



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 15 Ohiarí:ha/June 2020

**PLEASE NOTE THAT (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF COVID-19 TASK FORCE)
ALL MEETINGS REFERENCED BELOW ARE VIA TELECONFERENCE**

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (Chairperson), Cody Diabo, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Gina Deer, Frankie McComber, Clinton Phillips, Rhonda Kirby, Mike Delisle, Jr., Harry Rice, Lindsay LeBorgne

Out: Joe Norton (Wellness) and Ross Montour (Vacation)

Also Present: Trina Diabo-Jacobs (Council Meeting Administrator), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor) and Joe Delaronde (Public Relations)

House Keeping

- Cheque signers: Nitsénhaienhs Rhonda Kirby & Lindsay LeBorgne
- Minutes Acceptance for June 1 & 2, 2020 – deferred
- Request to confirm date of Wednesday, July 8, 2020 for a Duly Convened Council Meeting for Audit Presentation. Approved by consensus
- Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force update with Lloyd Phillips
- **Harry Rice:** Monday & Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force meetings; Karihwanó:ron meeting; Thursday: First Nations Education Commission briefing
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Wednesday Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission meeting; Thursday: KERM meeting (tentative)
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Monday: Kahnawà:ke Shakotíia'takéhnhas Community Services board meeting; Wednesday: Indian Day School Settlement (IDS) internal communications meeting; Thursday: IDS working group meeting
- **Clinton Phillips:** Wednesday: Marina Lease meeting; Thursday: Asbestos working group meeting
- **Frankie McComber:** Monday & Wednesday COVID-19 Task Force meetings; Tuesday: Tobacco meeting; Wednesday: Tewatohnhi'saktha meeting
- **Gina Deer:** Wednesday: Tewatohnhi'saktha meeting; Thursday: Mohawk Online, KERM (tentative), and Housing (tentative)
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Tuesday: *Kahnawà:ke Residency Law* communications meeting; Wednesday: Collective Impact meeting; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Emergency Relief Measures (KERM) Fund meeting (tentative); Friday: Wellness Day
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: Aquaponics, and Marina Lease meetings; Thursday: Asbestos working group, and meeting with representatives from Quebec's Environment Ministry
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Consultation, and Cannabis Control Board meetings; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission working group meeting; Friday: Champlain Bridge Deconstruction project meeting

Formal Agenda Items

Mohawk Council Resolution: Extension of State of Emergency and Mandate
Presence of Mary Lee Armstrong (Director of Legal Services) & Lloyd Phillips.
Portfolio Lead: Frankie McComber. Request to extend the *Declaration of State of Emergency* and the *Mandate of the Kahnawà:ke COVID-19 Task Force* to mitigate all impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic for an additional 30 days. These directives to be in effect until July 21, 2020 and subject to further extensions on a monthly basis, as deemed necessary. Passed by consensus

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Request for Decision: Tawatohnhì'saktha 2019/2020 Deficit

Presence of Erica Delisle & Paul Rice. Portfolio Lead: Mike Delisle, Jr. Request to cover deficit accrued by Tawatohnhì'saktha for the 2019/2020 fiscal year in the amount of \$592,378. It was noted that this is a one-time expenditure resulting from revenue loss associated with the Kahnawà:ke Office Complex and revised mandate. This is required to complete Tawatohnhì'saktha annual Audit Statement. Approved by consensus

Request for Direction: Cannabis Retail Model

Presence of Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services), Paul Rice, Nelly Marcoux & Lanny Jacobs. Request for direction on public policy elements of the proposed Cannabis Retail Model. This is being brought to the Council of Chiefs to allow the Cannabis Control Board to draft related Regulations accordingly, pursuant to the *Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Law*. Part 1 of the request includes approval for a 'Procurement Entity' in order to create a single source for any licensed Kahnawà:ke retail outlets (dispensaries). **Direction: approved by consensus.** Part 2: request to support the option of privately-owned dispensaries. **Direction: approved by consensus.** Part 3: request was to support the hybrid ownership combination of private/public sector partnerships. **Direction: by consensus this option will remain 'under consideration.'** Part 4: development/creation of a socio-economic development fund for communal benefit. **Direction: approved by consensus.**

Chief & Council Updates

- Frankie McComber asked for direction on Tobacco matters related to operations during the COVID-19 measures in place, and provided brief update on next phase of 'Reopening of Kahnawà:ke Businesses'
- Gina Deer updated on upcoming changes to Canada's gaming industry and potential impacts to Kahnawà:ke (with follow-up), Kahnawà:ke Emergency Relief Measures (KERM) Fund matters, and Tawatohnhì'saktha/ MCK meeting (with Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer)
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer provided additional information on KERM matters, *Kahnawà:ke Residency Law* notice/follow-up, and 100th Birthday celebration for Mary Paul (attended event with Rhonda Kirby)
- Cody Diabo updated on Asbestos removal/remediation (with Clinton Phillips), and meeting with JFK Quarry
- Lindsay LeBorgne updated on Finance, Administration & Operations Committee matters, Hydro-Québec meeting, and Hydro Line 2 Dismantlement project (with Mike Delisle, Jr.)
- Harry Rice informed the table on COVID-19 Task Force Inspectors visit to a number of local businesses
- Mike Delisle, Jr. updated on Human Resources staffing matters, KERM matters, and Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission
- Rhonda Kirby briefly updated on Indian Day Schools settlement
- Clinton Phillips reported on meetings with community member regarding road issue, CP Rail, and JFK Quarry
- Tonya Perron updated on emergency meeting with Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador regarding First Nations concern/opposition to Quebec's Bill-61, Cannabis Control Board (CCB) 'Expressions of Interest' for potential cannabis licenses; CCB consultation discussions, and Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission working group
- Meeting ended at **2:50pm**