

## Mohawk Council Communiqué

### Monday, 23 Enniskó:wa/March 2015

**In:** Chiefs Mike Delisle Jr, Lloyd Phillips, Martin Leborgne, Rhonda Lynn Kirby, Kenneth McComber, Billy Diabo, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Clinton Phillips, Gina Deer, Bobby Patton, Carl Horn

Out: Christine Zachary-Deom (vacation)

<u>Also Present</u>: Dwaine White (OCC General Manager), Mike O'Brien (OCC Chief of Staff), Samantha Montour-Cross (Minutes), Alana Goodleaf-Rice (Executive Director)

#### House Keeping

- Minutes approved for March 2 and March 9, 2015
- Request for Decision: Reading into the Record of Amendment #7 to Aboriginal Affairs & Northern Development Canada Multi-Year Funding Agreement #1112-03-000003 to increase set contribution funding by a total amount of \$304,735. Passed unanimously
- Kenneth McComber: attending Aboriginal tourism conference in Quebec City from Tuesday to Thursday
- Gina Deer: attending Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians presentation Ottawa on Tuesday
- Rhonda Kirby: Water & Sanitation meeting on Tuesday
- Lloyd Phillips: attending Assembly of First Nations of Quebec & Labrador meetings on Thursday and Friday

• Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer: Finance, Administration & Operations Committee meeting on Monday (with Lloyd Phillips and Clinton Phillips); Membership communications strategy meeting on Wednesday; Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission kiosk at services Complex and Kahnawake Youth Center board meeting on Thursday

• Mike Delisle: Kahnawake Shakotiia'takehnhas Community services board meeting on Tuesday; attending opening of Aboriginal Science Fair at Kahnawake Survival School on Wednesday and closing on Thursday; Connecting Horizons meeting on Thursday; received approval for travel request to attend Social Impact conference in Calgary in April

#### <u>Agenda</u>

#### Request for Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Kahnawake Shakotiia'takehnhas Community Services (KSCS) Constitutional and By-Laws Amendments Approval

*Presence of Trina C. Diabo.* Ratification of changes made by KSCS Board of Directors to above documents, including adjustments to Vision and Mission Statements. Passed unanimously.

# Presentation/Discussion: Issues caused by Federal S-2 Matrimonial Real Interests legislation

Presence of Marylee Armstrong, Francis Walsh (Legal Services), Debbie Morris, Melanie Gilbert, Martin Stacey (Lands Unit), Paul Nicholas. Discussion on problems regarding land transfer/sale registration in the wake of the federal legislation. Agreement by Chief & Council that the issues are of a political nature and will have priority status. Plan of action being formulated, including drafting letters to federal government. Followup forthcoming.

#### Discussions/Updates

• Follow-up discussion by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer regarding Kells Academy Special Education Permit. Kells, located in Montreal, received notification they

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would not have their Special Education permit renewed, affecting some First Nations students including several from Kahnawà:ke. MCK to approach First Nations Education Council for possible assistance in this matter.

- Mike Delisle: informed the table that he is scheduled to meet with Quebec Native Affairs Minister Geoff Kelley on Monday, March 30. (*Please note that Grand Chief Delisle excused himself at this point to attend another function. Lloyd Phillips chaired the meeting from this point.*)
- Rhonda Kirby updated Chief & Council on matters regarding the Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre's renovation and expansion project. Announced that Technical Services will not provide excavation services for the project as originally planned due to scheduling issues.
- Martin Leborgne updated Chief & Council on recent meeting to discuss on-going issue of Kanesatake's funding shortfalls in regard to management of Tioweró:ton.
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer informed the table that Glen Cross, an employee of Heritage Canada, is planning to visit the community this week to discuss possible funding opportunities. Mr. Cross is originally from Kahnawà:ke.
- Lloyd Phillips provided an update on meeting with Public Safety Canada regarding possible funding opportunities for policing projects. He reported that it is highly unlikely that MCK/Kahnawà:ke will continue to explore this opportunity unless Public Safety Canada changes certain criteria and definitions.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:50am.