



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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# **Monday, 6, Kentenhkó:wa/November 2023**

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

**In:** Michael Delisle Jr. (Chairperson), Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (attended remotely), Cody Diabo (left early but joined remotely), Jessica Lazare, Iohahí:io Delisle, Ryan Montour, Harry Rice, Stephen McComber, Ross Montour, Tonya Perron, Arnold Boyer, and Lindsay LeBorgne

**Also Present:** Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), Lisa Lahache and Justus Polson-Lahache (Public Relations), Jaime-Lynn Deere (Council Meeting Administrator), Tricia Diabo (Administrative Support Coordinator)

#### **Housekeeping**

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Cody Diabo
- Cheque Signers this week: Lindsay LeBorgne and Tonya Perron
- Public Relations Items: MCK Friday – Stephen McComber (November 10); Chiefs Uncut – Arnold Boyer (November 13)
- Ratitsénhaienhs Upcoming Vacation/Wellness: Lindsay LeBorgne (November 10, Vacation); Stephen McComber (November 20, Wellness); Arnold Boyer (November 22-24, vacation); Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (November 27-December 1, Vacation); Mike Delisle (March 1-8, Vacation); Tonya Perron (March 4-8, Vacation)
- November Sponsorship: to raise awareness for men's cancers, Arnold Boyer and Lindsay LeBorgne will not shave for the month of November.
- Minute Approval: September 5, 2023 **Approved by consensus**
- Leadership and Communication Training: invitation to all interested Ratitsénhaienhs December 11-12. Dates conflict with Council Meeting and Strategics. **Follow up to take place with HR on alternative dates for in-house training**
- Invitation – First Nations Key players in Energy Development: Chief Michael Delisle - Quebec City (November 22) **Approved**
- Invitation – Playground EGD/Operations: Tour of extension – invitation extended to all interested Ratitsénhaienhs (November 24, 5:30pm) **Accepted**
- Invitation – the CAE (formerly Canadian Aviation Electronics) Indigenous Peoples Advisory Board event on November 14. **Invitation to event declined due to conflict with Strategic Discussion scheduling.**
- Invitation – Ecole Polytechnique: 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary event (November 20) **More information required**
- Iroquois Caucus: Jessica Lazare request to attend (November 29-30) **Approved**
- Four (4) Chief's Travel Requests: Tonya Perron – Ottawa for Iroquois Caucus (November 28-30) **Approved**; Jessica Lazare – Kahnawà:ke Governance presentation at Listuguj Governance Symposium, all costs covered by Listuguj (November 15-17) **Approved**; Harry Rice – National Basketball Association (NBA) game in Toronto (November 15-16) **Approved**; Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer– NBA game in Toronto (November 15-16) **Approved.**
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: Lands & Territories Portfolio and Marina Lease meetings; Thursday: MCK/Hydro Quebec Environmental and Technical Table, Land Management, Great Lakes of St Lawrence Caucus, and Tobacco meetings
- **Jessica Lazare:** Monday: Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitíóhkwa Language and Cultural Center (KORLCC) Board meeting; Wednesday: Lands and Territories Portfolio meeting, presentation to Standing Senate Committee on National Security, Defense, and Veterans Affairs regarding Bill C-31; Thursday: Vacation (am), Consultation Committee; Friday: Legislative Portfolio and Kahnawà:ke Legislative Services (KLS) Working Group meetings
- **Iohahiio Delisle:** out November 7-14 (Vacation)
- **Ryan Montour:** Wednesday: KLS meeting; Thursday: Community Healing Plan and Social Supports & Development Portfolio team meetings; Saturday: Remembrance Day event
- **Harry Rice:** Monday: Kahnawà:ke Sports Association Committee meeting; Wednesday: Lands & Territories Portfolio meeting, Remembrance Day event at St Willibrord; Thursday: Indigenous Services Canada and Social Supports & Development Portfolio team meetings
- **Stephen McComber:** Wednesday: Corrections Canada, Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre and Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact meetings
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: Vacation; Thursday: presenting at Assembly of First Nations of Quebec-Labrador Sustainable Development Institute webinar on UNDRIP Act



