



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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### **Monday, 23 Tsothohrhkó:wa/January 2023**

#### **Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawake**

**In:** Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Tonya Perron, Cody Diabo, Jessica Lazare, Ross Montour, Michael Delisle, Jr., Lindsay LeBorgne, Ryan Montour, Arnold Boyer, Iohahi:io Delisle, and Stephen McComber

**Out:** Ratsénhaienhs Harry Rice (Vacation Days on Monday & Tuesday)

**Also Present:** Jaime-Lynn Deere (Council Meeting Administrator), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), David Lahache (Public Relations), and Assistant to the Council of Chiefs Sarah Delisle

#### **Housekeeping**

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Jessica Lazare
- Cheque Signers this week: Lindsay LeBorgne & Tonya Perron
- Minute Approval for November 7, 2022: Approved
- Invitation to the Royal Canadian Legion 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary on March 25, 2023: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Lindsay LeBorgne, Ryan Montour, Michael Delisle, Jr., Iohahi:io Delisle, Tonya Perron and Arnold Boyer have all expressed interest to attend.
- Travel request for approval: Jessica Lazare approved to attend First Nations Languages and Education forum in Toronto February 7-9. Approved
- Bell Canada's Let's Talk Initiative: Arnold Boyer proposed to participate in this year's Let's Talk campaign to promote mental wellness on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Council of Chiefs agreed to participate
- Letter from community member regarding access to high-speed internet service – directed to the Telecommunications Working Group for follow up
- Wednesday January 25, continuation of Portfolio Review Process AM only – All Chiefs to attend.
- **Iohahi:io Delisle:** Wednesday: meeting with MCK Legal Services; Thursday: Health Portfolio meeting, and review of Memorandum Of Understanding with Kanesatake for Onen'tó:kon Healing Lodge; Friday: Communal Arbitration Procedures
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: internal Sustainable Development portfolio discussions with Stephen McComber; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations (Lands & Environment) meeting; Friday: Regulatory Boards & Commissions, and Quarry Committee meeting
- **Jessica Lazare:** Tuesday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Commission Board meeting; Wednesday: Multi-Purpose Building Committee meeting; Thursday: Incidental Amendments to Laws/Justice Act meeting, review of remuneration for Justices of the Peace, and Technical Drafting Committee for Administrative Tribunal Regulations; Friday: review of Communal Arbitration Procedures, and participating in the Kahnawà:ke Youth Center (KYC) Polar Plunge
- **Ryan Montour:** Wednesday: meeting with the Director of the Kahnawà:ke Labor Office; Thursday: meeting with local contractors; Friday: Regulatory Boards & Commissions - Labor Portfolio team meeting; Saturday: Kahnawà:ke Search and Rescue meeting
- **Michael Delisle Jr.:** Wednesday: Gaming Commission meeting; Thursday: Quebec/ Kahnawà:ke Relations and Transport meeting, and Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations (Lands & Environment) meeting. Friday: Specific Claims internal meeting, Regulatory Boards & Commissions - Labor Portfolio team meeting (TBD)
- **Stephen McComber:** Wednesday: internal portfolio discussions with Cody Diabo; Thursday, Friday & Monday: attending Mid-Winter Ceremonies
- **Ross Montour:** Thursday: meeting with Department of Fisheries & Oceans (île aux Tourtes Bridge Project); Friday: internal meeting on Consultation files
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: weekly review of Strategic Discussions, Finance, Administration & Operations (FAO) Committee, and Grand Chief's Office (GCO) meeting; Thursday: Incidental Amendments to Laws/Justice Act, and Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Board meetings; Friday: Cannabis Regulations Matters,



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Communal Arbitration Procedures, and Regulatory Boards & Commissions meetings, and participating in the KYC Polar Plunge

- **Arnold Boyer:** Wednesday: review of remuneration for Justices of the Peace, and FAO Committee meeting; Thursday: Quebec/ Kahnawà:ke Relations and Transport meeting; Friday: Jacques Cartier & Champlain Bridges Inc. (JCCBI) bi-weekly meeting, and Vacation Time in the afternoon
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Wednesday: FAO Committee meeting; Thursday: Quebec/ Kahnawà:ke Relations and Transport meeting; Friday: JCCBI bi-weekly meeting
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Tuesday: meeting Sergio Pavone (Sintra Paving) with Atikamekw Chiefs in Montreal; Wednesday: weekly review of Strategic Discussions, McGill University follow-up meeting with the Widening Participation Committee, meeting with MCK Executive Director, GCO meeting, and meeting with Chairperson of Circle of the Foundations of Greater Montreal; Thursday: participating in the Ordre des Urbanistes du Québec conference, and attending Mid-Winter Ceremonies; Friday: planning meeting with Quebec Native Women's Association re: 50th Anniversary, and participating in the KYC Polar Plunge; Saturday: judge at KYC lip-sync contest.

### **Agenda Items**

#### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Approval of Cultural Development Officer Agreement**

*Presence of Lisa Phillips (Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitíóhkwa Language & Cultural Center), and Trina C. Diabo. Portfolio Chief: Jessica Lazare.* Request to have the MCK support and approve entering into a three (3) year agreement for funding to support the position of Cultural Development Officer with Quebec Ministry of Culture & Communications, and for MCK to provide the Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitíóhkwa Language & Cultural Center with 25% contribution of up to \$15,000 for the same position for each fiscal year of the agreement. **Passed by Consensus**

### **Executive Director Update**

Stephan Roy provided Onerahtókha Marquis' update on the Multi-Purpose Building Project, and discussion on the MCK Cell Phone Policy.

### **Ratitsénhaienhs Updates**

- Jessica Lazare updated on the Indigenous Capacity Support Conference in Ottawa/Gatineau (attended last week), the Multi-Purpose Building Project, Bill C-21, the Justice Portfolio and Tioweró:ton file
- Iohahi:io Delisle updated on an internal meeting regarding the Health Portfolio, and upcoming regional conference in Montreal on Child & Family Services
- Ryan Montour updated on the Public Safety file and the Housing file
- Michael Delisle, Jr, updated on the Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis files.
- Stephen McComber updated on a possible Seed project for the community, possible community workshops for food harvesting and food sovereignty
- Ross Montour updated on the Indigenous Capacity Support Conference in Ottawa/Gatineau (attended last week), the Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations Files, Bill C-21 and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Arnold Boyer updated on the Infrastructure, Transport & Operations Portfolio
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on a meeting with the Red Coalition (regarding street names – Columbus in Pointe-Claire & Montreal) and the Canada Steamship Lines Fundraiser & donation (\$60,000.00) to the Cultural Center/Multi-Purpose Building Project, and other fundraising efforts.
- Closing by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. Meeting ended at **4:10pm**