Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 23 Kentenhkó:wa/November 2026

Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

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

Out: Paul Rice (Medical Leave) and Arnold Boyer (Bereavement Leave)

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

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwen by **Stephen McComber**
- Out of office: Ryan Montour (pm) November 27, 2026, Jeffrey Diabo (pm) November 27, 2026
- Public Relations Items: Ratitsénhaienhs Report: **David Diabo confirmed**; MCK Friday: **Jeffrey Diabo and David Diabo confirmed**
- Council Transition Process — addresses questions & directive surrounding Ratitsénhaienhs participation post-election 2027
- Travel Request: Irish Night on the Hill (November 25th) – Cody Diabo requests to travel to Ottawa, Ontario. **Approved by consensus**
- Travel Request: Iroquois Caucus Alliance (November 29th – December 1st) – Cody Diabo requests to travel to Edmonton, Alberta for the Iroquois Caucus Alliance. Cost is $2337.49. **Approved by consensus**
- **Jeremiah Johnson:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Services (KLS) Working Group; Thursday: MCK Leadership Breakfast
- **Melanie Morrison:** Tuesday: Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitióhkwa Language & Cultural Center (KORLCC) Board meeting, and KORLCC Annual General Assembly; Wednesday: Infrastructure, Transport & Operations (ITO) Portfolio; Thursday: MCK Leadership Breakfast; Friday: MCK Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated (JCCBI) coordination meeting
- **Ryan Montour:** Wednesday: Revenue & Business Development Unit (RBDU) Working Group/Session meeting, Kahnawà:ke-Canada Relations Sectoral Table, Environment file review with Environment Office and Justice Services meetings; Thursday: MCK Leadership Breakfast; Friday: Vacation (pm)
- **Jeffrey Diabo:** Wednesday: Jay Treaty Border Alliance (JTBA) meeting; Thursday: MCK Leadership Breakfast, additional JTBA meetings, and Kahnawà:ke Library file meetings; Friday: Specific Claims meeting, Vacation (pm)
- **David Diabo:** Wednesday: Land-use planning session; Thursday: MCK Leadership Breakfast, Kahnawà:ke Labor Office team dinner; Friday: Internal KLO meeting
- **Stephen McComber:** Wednesday: Community Protection Action Group (CPAG), and ITO Portfolio meetings; Thursday: MCK Leadership Breakfast; Friday: JCCBI meeting
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: Consultation file meeting, and meeting with community member and Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office (KEPO)

(Environment Matter); Thursday: MCK Leadership Breakfast, and Terrapure Working Group meeting; Friday: KLO, and Alto Rail relationship agreement review meetings

- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Justice services meeting, KLS Working Group, meeting with Ombudsman review, community member meeting on *Kahnawà:ke Residency Law*; Thursday: MCK Leadership Breakfast, Justice Portfolio review; Friday: Governance Portfolio meeting
- **Cody Diabo:** Tuesday: Kahnawà:ke Holiday Train attendance; Wednesday: review of strategics, Bill S241 (Gaming file) phone call, follow-up with Executive Assistant to Ohén:ton Í:rate ne Ratitsénhaienhs, OCC meeting, and Irish Night on the Hill attendance in Ottawa; Thursday: MCK Leadership Breakfast, draft meeting with Whitecap Dakota First Nation (virtual), Terrapure Working Group; Friday: Governance Portfolio meeting, JFK Working Group; Sunday: Travel to Edmonton

Agenda Items:

Mohawk Council Executive Directive (MCED): Confidential Discussion - Urgent

Presence of: Patrick Ragaz (Director of Kahnawake Environmental Protection Office) (virtual), Francis Walsh (MCK Legal Counsel) and Alexander Belser (KRR Strategist), Portfolio Lead: Ross Montour

Kanien'kehá:ka Rights and Research (KRR) requests for MCK Ratitsénhaienhs and Dawn Marquis-Deere (Executive Director of the MCK) to sign a collaboration agreement with Hydro-Quebec (HQ), which includes funding for consultation activities and a commitment to set up a discussion table to discuss potential economic participation by MCK in the Beauharnois-Les Cèdres complex **— Consensus declared**

Record of Discussion: Request for mandate and approval of purpose and scope of proposed amendments to the *Kahnawà:ke Peacekeepers Law* (PKL)

Presence of: Chris Bush-Diabo (Director of Kahnawà:ke Legislative Services), Keira Diabo (Kahnawà:ke Legislative Services Coordinator), Trisha Delormier (MCK Legal Counsel), Lee Beauchamp (Public Safety Commission Special Project Coordinator/Administrative Support), Tonia Jacobs (OCC Strategist), Trina Diabo (OCC General Manager), Jean Pommainville (MCK General Counsel), Portfolio Leads: Jeremiah Johnson, Tonya Perron and Ryan Montour

The PKL is considered out of date and no longer reflective of 2026 standards with jurisdictional concerns between Quebec and Kahnawà:ke. With this in mind, a request that the MCK Ratitsénhaienhs approve the 2024-2027 Legislative Agenda via MCED #02/ 2026-2027 to include amendments to the PKL and give the mandate to amend the Law and to approve the purpose and scope of the proposed amendments to the PKL as described **— Consensus declared**

MCED: Kahnawà:ke Youth Center Multi- Generational Community Recreation Facility Funding and Partnership Request

Presence of: Trina Diabo (OCC General Manager), Gregory Robertson-Ryan (OCC Strategist), Kyle Delisle (Executive Financial Officer), Alan John Rice (Executive Operations Officer), Steven Diabo (Director of Lands Unit) (virtual), Abbey Diabo (Director of the Office of the Council of Chiefs), Chris Stacey (Executive Infrastructure Officer) (virtual), and Kyle Zacharie (Kahnawà:ke Youth Center Executive Director), Portfolio Leads: Ryan Montour and Jeremiah Johnson

With the Kahnawà:ke Youth Center (KYC) working to build a new multi-generational community recreation facility in Kahnawà:ke to better suit the needs of the community, KYC is seeking $300K in funding from MCK/ Office of the Council of Chiefs to develop a Strategic Validation and Business Plan, and to help in

Topographical and Environmental studies. KYC seeks MCK's support as an official partner on the project **— Consensus declared**

Executive Office Updates
Deferred

Ratitsénhaienhs Updates
Presence of: Trina Diabo (OCC General Manager), Gregory Robertson-Ryan (OCC Strategist), Tonia Jacobs (OCC Strategist), Georgia Macleod (OCC Strategist), Kelly Ann Meloche (OCC Strategist)
David Diabo: provided updates on Harvest Working Group meetings
Ryan Montour: provided updates on missing youth being found, CPKC Rail spray testing, 2026-2027 fiscal year projections, and Via Rail whistle cessation matters
Jeremiah Johnson: provided updates on Client Based Services strategic plan, Low-income tax workshop, KEPO assessment, and *Kahnawà:ke Residency Law* protest recap
Cody Diabo: provided updates on phone call with Whitecap Dakota Chief Darcy Bear, *Kahnawà:ke Residency Law* protest recap, and Gaming Working Group
Melanie Morrison: provided updates on *Kahnawà:ke Language Law* committee discussions
Ross Montour: provided updates on St. Lawrence Regional Assessment meetings, JFK file, Kahnawà:ke governance file, KEPO assessment meetings,
Tonya Perron: provided updates on Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre Board meetings, Ministry of Health and Social Services negotiations (Health Portfolio), Justice Portfolio, and Administrative Guideline feedback period posting
Jeffrey Diabo: provided updates on Regional Education Agreement direction, Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador discussions

Adjournment
Meeting closed at 2:33pm by Stephen McComber