



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Tuesday, 6 Onerahtókha/April 2021

Meeting at MCK and via Video Conference

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (Chairperson), Cody Diabo and Frankie McComber (at MCK), and Gina Deer, Mike Delisle, Jr., Rhonda Kirby, Lindsay LeBorgne, Ross Montour and Harry Rice (via Video Conference)

Out: Nitsénhaienhs Clinton Phillips (Vacation) and Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (Vacation)

Also Present: Trina Diabo-Jacobs (Council Meeting Administrator), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), Justus Polson-Lahache (Public Relations).

Housekeeping and Upcoming Meetings

- Cheque signers: Nitsénhaienhs Rhonda Kirby and Lindsay LeBorgne
- Minute Acceptance for December 21, 2020, January 25, 2021, February 21, 2021, and March 15, 2021.
- Trans-Canada Energy Presentation Letter: Request to present reconciliation plan to the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) to build better relationships with Indigenous communities. MCK declined request to meet.
- **Cody Diabo:** Thursday: Asbestos Civil Investigation (ACI) meeting, Meeting on Landfill activities re: asbestos.
- **Frank McComber:** Wednesday: Task Force meeting, CP Rail; Friday: Indigenous Rights and Research meeting.
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Hydro Quebec Consultation file meeting; Thursday: Strategic Discussion Review, Consultation/Accommodation Policy Drafting, Hwy 35 extension project, QKR discussion on Quebec issues; Friday: Indigenous Rights and Research (IRR) portfolio meeting, Health Canada meeting re: Cannabis.
- **Gina Deer:** Wednesday: AFNQL Chiefs Assembly; Thursday: ACI meeting, QKR discussion; Friday: Wellness.
- **Harry Rice:** Thursday: Meeting with Mackenzie Whyte (Interim Director of Recreation); Friday: Vacation Day.
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Thursday: Mercier Bridge Special Committee meeting with Ministère du Transports du Québec (MTQ), Hertel Update Meeting (Internal prep); Friday: IRR portfolio meeting.
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Wednesday: Task Force meeting; Thursday: MTQ Mercier Bridge Special Committee meeting, ACI Project Team meeting, Hertel Update meeting; Friday: TUF Drafting Meeting.
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Wednesday: MTQ Mercier Bridge Special Committee meeting; Thursday: Special Committee for Mercier Bridge, Transport and User Fees.
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: Hydro Quebec consultation meeting; Thursday: Mercier Bridge Special Committee meeting, Consultation/Accommodation Policy Drafting meeting, Discussion on Quebec issues concerning portfolios, Hwy 35 Extension Project consultation meeting, Hertel Update meeting; Friday: Internal discussion on Land Use Coordinator, IRR portfolio meeting, Health Canada meeting re: Cannabis.

Agenda Items

Client/Attorney Privileged Item

Presence of Suzanne Jackson (MCK Legal Services). Client/Attorney Privileged

Request For Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Amend the Emergency Preparedness Law and related regulations

*Presence of Lloyd Phillips (Commissioner of Public Safety), Jean Pommerville (MCK Legal Services). Lead Port Chief: Frankie McComber. Request to amend the Emergency Preparedness Law to include a recovery phase to be integrated to allow for a transitional period between the declaration of the emergency and the return to normalcy. **Passed by Consensus.***

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Mohawk Council Executive Directive: *Regulation Concerning the Power and Authority of the Commissioner of Public Safety During the Recovery Period and the Regulation Concerning the Appointment of Inspectors and Attribution of their Power and Authority*

Presence of Lloyd Phillips (Commissioner of Public Safety), Jean Pommerville (MCK Legal Services). Lead Port Chief: Frankie McComber. Request to adopt regulations that grant authority to the Commissioner of Public Safety and Inspector(s) to implement the Recovery Plan after a State of Emergency has been lifted under the *Emergency Preparedness Law. Passed by Consensus.*

Council of Chiefs Updates

- Ross Montour updated on the joint position with AFNQL to the Standing Committee for Bill C-15 and an independent position from the MCK.
- Rhonda Kirby updated on discussion with Florent Gagne regarding the Mercier Bridge New Span Project.
- Gina updated on discussion with Minister Ian Lafreniere regarding QKR relations. Follow up on MCK's position to Standing Committee for Bill C-15. Presentation to Millis High School about Kahnawà:ke, Review of Quebec revisions to QKR Relationship Framework; the MCK 2021-2022 MCK Budget Presentation; the ACI Project; meeting with community member and Mike Delisle, Jr. re: gaming; ACI meeting update with the Executive Director.
- Mike Delisle, Jr. updated on meeting with community member re: gaming; meeting on Labor Office operations; Mercier Bridge preparation meeting; the MCK 2021-2022 MCK Budget Presentation; Administrative Affairs & Governance Joint Priority session with Gerald Tiaiake Alfred.
- Lindsay LeBorgne updated on the discussions of the danger of large trees in the community; assisting community member with issue working across the border; issues with Housing.
- Frankie McComber updated on the Kahnawake Shakotiiatakehnhas Community Services Wellness Action Team initiative request to have representation from MCK. Frankie McComber and Harry Rice will be the representatives; discussions to be held with Deontology/Police Ethics Commission for Quebec; Finalizing a memorandum with the Iroquois Caucus on Hunting Rights; Harvesting rights with the Harvesting Working Group; Task Force video on COVID variants.
- Cody Diabo updated on a land allotment request; Meeting with community members on a hydroponic sustainable food initiative; Delays in land allotment selection process.
- Tonya Perron updated on the Administrative Affairs & Governance Joint Priority Working Group meeting and policy development; Meeting with Cannabis Control Board regarding: discussions with Canada on medical cannabis cultivation, CBD licensing, and Health Canada survey.
- Meeting ended at **2:23pm**