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## Mohawk Council Communiqué

## Monday, 12 Enniskó:wa/March, 2012

**In:** Chiefs Mike Delisle Jr., John Dee Delormier, Carl Horn, Kenneth McComber, Peggy Mayo-Standup, Rhonda Kirby, Lloyd Phillips, Clinton Phillips, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer.

Absent: Mike Bush (vacation), Martin Leborgne (bereavement).

Also Present: Dwaine White (Director of Operations, Office of the Council of Chiefs), Kevin Kennedy (Interim Executive Director), Ryan Rice (Associate Executive Director of Finance & Administration), Ron Sky (Director of Justice), Kellyann Meloche (Director of Community Protection), Brendan Montour (Director of Public Works), Marsha Delisle (Financial Advisor/Project Coordinator, Finance and Administration Division).

#### **House Keeping**

- Cheque Signers: Chief Peggy Kawinéhtha Mayo-Standup and Clinton Tionawate Phillips.
- Organized by Kenneth McComber, a Naskapi delegation from the Schefferville area is scheduled for a 'meet & greet' and discussion with Council on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The intent is to revive a long time relationship with the Naskapi on a Nation to Nation basis. Some concerns of the Naskapi include Quebec's Plan Nord.
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer will attend the Language Hunting Forum in Montreal this Thursday and Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Athletic Commission meetings update Rhonda Kirby: Commission members and policies need to be updated to reflect current demands. Further details will follow as developments occur.
- Council passes MCED to authorize Ryan Rice (AED Finance & Administration) & James Jacobs (Director of Human Resources) to act as signatories to renew or amend the letter of credit for the pension fund with RBC Dexia on behalf of MCK.

#### **Agenda Items**

**Update/Discussion: Signing of the 2012-2013 Multi-Year Funding Agreement**Presence of Erica Delisle, Ryan Rice, Paul Rice, Kevin Kennedy and Alana Rice.

For the second year in a row, a strongly worded letter to be sent to AANDC immediately to indicate Chief & Council's extreme displeasure with regard to 'confirmation hold backs' on several key areas in the Multi-Year Funding Agreement.

#### Request for Decision: 2012/2013 Mohawk Council Budget

Presence of Erica Delisle, Ryan Rice, Paul Rice, Kevin Kennedy and Alana Rice. Budgets for Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke and Organizations that receive funding through the MCK were presented and accepted. To present a zero balanced budget and avoid a projected operating deficit of approximately \$3 million for 2012-2013 with minimal effect on MCK Operations, many budget decreases were incorporated. Director of Finance Erica Delisle announced that it has become clear that the current level of MCK Operations and Non-Operational requests cannot be sustained with the limited funding sources at this time. Complete budget details will be available when the Budget is released on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Strategic Discussions**

Tuesday	All day Seigneury Sault St. Louis Session Scheduled.
Wednesday	Discussion: Proceeds of Crime. Presence of Marylee Armstrong.
Thursday	Gaming Update. Presence of Gaming Team.