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- **Arnold Boyer:** Wednesday: Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated (JCCBI) leisure path meeting, pm out (Wellness); Thursday: Executive Director (ED) & Council Relationship Framework meeting
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Wednesday: JCCBI leisure path meeting; Thursday: ED & Council Relationship Framework meeting
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Strategic Discussion Scheduling and Review session and Kahnawà:ke Legislative Commission meeting; Thursday: ED & Council Relationship Framework meeting; Friday: Legislative Portfolio and KLS Working Group meetings
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Tuesday: Tewatohnni'saktha Board meeting; Wednesday: Strategic Discussion Scheduling and Review session, Fundraising meeting for potential community program funding, Keynote speaking engagement at WEDO Conference; Thursday: ED & Council Relationship Framework meeting, informal meeting with Mayor of Lachine; Friday: Quebec Lending Authority and Charter presentation meetings
- **Michael Delisle Jr.:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission (KGC) and Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis (SSSL) meetings; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Sovereign Wealth Fund and Indigenous Services Canada meetings; Friday: Economic Development Portfolio meeting; Saturday: Remembrance Day event

### **Agenda Items**

#### **Record of Discussion: Musical Park Installation – Land Management**

*Presence of Jean Guimond (General Manager, Land Management), Veronica Leborgne (Director, Lands Unit), Portfolio Chief Cody Diabo.* Request to support the Land Management Committee's recommendation not to approve the location requested (in the green space near the Quebec Bridge Memorial) for the installation of a musical park. Direct MCK to work with the proponent to identify a suitable alternative location. **Approved by consensus**

#### **MCK Legal Services Debriefing**

*Presence of Marylee Armstrong (Director of Legal Services), Francis Walsh (MCK Legal Counsel), Suzanne Jackson (MCK Legal Counsel), Trisha Delormier (KLS Legal Counsel), and Gerald Taiaiake Alfred (Kahnawà:ke Governance Project Consultant).* MCK Legal Services provided legal analysis to the Council of Chiefs on the R -v- White and Montour court decision.

**For information purposes**

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

Onerahtókha Marquis provided updates on the Annual Budget preparation and scheduling of presentation and approval dates for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget, Human Resources activities, and Staff Wellness initiatives.

#### **Ratitsénhaienhs Updates:**

**Cody Diabo** updated on the Environmental Climate Change Summit, and on the JFK Quarry Restoration file.

**Tonya Perron** provided an update on the KLS Regulations Procedures and special interim procedures for KGC regulations, the Finance, Administration, and Operations Committee Terms of Reference, and the speaking engagement at the Space4Women Expert Meeting in Montreal on November 2.

**Jessica Lazare** updated on reinstating the Lori Niioié:ren Jacobs Memorial Recognition Award, the Hunting and Harvesting Summit, the Consultation Committee, and the upcoming Multipurpose Building Groundbreaking event.

**Iohahí:io Delisle** updated on the Health portfolio/Onkwata'karitáhtshera.

**Stephen McComber** updated on a recent Sustainable Development inquiry from a community member.

**Ryan Montour** updated on the Housing file.

**Ross Montour** updated on the Kahnawake-Canada Relations file.

**Harry Rice** updated on the First Nations Education Council Chiefs Committee, the Education file, and an ancestral remains repatriation project.

**Arnold Boyer** gave a Transport Working Group update, JCCBI recreation path project working group, and Transport Canada and Infrastructure meeting updates.

**Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer** updated on possible funding and focus group for women's initiatives, the Office of the Council of Chiefs Review & Restructuring project, the Rising Stars Reception, and Toronto Dominion (TD) Bank Indigenous banking division meeting

**Michael Delisle Jr.** provided an update on the SSSL file, the Kahnawà:ke Sovereign Wealth Fund, External Government Relations, Economic Development, and the Hydro Quebec file.

Closing by Cody Diabo. Meeting ended at **3:52pm**