Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 16 Kentenhkó:wa/November 2026

Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Cody Diabo, Jeremiah Johnson, Melanie Morrison, Ryan Montour, David Diabo, Stephen McComber, Ross Montour, and Tonya Perron

Out: Paul Rice (Medical Leave) and Arnold Boyer (Bereavement Leave), Jeffrey Diabo (Travel)

Also Present: Jessica Beauvais (Council Meeting Administrator), Dawn Marquis-Deere (Executive Director), Abbey Diabo (Director of the Office of the Council of Chiefs), Tehosterihens Deer (Public Relations Political Specialist), 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 **Cody Diabo**
- Public Relations Items: Ratitsénhaienhs Report: **Stephen McComber confirmed**
- Opening Address for Sustainable Forestry Initiative (Indigenous Relations at Domstar Canada) on November 24 in Montreal **— Stephen McComber to attend**
- MCK December Staff Events — **Leadership Holiday Breakfast on November 26 at Royal Canadian Legion Mohawk Branch 219 and Employee Holiday Brunch December 23 at the Royal Canadian Legion Mohawk Branch 219 confirmed**
- CONNECT (formerly Grand Economic Circle of Indigenous Peoples and Quebec) at the Sheraton Montreal Centre in March 2027 **– Jeffrey Diabo and Ryan Montour to attend with further details to be coordinated**
- **Jeremiah Johnson:** Tuesday: Personal Appointment PM; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office (KEPO) operational assessment interview, Peacekeeper (PK) Law discussion; Friday: Client-Based Services (CBS) strategic planning; Sunday: Community meeting
- **Melanie Morrison:** Thursday: Language Law review Working Group, North American Coalition meeting (International advocacy file)
- **Ryan Montour:** Wednesday: Wellness AM, Kahnawà:ke-Canada Relations main table preparation meeting; Thursday: Investment Revenue committee, Economic Development Portfolio meetings and PK Law discussion; Friday: Route 207 financing project, and CBS strategic planning meetings; Sunday: Community meeting
- **David Diabo:** Wednesday: Jay Treaty Border Alliance (JTBA) safety and security meeting, and Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre/MCK Chiefs discussion; Sunday: Community meeting
- **Stephen McComber:** Thursday: KEPO operational assessment interview; Sunday: Community meeting
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: Regional assessment St. Lawrence meeting in Montreal; Thursday: KEPO operational assessment interview, and Quebec Stevedoring Ltd. (QSL) (formerly known as Arrimage du Québec) fish habitat consultation meetings; Sunday: Community meeting
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Meeting to discuss criminal code (Justice Services), Justice Services, and KMHC Board meetings; Thursday: Justice Working Group, and North American Coalition meetings (International advocacy file); Sunday: Community meeting
- **Cody Diabo:** Monday: Phone-call with Senator Scott Tannas on Bill S241; Wednesday: strategic review, Executive Assistant to Ohén:ton Í:rate ne Ratitsénhaienhs, KMHC Board meetings; Thursday: KEPO operational assessment interview, Organization Development Unit information session, Grand Chiefs Office, and Chief interview assessment of KEPO meetings; Friday: Route 207 financing project; Sunday: Community meeting

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Agenda Items:

Record of Decision (ROD): Confidential Item - Client-Attorney Privilege (CAP)
Presence of: Alan John Rice (Executive Operations Officer), Melanie Gilbert (Interim Director of Client-Based Services), Nasseem Hakimian (Operational Development Unit Operations Project Manager), Kyle Delisle (Executive Financial Officer), Mary Lee Armstrong (MCK Legal Counsel), Nikola Mirkovic (Director of Finance) and Justus Polson-Lahache (Director of Public Safety), Gregory-Robertson Ryan (OCC Strategist), Portfolio Leads: Jeremiah Johnson
This item is CAP

ROD: Confirmation of categorization for the Kahnawà:ke Peacekeepers Law (KPL)
Presence of: Chris Bush-Diabo (Director of Kahnawà:ke Legislative Services), Keira Diabo (Kahnawà:ke Legislative Services Coordinator), Trisha Delormier (MCK Legal Counsel), Lloyd Phillips (Commissioner of Public Security), Lee Beauchamp (Public Safety Commission Special Project Coordinator/Administrative Support), Trina C. Diabo (OCC General Manager) *Portfolio Leads: Jeremiah Johnson, Tonya Perron and Ryan Montour*
Request that the Ratitsénhaienhs approved the 2024-2027 Legislative Agenda via MCED # 02/2026-2027 to include amendments to the *Kahnawà:ke Peacekeepers Law* and to confirm the Categorization of the *Kahnawà:ke Peacekeepers Law* as Type II **— consensus declared on the confirmation of the *Kahnawà:ke Peacekeepers Law* as Type II**

Executive Office Updates
Presence of: Dawn Marquis-Deere (Executive Director).
Dawn Marquis-Deere provided updates on out-of-offices, Executive Team meetings, Grand Chiefs Office and upcoming meetings, Senior Leadership meetings, Pedestrian bridge opening, Kahnawà:ke Library RFP deadline, Community Decision Making Review Process Election Law meeting

Ratitsénhaienhs Updates

David Diabo: provided updates on Lands Unit, Tioweró:ton snow damage, and Labor Code
Ryan Montour: provided updates on Housing Portfolio, and Labor Code
Jeremiah Johnson: provided updates on Nature Conservatory of Canada meetings
Cody Diabo: provided updates on Seigneury of Sault Saint Louis file, meeting with MP Nathalie Provost, and visit from the Ambassador of Ireland
Melanie Morrison: provided updates on meeting with Justice Services, Kahnawà:ke Bus schedule operational matters
Ross Montour: provided updates on Ile Aux Tourtes Bridge file, and ALTO Rail discussions
Tonya Perron: provided updates on Justice Portfolio, Court of Kahnawà:ke Judges appointment, Justice Commission vacancy, and Kahnawà:ke Kanien'kehá:ka Registry meetings

Adjournment
Meeting closed at 4:12pm by Cody Diabo