



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Tuesday, 8 Seskehkó:wa/September 2026

Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Cody Diabo (Chairperson), Jeremiah Johnson, Paul Rice, David Diabo, Stephen McComber, Ross Montour, Tonya Perron, and Arnold Boyer

Out: Melanie Morrison (Wellness), Jeffrey Diabo (Wellness), Ryan Montour (Vacation)

Also Present: Jessica Beauvais (Council Meeting Administrator), Abbey Diabo (Director of the Office of the Council of Chiefs), Tehosterihens Deer (Public Relations Specialist, Political), Trina C. Diabo (OCC General Manager), Dawn Marquis-Deere (Executive Director), and for Housekeeping only: Tricia Diabo (OCC Admin Support Coordinator), Tyanna Kirby (Executive Assistant to Ohén:ton Í:rate ne Ratitsénhaienhs), and Sarah Delisle and Taiawentetie Hemlock (Executive Assistants to the Kahnawa'kehró:non Ratitsénhaienhs)

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén **by Cody Diabo**
- Out of Offices: Stephen McComber on September 28,29, and October 1 (opening of new men's centre) David Diabo on September 11 (AM only wellness) and September 15-18 (teaching ASP), and Arnold Boyer on September 28-29 (vacation)
- Public Relations Items: Ratitsénhaienhs Report; **Paul Rice confirmed**
- As the Water Flows 2026 conference in Quebec - September 22, 23 & 24, 2026 — **Stephen McComber to attend**
- First Nations Housing Professionals Association Conference on October 14-16, 2026, at Le Westin Montreal – Elder & Traditional Greetings Enquiry — **Ryan Montour to attend**
- Invitation - Nouvelle consule générale des États-Unis/Invitation - New U.S. Consulate General on September 24 Château Ramezay Museum in Montreal — **Cody Diabo to attend (David Diabo as backup)**
- Loon River First Nation Letter: Requests to engage with the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke and Kahnawà:ke Mohawk Peacekeepers in discussing development of First Nations policing services, legislative and governance frameworks on September 18 — **Ryan Montour to coordinate**
- Donation request for the Lighthouse in Montreal charity for children with disabilities for \$5,000 — **FAO to follow up with a package to be prepared**
- Travel Request- David Diabo requests to travel to the Iroquois Caucus Meeting in Wahta, Ontario on October 20-23. Cost is \$2,483.91 — **Approved**
- Land Allotments (6); All six (6) allotments were approved though Stephen McComber abstained due to conflict of interest for one allotment; Arnold Boyer abstained to one allotment due to familial conflict of interest
- **Jeremiah Johnson:** Tuesday: Housing file meeting; Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Commission (KLC) Monthly meeting; Thursday: Kanatahkwèn:ke Cultural Arts Center grand opening; Friday: Social Supports Portfolio meetings
- **Paul Rice:** Wednesday: strategics review meeting, AWENDIO Solaris meeting with Revenue and Business Development Unit (RBDU); Thursday: MCK Request for Proposals (RFP) meeting, and Kanatahkwèn:ke Cultural Arts Center grand opening; Friday: Kanatahkwèn:ke Cultural Arts Center Donors grand opening, and meeting with Housing and finance with RBDU
- **David Diabo:** Wednesday: Meeting with community member; Thursday: Kanatahkwèn:ke Cultural Arts Center grand opening; Friday: Kanatahkwèn:ke Cultural Arts Center Donors grand opening
- **Stephen McComber:** Tuesday: Climate Change opening ceremony dinner in Old Montreal; Thursday: Kanatahkwèn:ke Cultural Arts Center grand opening; Friday: Kanatahkwèn:ke Cultural Arts Center Donors grand opening
- **Ross Montour:** Thursday: Kanatahkwèn:ke Cultural Arts Center grand opening, Terrapure Working Group (tentative) meeting; Friday: Kanatahkwèn:ke Cultural



