Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 9 Kentenhkó:wa/November 2026

Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Cody Diabo, Jeremiah Johnson, Melanie Morrison (am only), Ryan Montour, Jeffrey Diabo, David Diabo, Stephen McComber, Ross Montour, and Tonya Perron

Out: Paul Rice (Leave of Absence) and Arnold Boyer (Bereavement Leave)

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

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwen by **David Diabo**
- **Out of Office: Melanie Morrison will be out November 13, 2026, for wellness**
- Public Relations Items: Ratitsénhaienhs Report: **Melanie Morrison; MCK Friday: Ross Montour and Jeremiah Johnson confirmed**
- Travel Request: Ross Montour requested to travel on December 9 to Gatineau QC for Seigneury of Sault Saint Louis (SSSL) meetings. Cost is $887.55. **— Approved**
- Lieutenant-Governor's First Nations Medal – Nomination Submissions window runs from November 3-February 1, 2027 **— Read into record**
- Community Member Email — **Letter read into record with Executive Assistant to Ohén:ton Í:rate ne Ratitsénhaienhs to respond**
- Chief Quorum Discussion **— Discussion held**
- Land Allotments (10) **— All allotments read with consensus declared**
- Impromptu Iroquois Caucus invitation: **Travel to Treaty 6 Whitecap Dakota Nation on November 30-December 1**
- **Jeremiah Johnson:** Thursday: Evictions process, Kahnawà:ke Legislative Services (KLS) Working Group, and Social Supports & Development Portfolio meetings; Friday: OCC all-day training
- **Melanie Morrison:** Thursday: Review of United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act progress report; Friday: Wellness
- **Ryan Montour:** Thursday: Evictions progress, Kahnawà:ke-Canada Relations preparation, and Social Supports & Development Portfolio meetings, and Peacekeeper Law kiosk attendance; Friday: OCC all day training
- **Jeffrey Diabo:** Thursday: Meeting at Kanatahkwèn:ke museum; Friday: Karihwanoron funding meeting (Education Portfolio), and OCC all-day training
- **David Diabo:** Friday: OCC all-day training
- **Stephen McComber:** Thursday: Social Supports & Development Portfolio meeting; Friday: OCC all-day training
- **Ross Montour:** Thursday: SSSL team meeting, ALTO Rail relationship meeting, l'Île-aux-Tourtes project meeting, SSSL information session presentation at the Golden Age Club; Friday: OCC all-day training, and Karihwanoron funding meetings
- **Tonya Perron:** Thursday: Evictions process, Kahnawà:ke Legislative Committee monthly, Review of United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act progress report: Friday: OCC all-day training
- **Cody Diabo:** Thursday: SSSL team meeting, Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador/Assembly of First Nations media interview, virtual call with Iroquois Caucus Chiefs, virtual call with Senator Scott Tannis, and SSSL info session; Friday: Wellness

Agenda Items:

Mohawk Council Communiqué

Mohawk Council Resolutions: Enactment of the Kahnawà:ke Residency Law
Presence of: Chris Bush- Diabo ((Director of Kahnawà:ke Legislative Services), Keira Diabo (Kahnawà:ke Legislative Services Coordinator), Trisha Delormier (Virtual) (MCK Legal Counsel), Alan John Rice (Executive Operations Officer), Melanie Gilbert (Interim Director of Client-Based Services), Kyle Jacobs (Residency Law Compliance Officer), Tyanna Kirby (Executive Assistant to Ohén:ton Í:rate ne Ratitsénhaienhs), Tricia Diabo (OCC Admin Support Coordinator), Trina C. Diabo (OCC General Manager), *Carrie-Layne Marquis, Portfolio Leads: Jeremiah Johnson & Tonya Perron*

Request that the Ratitsénhaienhs enact the Kahnawà:ke Residency Law and ensure that all related regulations are updated to match the new Law as directed by Portfolio Lead(s), with those updated regulations becoming effective as soon as they are officially published. **— Consensus Declared**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive (MCED): Extension of Fee Change for Kahnawà:ke Residency Law Complaint Applications - Urgent
Presence of: Melanie Gilbert (Interim Director of Client-Based Services), Kyle Jacobs (Residency Law Compliance Officer), Alan John Rice (Executive Operations Officer), Tyanna Kirby (Executive Assistant to Ohén:ton Í:rate ne Ratitsénhaienhs), Tricia Diabo (OCC Admin Support Coordinator), Trina C. Diabo (OCC General Manager), *Portfolio Lead: Jeremiah Johnson*

The Council of Chiefs set a fee of $20 for the *"Application for Complaint for Eviction of an Individual in Violation of the Kahnawà:ke Residency Law"* via MCED #8/2023-2024 on April 24, 2023. This fee came with the condition that it would be refunded to the applicant if the complaint is deemed admissible by the Compliance Officer. At a strategic discussion on April 8, 2025, the Council of Chiefs directed the Office of the Kahnawà:ke Kanien'kehá:ka Registry (OKKR) to change the fee for the Complaints for Eviction to $0.00 for the duration of one (1) calendar year (April 14, 2025, to April 13, 2026). At a strategic discussion on October 27, 2026, the Council of Chiefs agreed to continue waiving the fee until April 15, 2027, while directing for the $20 application fee to be automatically reinstated as of April 16, 2027. Considering the following background; request to rescind MCED #9/2025-2026 and extend the $0.00 fee for the via MCED #8/2023-2024 until April 15, 2027 **— Approved by consensus**

Chiefs In-Camera
Presence of: Suzanne Jackson (MCK Legal Counsel)

MCED: Kahnawà:ke Sovereign Wealth Management Services Agreement – Client-Attorney Privilege (CAP)/Confidential
Presence of: Keisha Goodleaf (Director of Revenue and Business Development), Brandon McComber (Business Analyst), Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Counsel), Kyle Delisle (Executive Financial Officer), Audrey Leborgne (Business Operations Manager. Revenue and Business Development) , Portfolio Lead: Ryan Montour

This item is CAP and confidential. Though the request for MCK to enter into a Management Services Agreement with KSWM and approve amendments to the KSWF LP Distribution Policy reached **— consensus declared**

MCED: St. Lawrence Regional Assessment - Urgent
*Presence of: Patrick Ragaz (*Director of Kahnawake Environmental Protection Office), *Chris Stacey (Virtual) (Executive Infrastructure Officer), Katie Spillane (MCK Legal Counsel), Alexander Belser (KRR Strategist), Portfolio Lead: Ross Montour*

Request to authorize Executive Infrastructure Officer of the MCK to sign a Participant Funding Agreement with the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada for $300,000 for the Regional Assessment of the St. Lawrence River **— Approved by consensus**

Impromptu agenda item: JFK File

Presence of: Alan John Rice (Executive Operations Officer), Joelle Perron-Thibodeau (MCK Legal Counsel), and Chris Stacey (Virtual) (Executive Infrastructure Officer) - This item is CAP

Executive Office Updates
Presence of: Dawn Marquis-Deere (Executive Director).

Dawn Marquis-Deere provided updates on out-of-offices, Senior Leadership team meetings, Safety and security concerns towards MCK buildings, AFN/AFNQL funding, HR new hires, Executive Office and OCC relationship discussions, Grand Chiefs Office reprioritization, and JFK file

Ratitsénhaienhs Updates
Deferred

Adjournment
Meeting closed at 4:14pm by Cody Diabo