



Monday, 13 Enniskó:wa/March 2023

Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Cody Diabo, Ross Montour, Jessica Lazare (Attended Remotely), Lindsay LeBorgne, Ryan Montour, Arnold Boyer, Harry Rice, Iohahi:io Delisle (Wellness PM), and Stephen McComber

Out: Michael Delisle Jr. (Vacation), Tonya Perron (Wellness)

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

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwen by the Ratitsénhaienhs
- Cheque Signers this week: Lindsay LeBorgne & Tonya Perron
- Minute Approval - December 5 & 12, 2022 – **Passed by Consensus**
- NB3 (Notah Begay III) Inaugural Canadian Junior at Kanawaki Golf Club July 31 & August 1, 2023 – Request for assistance for tournament & transportation: Letter to be forwarded to the Finance, Administration & Operations (FAO) Committee.
- Draft Letters for Review: Drafts Approved
- **Chiefs Uncut:** Monday: Ross Montour; Arnold Boyer scheduled to record on Thursday for airing on Monday, March 20
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: internal Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR), and Food Sovereignty meetings, Personal Time (pm); Thursday: Indigenous Rights & Research Portfolio meeting; Friday: External Governance Relations Portfolio, and Department of Fisheries and Oceans meetings.
- **Iohahi:io Delisle:** Thursday: Indigenous Rights & Research Portfolio meeting; Thursday: meeting with Karihwanoron; Friday: Strategic Alignment Kahnawà:ke Health Infrastructure meeting with Kahnawake Schools Diabetes Prevention Project (KSDPP), and weekly Consultation Committee meetings
- **Ryan Montour:** Tuesday: Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy (Montreal) meeting; Wednesday: Parks & Service Canada Working Group meeting; Thursday: Financial Reconciliation Plan meeting; Friday: Animal Control Law review meeting
- **Harry Rice:** Tuesday: Kahnawà:ke Youth Center board meeting; Wednesday: internal CPR meeting; Thursday: meeting with Karihwanoron; Friday: Wellness Day
- **Stephen McComber:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact (KCI) planning meeting; Thursday: meeting with seed distribution company
- **Ross Montour:** Thursday: Indigenous Rights & Research Portfolio, and Archeology meetings; Friday: Vacation Day
- **Arnold Boyer:** Wednesday: FAO monthly meeting; Thursday: weekly Public Works, and Kahnawà:ke Respite Project meetings; Friday: Strategic Alignment Kahnawà:ke Health Infrastructure meeting with KSDPP, and Jacques Cartier & Champlain Bridges Inc. (JCCBI) bi-weekly coordination meeting
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Wednesday: FAO monthly meeting; Thursday: weekly Public Works meeting; Friday: Strategic Alignment Kahnawà:ke Health Infrastructure meeting with KSDPP, and JCCBI bi-weekly coordination meeting
- **Jessica Lazare:** Wednesday: Building Committee and Finance & Technical meetings (Multi-Purpose Building Project), PM Wellness; Thursday: Indigenous Rights & Research Portfolio, and Kahnawà:ke Governance Event Planning meetings; Friday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Working Group meeting
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Tuesday: Presentation at the National Assembly on the Hertel Project; Wednesday: weekly review of Strategic Discussions, Office of the Council of Chiefs Review and Restructure, and Multi-Purpose Building Project meetings; Thursday: Monthly Grand Chief's Office, and Kahnawà:ke Governance Event Planning meetings, attending Kahnawà:ke Governance Presentation; Friday: External Governance Relations Portfolio meeting, and St. Patrick's Day luncheon event (Montreal)

Agenda Items

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: 2023/2024 Budget Approval

Presence of Erica Delisle, Stephan Roy, Bear Lazare, Onerahtókha Marquis, Aianohon Kaylia Marquis, Alan John Rice, Tammy Wallace, and members of Key Leadership. Portfolio Chief: Lindsay LeBorgne. Request to the Council of Chiefs to approve the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke 2023/2024 Core Operating Budget, totaling \$68 million, with limited approval of secondary requests. There is a projected deficit of approximately \$515,000 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and as a result, it was recommended that the amount be un-appropriated from the operational reserve to cover the projected deficit. Further details and breakdowns will be presented to the community via press conference scheduled for Tuesday, March 28th.

Approved by Consensus (Please note that remaining secondary requests, including additional External Organizations budget(s) are deferred, pending further discussions and analysis)

Request for Decision: Legal Services Request for Approval of Mandate

Presence of Katie Spillane (Legal Services). Portfolio Lead: Ross Montour. Request to the Council of Chiefs to approve a mandate to draft submissions to Indigenous Services Canada and/or Parliament regarding draft legislation to be tabled: *An Act respecting drinking water, wastewater, and related infrastructure on First Nation lands.* **Passed by Consensus**

IMPORTANT: There was an error in last week's Council Communiqué (March 6, 2023), in the Agenda item titled 'Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Federal Transfer' It should have read: Request to transfer member of the Listuguj Mi'gmaq to the Mohawks of Kahnawà:ke federal list, as per the process for federally registered indigenous people.



Additional Mohawk Council Executive Directive

One (1) Land Allotment. **Passed by Consensus**

Executive Director Update

Chris Stacey (representing Onerahtókha Marquis) provided an update on the status and proposed options regarding the Old Fort Wall

Ratitsénhaienhs Updates

- Ryan Montour updated on Public Safety files
- Harry Rice updated on the 2023 North American Indigenous Games and Fort Chambly files
- Stephen McComber updated on the Sustainable Development Portfolio
- Ross Montour updated on the Consultation and Border Crossing
- Arnold Boyer updated on Infrastructure, Transport & Operations Portfolio
- Cody Diabo updated on the Canadian Pacific Railway, and the Sustainable Development Portfolio files
- Lindsay LeBorgne updated on the Infrastructure, Transport & Operations Portfolio
- Jessica Lazare updated on the presentation to the Standing Committee on Bill C-21
- Iohahi:io Delisle updated on the JFK file, Indigenous Rights & Research, and Health Portfolios (sent via email)
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer left at 3:30pm for a personal appointment (*Note: Cody Diabo chaired the remainder of the meeting*)
- Closing by Cody Diabo. Meeting ended at **4:38pm**