



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 23 Enniskó:wa/March 2020

In: *In person:* Nitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (Chairperson) and Harry Rice.
Via Teleconference: Ratitsénhaienhs Joe Norton, Cody Diabo, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Gina Deer, Frankie McComber, Clinton Phillips Rhonda Kirby, Mike Delisle, Jr. Ross Montour and Lindsay LeBorgne (All Present)

Also Present: Tricia Diabo (Recorder), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor) and Joe Delaronde (Public Relations)

House Keeping

- Meeting began with a moment of silence to commemorate the passing of former Council Chief **Paul G. Deer**
- Check Signers: Nitsénhaienhs Rhonda Kirby & Lindsay LeBorgne
- **Cody Diabo, Frankie McComber & Clinton Phillips:** Asbestos meeting on Wednesday
- **Rhonda Kirby:** attending Covid-19 Task Force meetings on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; participating in Indian Day School teleconference on Thursday
- **Harry Rice:** attending Covid-19 Task Force meetings from Monday through Friday
- COVID-19 Task Force Update. *Presence of Lloyd Phillips & Paul Rice via Teleconference, with Nelva Diabo & Erica Delisle in person.* Updated the table on most recent decisions/actions/issues addressed by the Task Force

Formal Agenda Items

Request for Decision: Approval of Draft “Kahnawà:ke Economic Relief Measures”

Presented by Paul Rice. Request to approve, in principle, the draft “Kahnawà:ke Economic Relief Measures” (“ERM”) plan to address income security challenges being faced by community members due to job losses and other issues caused by the current COVID-19 pandemic. Outcome: **Approved** by consensus. Additional Action: a working group consisting of Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Gina Deer & Mike Delisle, Jr. have been assigned to sit on a Board to advise on the drafting of a final version of the ERM to be brought forward for formal passage on Wednesday (March 25th).

Request for Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Mandate to Appoint External Legal Counsel

Presence of Marylee Armstrong. Client/Attorney Privilege

Other Mohawk Council Executive Directives

None

Chief & Council Updates

After the Formal Agenda was completed discussions included:

- Ratitsénhaienhs media appearances
- Responses to community members inquiries
- Request to increase awareness to outside community that tobacco products are not being sold at this time - agreed (see Press Release dated March 23rd)
- Meeting ended at **12:40pm**