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Arts Center Donors grand opening, Department of Fisheries and Oceans (tentative), and Transport Canada relationship meetings

- **Tonya Perron:** Thursday: Community member meeting, KLC monthly meeting, and Kanatahkwèn:ke Cultural Arts Center grand opening, United Nations coalition meeting (tentative); Friday: Kanatahkwèn:ke Cultural Arts Center Donors grand opening, and Kahnawà:ke Legislative Services meetings
- **Arnold Boyer:** Wednesday: Kateri Tekakwitha Hospital Board of Directors; Thursday: Kanatahkwèn:ke Cultural Arts Center grand opening, Terrapure Working Group (tentative); Friday: Kanatahkwèn:ke Cultural Arts Center Donors grand opening, and Social Supports Portfolio meeting
- **Cody Diabo:** Thursday: Kanatahkwèn:ke Cultural Arts Center grand opening, RFP request, and Terrapure Working Group (tentative) meetings; Friday: Kanatahkwèn:ke Cultural Arts Center Donors grand opening, and conducting media requests

Agenda Items:

Mohawk Council Executive Directive (MCED): Childcare Authority

Presence of: Trina C. Diabo (OCC General Manager), Portfolio Lead: Arnold Boyer
Request to Rescind and Replace MCED 27/2022-2023 appointing the Interim Kahnawà:ke Child and Family Services Authority. This would rescind the appointment of former Chief Harry Skahionhati Rice and appoint current Chief Arnold Ken'wenteshon Boyer to fill the seat. This will also maintain employees Alan John Rice and Trina C. Diabo as members of the Interim Child and Family Authority - **consensus declared on the appointments**

Impromptu strategic: IAAC Funding Terminology Decision

Presence of: Alex Belser (KRR Strategist), Katie Spilliane (MCK Legal Counsel), Patrick Ragaz (Director of Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office), Kerrin-Lee Whyte (MCK Legal Counsel), Portfolio Lead: Ross Montour
This item is Client Attorney Privileged and confidential

MCED: Invasive Phragmites-Management Plan

Presence of: Patrick Ragaz (Director of Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office), Kerrin-Lee Whyte (MCK Legal Counsel), Shawna Raymond (Environmental Projects Coordinator, invasive species), Portfolio Lead: Ross Montour
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Dissolution of Kaniatarowanen

Presence of: Nikola Mirkovic (Director of Finance), Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Counsel), Portfolio Chief: Cody Diabo
This item is Client Attorney Privileged & Confidential

MCED: IIF IV Request for Additional Funding

Presence of: Tammy Delaronde (Tewatohnhi'saktha Executive Director), Daryl Leclaire (Tewatohnhi'saktha Director of Business Services), Portfolio Lead: Paul Rice
This item is confidential though consensus declared on providing an MCED in support of the proposal

Executive Office Updates

Presence of: Dawn Marquis-Deere (Executive Director)
Dawn Marquis-Deere provided updates on out of offices, MCK Main entrance construction, St-Remi dumping, Kanatahkwèn:ke Cultural Arts Center, and Kahnawà:ke Education Center meetings

Ratitsénhaiehns Updates

Tonya Perron provided updates on Cannabis Caretaker vacant position, Governance file, Justice Portfolio, and Governance Advisory team
Ross Montour provided updates on Indigenous Relationship with Montreal representatives, Archeology discussions,



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Paul Rice provided updates on Transport and User Fees, Hertel Kahnawà:ke Sovereign Wealth Fund Limited Partnership (KSWFLP), External Government Relations, and AWENDIO Solaris meetings

Stephen McComber provided updates on Indigenous Relationship with Montreal representatives

Arnold Boyer provided updates on Kahnawà:ke Shakotia'takehnhas Community Services, Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated Green Space project, Infrastructure, Transport & Operations (ITO) Portfolio

Cody Diabo provided updates on Bill S-2 Senate discussions per Iroquois Caucus

Adjournment

Meeting closed at 2:51pm by Cody Diabo