



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 28 Seskehkó:wa/September 2026

Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

In: Ratitsénhaïenhs Cody Diabo (Chairperson), Jeremiah Johnson, Melanie Morrison, Ryan Montour, Jeffrey Diabo, David Diabo, and Tonya Perron

Out: Paul Rice (attending conference), Stephen McComber (Vacation), Ross Montour (Bereavement), Arnold Boyer (Vacation)

Also Present: Jessica Beauvais (Council Meeting Administrator), Justus Polson-Lahache (Public Relations Director), Dawn Marquis-Deere (Executive Director), Iris Montour (Kanién'kehá:ka Rights and Research General Manager) and for Housekeeping only: Tricia Diabo (Office of the Council of Chiefs [OCC] Administrative Support Coordinator - Present for Confidential item and Executive Director updates), Tyanna Kirby (Executive Assistant to Ohén:ton Í:rate ne Ratitsénhaïenhs), and Sarah Delisle and Taiawentetie Hemlock (Executive Assistants to the Kahnawà'kehró:non Ratitsénhaïenhs)

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén **by Cody Diabo**
- Public Relations Items: Ratitsénhaïenhs Report: Tonya Perron; MCK Friday: Cody Diabo
- Letter from community member Re: US Social Security - Response letter to be drafted
- Kahnawà:ke Combined Schools Committee - Follow up to take place (Trina C. Diabo, General Manager of OCC was present for this discussion)
- Letter From Revenue Quebec to community member - Follow up will take place
- First Nations Executive Education: Melanie Morrison request to attend Governance Program – Cohort 7 - Approved
- Invitation to Regional Committee on First Nations Languages: Melanie Morrison request to attend with a MCK Language and Culture Program employee to the Forum on Language Rights (Nov 17-18, 2026) - Approved, travel request to be submitted
- Lights on Peel – 2020 illuminations project in downtown Montreal - Approved
- Travel Request Form for Jeffrey Diabo: National Claims Research Workshop (November 17-20, 2026) - Approved
- Invitation Conference on Advancing Economic Reconciliation Through Action (October 19, 2026) - Accepted, Paul Rice to attend
- **Jeremiah Johnson:** Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Services (KLS) Working Group, Tentative Tobacco Law Working Group
- **Melanie Morrison:** Thursday: Language and Culture Network Meeting
- **Ryan Montour:** Thursday: Tentative Tioweró:ton visit, Tewatohnhi'saktha Business Walk, Peacekeeper Liaison meeting, Tentative Tobacco Law Working Group; Friday: Wellness
- **Jeffrey Diabo:** Thursday and Friday: Vacation
- **David Diabo:** Thursday: Tentative Tioweró:ton visit
- **Tonya Perron:** Tuesday: Puamun Meshkenu Canoe Expedition; Thursday: KLS Working Group, Onkwata'karitáhtshera Table Meeting; Friday: KLS Working Group
- **Cody Diabo:** Thursday: Call with Ian Lafreniere, Terrapure Working Group, Seigneury Preparatory meeting

Agenda Items:

Mohawk Council Executive Directive (MCED): - Request for Funding - Urgent

Presence of: Kevin Fleischer, Shotehra Rice, Sose Canadian, Bear Lazare, Portfolio Leads: Tonya Perron, Ryan Montour

Request to approve the allocation of \$993,506 to Justice Services for the purchase of a ticket and case content management system to centralize and manage traffic ticket and



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case information for the Court of Kahnawà:ke. Further, that Kevin Fleischer, Commissioner of Justice be authorized to sign project agreement. **Approved by consensus.**

MCED: Land Designation - Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre

Presence of: Steven Diabo, Molly Huntington, Portfolio Lead: David Diabo

Request to designate Village Lot 66, which was designated as Mohawks of Kahnawà:ke common land by the former grantee, now be designated for the exclusive use of the Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre (KMHC). **Deferred.**

MCED (2): - Band Transfers to Kahnawà:ke

Presence of: Kiera Beauvais, Portfolio Lead: Jeremiah Johnson

Requests to approve the transfer of two (2) recognized Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke members to the Indigenous Services Canada Federal Registry. Names have been omitted as they are minors - **Both approved by consensus**

Confidential / Client-Attorney Privilege Discussion

Presence of: Katie Spillane or Francis Walsh

This item is confidential and Client-Attorney Privilege

Executive Office Updates

Presence of: Dawn Marquis-Deere (Executive Director)

Updated on Executive Officer schedules, infrastructure, hiring, the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke Election Law, main building renovations, and MCK employee events.

Ratitsénhaiehs Updates

Deferred

Adjournment

Meeting closed at 1:46pm by Cody