



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 3 Seskéha/August 2020

PLEASE NOTE THAT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF COVID-19 TASK FORCE, ALL MEETINGS REFERENCED BELOW ARE VIA VIDEO- OR TELECONFERENCE

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Joe Norton (left the meeting at 2:37pm for an appointment), Tonya Perron (Chaired meeting from 2:37pm), Cody Diabo, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Frankie McComber (left meeting at 9:45am for appointment, returned at 1:30pm), Clinton Phillips, Rhonda Kirby, Mike Delisle, Jr., Harry Rice, Ross Montour and Lindsay LeBorgne

Out: Gina Deer (Bereavement)

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

House Keeping

- Cheque signers: Nitsénhaiehns Rhonda Kirby & Lindsay LeBorgne
- **Cody Diabo:** Monday: meeting on Asbestos matter; Wednesday & Thursday: Aquaponics local stakeholders' meetings; Thursday: Asbestos working group
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Wednesday: meeting to discuss Kahnawà:ke representation in future McGill University Infrastructure Planning Projects (with student Patricia Deer, an intern in the Indigenous Initiatives program), and Clan Project (Heritage file) meeting
- **Frankie McComber:** Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force meeting, Thursday: attending Solidarity Walk
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Tuesday: follow-up meeting re: current Sexual Abuse issue; Wednesday: Indian Day School Settlement; Thursday: Finance, Administration & Operations (FAO) committee meeting
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission, and COVID-19 task Force meetings; Thursday: FAO committee meeting
- **Harry Rice:** Reported on his progressive return to work following Medical Leave; Wednesday: Karihwanó:ron prep meeting; Thursday: meeting with Karihwanó:ron
- **Ross Montour:** Tuesday: First Nations Education Council funding shortfall meeting, follow-up meeting re: current Sexual Abuse issue, and Governance meeting; Wednesday: Karihwanó:ron prep, Clan Project (Heritage file), and Cannabis Control Board meetings; Thursday: Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL) Chiefs' meeting re: Bill 61 update
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: *Kahnawà:ke Justice Act* Technical Drafting Team, and Cannabis Control Board meetings; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission working group meeting
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Thursday: FAO committee meeting
- **Joe Norton:** Wednesday: Karihwanó:ron prep meeting; Thursday: meeting with Karihwanó:ron; Friday: meeting with local business; AFNQL Chiefs' re: Bill 61, and attending/observing local business's legal matter

Formal Agenda Items

Request for Decision: Kahnawà:ke Office Complex Lease – Playtech
Presence of Dean Montour (Mohawk Online), Murray Marshall & Paul Rice.
Portfolio Chiefs: Joe Norton, Gina Deer & Mike Delisle, Jr. Request to explore a potential lease of office space at the Kahnawà:ke Office Complex to Playtech, an online gaming company. In the interim the Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission will conduct due diligence to ensure all regulatory requirements are met. A formal decision will be made at a later date. **Agreed by Consensus** (Frankie McComber was not present as per explanation above)

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Request for Decision: Department of Indigenous Services Canada Multi-Year Funding Agreement Renewal Options

Presence of Erica Delisle & Paul Rice. Lead Portfolio Chief: Mike Delisle, Jr. Request for direction on options for the renewal of the current Multi-Year Funding Agreement, which is set to expire in March 2021. The recommendation is to extend the current agreement for one year, to expire in March 2022. This recommendation was supported. **Agreed by Consensus** (Frankie McComber not present as per explanation above)

Request for Decision: Route 207 Project

Presence of Eric Doucet & Stacey Douglas (MCK Legal Services), Thomas Sky & David Lahache. Lead Portfolio Chief: Rhonda Kirby. Request to approve resumption of Route 207/Highway 30 Intersection Rehabilitation Project pursuant to the terms of the Cooperation Agreement between the MCK and Quebec. **Agreed by Consensus** (Please note that, while the decision is a matter of public record, the discussion was declared Client/Attorney Privileged)

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Route 207 Project

Presence of Eric Doucet & Stacey Douglas (MCK Legal Services), Thomas Sky & David Lahache. Lead Portfolio Chief: Rhonda Kirby. **This agenda item was withdrawn**

Chief & Council Updates

- Discussion on Statistics Canada letter - deferred
- Cody Diabo updated on progress of Aquaponics project, request for safety measures on Highway 207, and Housing infrastructure matters (with comments from Clinton Phillips)
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer reported on Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitíohkwa Language & Cultural Center, and updated on the Kahnawà:ke Economic Relief Measures Fund
- Rhonda Kirby updated on recent Sexual Abuse allegations made on social media and measures being taken to address the matter (with comments from Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer and Ross Montour), and Indian Day School Settlement initiatives
- Mike Delisle, Jr. provided update on Mohawk Self Insurance, and information on Asbestos file matters
- Ross Montour updated on measures being taken to address concerns with Quebec's upcoming Bill-61 legislation, Transition Committee progress (with Lindsay LeBorgne & Joe Norton), and Lake Champlain/Richelieu River consultation file and Consultation Team human resource concerns, and the development of Cannabis Control Board regulations
- Tonya Perron provided a few details on the ongoing Cannabis Control Board survey (with additional input from Ross Montour)
- Lindsay LeBorgne updated on issues regarding the Transport file, and reported on issue regarding the Hydro-Québec Dismantlement project – it was decided to inform Canada that the MCK does not accept Canada's requirement for a Ministerial Guarantee on this project
- Joe Norton updated on ongoing Gaming matters, and Quebec's upcoming Bill 61 legislation
- Clinton Phillips brought up the issue of loose dogs, resulting in further discussion and an update by Harry Rice on the state of the proposed amendments to the *Kahnawà:ke Animal Control Law* – a community notice will be drafted and issued immediately
- Meeting ended at **3:40pm**