated (JCCBI), Economic Development Portfolio, K103.7FM noon hour talk show, and Tolls meeting
- **Melanie Morrison:** Thursday-Friday: out of office
- **Ryan Montour:** Thursday: Public Safety Strategic, Kahnawà:ke Justice Commission, and bi-weekly project Mohawk Online 2.0 meetings; Friday: Mortgage Reconciliation, and Economic Development Portfolio team meetings; Saturday: Kahnawà:ke Youth Center Casino night attendance
- **David Diabo:** Thursday: Public Safety Strategic meeting, Alberta Firesmart practice training (virtual); Friday: Land Management Committee meeting
- **Ross Montour:** Friday: MCK Transport Canada Relationship, and K103.7FM noon hour talk show
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Health Portfolio; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Justice Commission Working Group; Friday: KLS Working Group, Governance Advisory Team meeting



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Agenda Items:

Mohawk Council Executive Directive (MCED): 2025-2026 Financial Audit Presentation

Presence of: MNP Financial Auditors, Sohenrise Paul Nicholas (Kahnawà:ke Education Centre Director of Finance and Administration), Tammy Delaronde (Tewatohnni'saktha Executive Director), Erica Delisle (Kahnawà:ke Shakotia'takehnhas Community Services Director of Financial Services), Lisa Phillips (Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitíohkwa Language and Cultural Center Executive Director), Wihse Stacey (Kahnawà:ke Fire Brigade Fire Chief), Joely Van Dommele (Karihwanoron Administrator)

- Kahnawà:ke Education Center, Paul Nicholas
- Tewatohnni'saktha, Tammy Delaronde
- Kahnawà:ke Shakotia'takehnhas Community Services, Erica Delisle
- Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitíohkwa Language and Cultural Center, Lisa Phillips
- Kahnawà:ke Fire Brigade, Wihse Stacey
- Karihwanó:ron Mohawk Immersion Program, Joely Van Dommelen

Request to approve the 2025-2026 MCK non-consolidated financial statement, the MCK consolidated financial statement, and the financial statements for each of the external organizations. **Passed by Consensus.**

MCED: Suzanne River Project Restoration

Presence of: Kahsennaró:roks Deom (General Manager of Field Science Kahnawà:ke Environmental Protections Office), Alan John Rice (Executive Operations Officer), Portfolio Lead: Ross Montour

Request to contract RML Landscaping to complete the Suzanne River Restoration project. This aims to restore a portion of the straightened channel to improve habitat and fish access to the Suzanne River — **Approved by consensus**

MCED: Approval of Interim Surety Agreement Renewal with Caisse Populaire Kahnawà:ke

Presence of: Alan John Rice (Executive Operations Officer) & Brooke Deer (Housing Program Manager) Portfolio Lead: Ryan Montour

This item is Confidential

Impromptu discussion: Review of negative environmental impacts at Eastern boundary

Presence of: Gregory Robertson-Ryan (OCC Strategist), Trina C. Diabo (OCC General Manager)

Executive Office Updates

Presence of: Dawn Marquis-Deere (Executive Director)

Dawn Marquis-Deere provided updates on out of offices, job postings, senior management meetings, Blue Collar Park, Executive Office matters, Executive Director Committee (EDC) meetings, community billboards, and HR Matters

Ratitsénhaiehns Updates

Presence of: Tonia Jacobs (OCC Strategist), Trina C. Diabo (OCC General Manager), William Lahache (OCC Strategist), Georgia MacLeod (OCC Strategist)

Tonya Perron provided updates on United Nations visit in Geneva, and Indigenous Services Canada meetings

Ross Montour provided updates on Canadian Pacific Rail, ALTO Rail meetings, Environment Portfolio, Terrapure Working Group, and Environment Law

Ryan Montour provided updates on Housing, Lot 106, and Technical Drafting Committee (TDC)

David Diabo provided updates on Lands Portfolio

Melanie Morrison provided updates on United Nations visit in Geneva

Paul Rice provided updates on Indigenous Initiatives Fund, Investment Revenue



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Committee, Services office presentation, and gaming discussions

Jeremiah Johnson provided updates on Bill S-2, Community Initiatives Fund, inflation benefit, and Client Based Services

Adjournment

Meeting closed at 4:20pm by Ryan Montour