



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 31 Seskéha/August 2026

Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

In: Ratitsénhaïenhs Cody Diabo (Chairperson), Jeremiah Johnson, Paul Rice, Melanie Morrison, Ryan Montour, Jeffrey Diabo, David Diabo, Stephen McComber, Ross Montour, Tonya Perron, and Arnold Boyer (All in attendance)

Also Present: Tehosterihens Deer (Public Relations Specialist, Political), Dawn Marquis-Deere (Executive Director), and for Housekeeping only: Iris Montour (General Manager of Kanien'kehá:ka Rights & Research), Tricia Diabo (OCC Admin Support Coordinator), Tyanna Kirby (Executive Assistant to Ohén:ton Í:rate ne Ratitsénhaïenhs), Sarah Delisle and Taiawentetie Hemlock (Executive Assistants to the Kahnawa'kehró:non Ratitsénhaïenhs)

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Cody Diabo
- Out of Offices: Stephen McComber on September 4 (vacation), Tonya Perron on September 2 (PM)- September 4 (vacation), Jeffrey Diabo and Arnold Boyer on September 3-4 (vacation)
- Public Relations Items: Ratitsénhaïenhs Report; **Paul Rice confirmed (Rescheduled); K1037 MCK Friday Cody Diabo confirmed**
- Invitation to Visit the Canada Border Services College in Rigaud on September 28 — **Cody Diabo to attend**
- Assembly First Nations Quebec-Labrador Chiefs Assembly November 3-5 — **Jeffrey Diabo to attend**
- Let's Grow Canada & The Logic (September 14 in Montreal) — **Stephen McComber to attend**
- Visiting Kahnawà:ke During the Puamun Meshkenu (The Path of a Thousand Dreams) Expedition — **Health Portfolio (Tonya Perron) representative to follow up**
- Review of letter to community leadership: **Letter addresses the need and desire for the development of an Indigenous-led post-secondary institution — Jeffrey Diabo and Ross Montour to follow up per Education Portfolio**
- Save the Date: Information Governance & AI Summit at the Knights of Columbus – October 6, 2026 — **Melanie Morrison, Ross Montour, and Tonya Perron all to attend**
- Support Letter: Request for an MCK Letter of support for a community elder attending the 6th Annual World Nomad Games in Kyrgyz Republic — **Jeffrey Diabo and Sarah Delisle to follow up**
- Land Allotments (6): **DEFERRED**
- **Jeremiah Johnson:** Friday: Meeting with a community member, and Hydro Kinetic turbine Consultation Committee meetings
- **Paul Rice:** Tuesday: Tewatohnhi'saktha board meeting; Wednesday: Review of strategics; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Sovereign Wealth Management (KSWM) Board, Revenue & Business Development Unit (RBDU), and Kahnawà:ke Sovereign Wealth Fund Limited Partnership (KSWF LP) diagnostic presentation meetings; Friday: MCK Jaques-Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated (JCCBI), and RBDU KSWFLP meetings
- **Melanie Morrison:** Wednesday: Review of strategics, MCK Indigenous relations meeting with City of Montreal representatives, Kahnawà:ke Cultural Arts Center (KCAC) Committee building; Thursday: Lacolle Border interior/exterior Indigenous artwork presentation; Friday: MCK JCCBI meetings
- **Ryan Montour:** Wednesday: RBDU restructuring stakeholder meeting; Thursday: KSWM Board, and RBDU/KSWFLP presentation meetings; Friday: RBDU/KSWFLP presentation meetings
- **Jeffrey Diabo:** Wednesday: Specific claim, and Kahnawà:ke-Quebec Relations (KQR) meetings
- **David Diabo:** Wednesday: Review of strategics; Thursday: Information Governance and Artificial Intelligence (AI), and JFK meetings



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- **Stephen McComber:** Wednesday: MCK Indigenous relations meeting with City of Montreal representatives; Thursday: meeting with KEPO; Friday: out of office
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: MCK Indigenous relations meeting with City of Montreal representatives, meeting in City Hall with the Mayor of Montreal; Thursday: Municipalités régionales de comté (MRC), and JFK meetings; Friday: Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) relationship meeting (tentative), and Hydro Kinetic turbine Consultation Committee meetings
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Review of strategics; Wednesday (PM)-Friday: out of office
- **Arnold Boyer:** Wednesday: Review of strategics; Thursday-Friday: out of office
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: Weekly project meeting, and meeting in City Hall with the Mayor of Montreal; Thursday: JFK, and RBDU/KSWFLP presentation meetings; Friday: RBDU/KSWFLP presentation meetings

Agenda Items:

Record of Decision (ROD): Additional Insurance for Employees That Do Not Contribute to QPP

Presence of: Dawn Marquis-Deere (*Executive Director*), Kyle Delisle (*Executive Financial Officer*), *Portfolio Lead: Paul Rice*
Confidential item approved by consensus

Mohawk Council Executive Directive (MCED): Project Submission- PlanIT Consulting & Communications

Presence of: Tammy Delaronde (Tewatohnni'saktha Executive Director), Daryl Leclaire (Tewatohnni'saktha Director of Business Services), Portfolio Lead: Ryan Montour
The discussion is confidential though the request for Tewatohnni'saktha to seek an MCED from the MCK in support of a new project submission to the Indigenous Initiatives Fund (IIF) IV for PlanIT Consulting & Communications was approved with consensus declared. Paul Rice abstained due to owning a competing consulting firm and Jeffrey Diabo abstained due to conflict of interest due to familial relations

ROD: Request for approval of recognition award in the amount of \$5,000 for the late Frank Marquis

Presence of: Veronica Leborgne (Director of Lands), Lanny Jacobs (GM Land Management), Portfolio Lead: David Diabo

Request for approval of the first recognition award in the amount of \$5,000 for the late Frank Marquis' estate through the OCC. This fund will be awarded in conjunction with the revamped Lori Niioié:ren Jacobs Memorial Recognition Award, which is presented to a member of the community who exemplifies the qualities of dedication, perseverance and volunteerism that contribute positively to the betterment of Kahnawà:ke — **Approved by consensus**

White and Montour Case

Presence of: Marylee Armstrong (MCK Legal Counsel), Katie Spillane (MCK Legal Counsel), Francis Walsh (MCK Legal Counsel), Portfolio Chief: Cody Diabo
This item is Client Attorney Privileged & Confidential

Ile aux Tourtes Bridge litigation – DEFERRED

Presence of: Katie Spillane (MCK Legal Counsel), Francis Walsh (MCK Legal Counsel), Portfolio Lead: Ross Montour

MCED: Approval of Kahnawà:ke capital contribution in the acquisition of the Sheraton Center Toronto Hotel via the Kahnawà:ke Sovereign Wealth Fund LP.

Presence of: Kyle Delisle (Executive Financial Officer), Keisha Goodleaf (Director of Revenue and Business Development Unit), Brandon McComber (Business Analyst), Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Counsel), Portfolio Lead: Paul Rice

This item is Client Attorney Privileged & Confidential. Though the request to pursue this initiative was **approved by majority with one objection (Melanie Morrison) and one abstention (Paul Rice)**



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Executive Office Updates

Presence of: Dawn Marquis-Deere (Executive Director)

Dawn Marquis-Deere provided updates on MCK Compensation, Housing, Blue Collar Park RFP extension, out of offices, St-Remi demolition selection process, Orange Shirts, and Policy updates

Adjournment

Meeting closed at 4:25pm by Cody Diabo