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Ratsénhaienhs Arnold Boyer on Special Leave

(Kahnawake – 4 Kentenhkó:wa/November 2026)

The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) wishes to inform the community that Ratsénhaienhs Arnold Boyer will be taking Bereavement Leave. The MCK extends its deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathies to Ratsénhaienhs Boyer and his family during this time of profound loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his loved ones during this difficult time.

Ratsénhaienhs Boyer's 10-day Bereavement Leave took effect on Monday, November 2, 2026, and will be followed by a period of approved Special Leave. He is expected to return to his duties on Thursday, December 17, 2026.

To ensure continuity of Council responsibilities during this period, temporary portfolio assignments were established at an emergency strategic meeting held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

The following temporary portfolio assignments are in effect:

- **Infrastructure Transport & Operations (ITO) Portfolio (Lead)**: Ietsénhaienhs Melanie Morrison. Additional support will be provided by Ratsénhaienhs Stephen McComber
- Mercier Bridge file: Ratsénhaienhs Jeffrey Diabo
- Route 207 restoration project and Toll project files: Ohén:ton Í:rate ne Ratitsénhaienhs Cody Diabo
- **Health Portfolio (Lead)**: Nitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron and Stephen McComber. Perron will attend Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre and Onkwata'karitáhtshera Board meetings. McComber will attend Kahnawà:ke Shakotiia'takehnhas Community Services (KSCS) Board meetings
- **Social Supports & Development Portfolio:** (MCK Client Based Services, Social Assistance, Elder Services & Entities, Connecting Horizons/Accessibility files) to be supported by Stephen McComber and Jeremiah Johnson