



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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# **Monday, 30, Kenténha/October 2023**

## **Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke**

**In:** Ratitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (Chairperson, left at 10:30am to attend press conference, returned for 1:30pm), Michael Delisle Jr. (acting Chairperson 10:30am to 12:00pm), Jessica Lazare (arrived at 9:39am), Lindsay LeBorgne, Arnold Boyer, Ryan Montour (left at 10:30am to attend press conference, returned for 1:30pm), Cody Diabo, Ross Montour (am session only), and Stephen McComber

**Out:** Ratsénhaienhs Iohahí:io Delisle (Wellness Day), Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (Vacation), Harry Rice (Vacation)

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

### **Housekeeping**

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Tonya Perron
- Cheque Signers this week: Lindsay LeBorgne and Arnold Boyer
- Public Relations Items: Chiefs Uncut – Stephen McComber (November 6); MCK Friday – Stephen McComber (November 10); MCK Press Scrum (November 24)
- Last Council Meeting/Strategic Discussion (December): Last Council meeting (December 11, 2023); Last Strategic Discussion (December 12, 2023) **Approved**
- First Council Meeting/Strategic Discussion (January): First Council meeting (January 8, 2024); First Strategic Discussion (January 9, 2024) **Approved**
- Gun Control Policy Conference (September 2024) - Tonya Perron – Letter of Support to be drafted and follow-up request to be sent in July 2024
- Travel Request(s) Harry Rice – National Basketball Association event **Deferred**; Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer - Gaming Summit (November 3, 2023 - Calgary) **Approved** (*event canceled by organizer*)
- Great Lakes Compact/Agreement Gala & Symposium: Michigan (December 7 & 8, 2023) – Cody Diabo **Approved**
- Invitation – 2023 United Nations/Canada Space Agency “Space for Women Expert Meeting”: (Thursday, November 2) Jessica Lazare & Tonya Perron to attend
- Letter of Introduction (Chief Executive Officer Martin Imbleau VIA Rail High Frequency-Rail): Cody Diabo to follow up
- Centre for Indigenous Conservation and Development Alternatives (CICADA) - Fonds de Recherche du Québec – Société et Culture (FRQSC) application: Item to be scheduled for a Strategic Discussion
- Final Registration – Leadership & Communication Training: Montreal (December 13 & 14, 2023) Jessica Lazare – Follow-up with Human Resources Unit required
- Ratitsénhaienhs challenge Lindsay Leborgne and Arnold Boyer to participate in Movember Challenge 2023, all Chiefs to donate pledges for his participation
- **Cody Diabo:** Thursday: attending Climate Proof Canada – National Climate Adaption Summit (Ottawa); Friday: JFK Quarry Restoration Committee meeting
- **Ryan Montour:** Monday: meeting with Abenaki office on Duty to Consult; Wednesday: Spirit of Wellness opening at Kahnawà:ke Shakotiiia'takehnhas Community Services (KSCS), Housing and Route 207 Traffic Working Group meetings; Saturday: Remembrance Day events
- **Michael Delisle Jr.:** Wednesday: Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis (SSSL) meeting; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Sovereign Wealth Fund; Friday: Economic Development Portfolio meeting; Saturday: Remembrance Day event
- **Stephen McComber:** Tuesday: Wellness (pm only); Thursday: Food Basket meetings
- **Ross Montour:** Monday: Indigenous Rights & Research meeting; Tuesday: Consultation meeting; Wednesday: SSSL meeting; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke-Canada Relations meeting; Friday: JFK Quarry Restoration Committee, and Consultation meetings
- **Arnold Boyer:** Thursday: Transport, and Public Works weekly meetings; Friday: St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation, Jacques-Cartier & Champlain Bridges Inc. (JCCBI) bi-weekly, and Finance, Administration & Operations (FAO) Terms of Reference meetings
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Thursday: Transport and Public Works weekly meetings; Friday: JCCBI bi-weekly and FAO Terms of Reference meetings; Saturday: Remembrance Day event



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- **Tonya Perron:** Monday: FNCPA press conference (Peacekeeper Station); Wednesday: Review of Strategic Discussion Requests, Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Board meeting; Thursday: United Nations/Canada Space for Women Expert Meeting in Montreal, Interim Regulations Policy meeting; Friday: FAO Terms of Reference meeting
- **Jessica Lazare:** Wednesday: Interview with youth for Women in Leadership school project, prep meeting for United Nations/Canada Space for Women Expert Meeting (Thursday) Capital Campaign (Kahnawà:ke Cultural Arts Center Project) update meeting; Thursday: internal meeting for Standing Committee on Bill C-21, United Nations/Canada Space for Women Expert Meeting in Montreal, KLC monthly meeting; Friday: internal prep meeting for Standing Committee on Bill C-21

### **Agenda Items**

#### **Record of Discussion/Request for Decision: Legal Services Mandate – Client Attorney Privilege**

*Presence of Eric Doucet, Marylee Armstrong (MCK Legal Services), Onerahtókha Marquis (Executive Director) Portfolio Chief Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. **Approved By Consensus***

#### **Other Mohawk Council Executive Directive:**

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

#### **Executive Office Updates:**

Onerahtókha Marquis provided updates on MCK Finance, MCK unit mandates, and the Human Resources Unit/2024 Annual Holiday schedule

#### **Ratitsénhaienhs Updates:**

**Lindsay LeBorgne** updated on an issues experienced with an electric school bus

**Arnold Boyer** provided an update on the JCCBI Memorial Path Project, R-132 Resurfacing Project, and safety issues related to local buildings

**Jessica Lazare** updated on the Hunting file, including Hunting protocols with various First Nation communities/territories, and the Tioweró:ton file

**Cody Diabo** updated on Water & Sewer service request for Route 138

**Michael Delisle Jr.** updated on the Economic Development Portfolio and participation at the McCarthy-Tetrault Conference in Montreal

**Ryan Montour** updated on the status of the *Kahnawà:ke Animal Control Law*, and Housing portfolio

**Stephen McComber** updated on the Sustainable Development portfolio

**Tonya Perron** updated on the Justice portfolio (Victims of Crimes Services), draft Relationship Framework Agreement (Council/Executive) development, and the Office of the Council of Chiefs Restructuring Project

- Closing by Tonya Perron. Meeting ended at **3:55 pm**