



## Mohawk Council Communiqué

**Monday, 22 Enniskó:wa/March 2021**

### **Meeting conducted at MCK and via Video Conference**

**In:** Ratitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (Chairperson), Cody Diabo, Frankie McComber (at MCK), and Mike Delisle Jr., Gina Deer, Rhonda Kirby, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Clinton Phillips, Harry Rice, & Ross Montour

**Out:** Lindsay LeBorgne (Vacation)

**Also Present:** Kiera Beauvais (Minute Taker), Onerahtokha Karlie Marquis (Executive Director), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), Joe Delaronde (Public Relations), and, for Housekeeping & Upcoming Meetings only, Brandi Meloche (Executive Assistant to the Ratitsénhaienhs)

### **Housekeeping and Upcoming Meetings**

- Cheque signers: Nitsénhaiehns Rhonda Kirby & Lindsay LeBorgne
- Minute Acceptance for March 8 & 9, 2021
- Letter from Quebec Ombudsman Marie Renfret – a response will be sent indicating that MCK is supportive of First Nations engagement with the Ombudsman as proposed, would like to participate in such engagement once the MCK is no longer in 'essential only' operations, and in the meantime would like to be informed of relevant developments
- Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force Update
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: Food Project meeting; Thursday: Environment Portfolio team, Asbestos Civil Investigation (ACI), and Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations (KCR) Environment Sectoral meetings; Friday: Asbestos Working Group (AWG), and Aquaponics meetings; upcoming Vacation on afternoon of Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>
- **Frankie McComber:** Tuesday: Tawatohni'sáktha Board meeting; Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force, Iroquois Caucus Harvesting Working Group, Economic Development Portfolio team, and internal meetings on issues concerning Corrections Canada; Friday: internal Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations (QKR) update meeting
- **Tonya Perron:** Tuesday: Consultation meeting; Wednesday: Hertel project, Governance Portfolio debriefing, and Cannabis & Policing meetings; Thursday: Strategic Sessions planning, internal QKR Relationship Framework, and internal issues concerning Corrections Canada meetings; Friday: internal QKR update, and Governance & Administrative Affairs joint priority meetings
- **Clinton Phillips:** Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force meeting; Thursday: Environment Portfolio team, Policy review, and KCR Land and Environment Sectoral meetings; Friday: AWG, Lands, and meeting with Executive Director; upcoming Vacation Days from April 6 to 8
- **Gina Deer:** Tuesday: Bereavement Leave (still presenting on C-218/Gaming to the Federal Standing Committee on Justice); Wednesday: Housing Policy, Housing and Gaming Meetings; Thursday: QKR Relationship Framework, ACI, and Economic Development Portfolio team meetings; Friday: internal QKR update meeting
- **Harry Rice:** Thursday: Education, and meeting with MCK Executive Director; Friday: AWG meeting
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Wednesday: Language & Culture Network mentorship, Governance Portfolio debriefing, and Collective Impact meetings; Friday: Governance & Administrative Affairs Portfolios review meeting, *Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke Residency*; upcoming Vacation Days on April 1 and 6
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Tuesday: Hertel project, and Standing Committee presentation on Gaming; Thursday: Economic Development Portfolio team meeting; Friday: internal QKR update, and Governance & Administrative Affairs Portfolios joint priority meeting
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Tuesday: Iroquois Caucus follow-up meeting on Indian Day School Settlement; Wednesday: Food Security and Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre meetings; Friday: QKR Transport User Fees, internal QKR update, and Governance & Administrative Affairs Portfolios joint priority meetings
- **Ross Montour:** Tuesday: Consultation meeting (tentative), and meeting with AFNQL Regional Chief Ghislain Picard on Bill C-15 (UNDRIP); Wednesday: Wellness (still attending Hertel project); Thursday: Education, and internal QKR Framework meetings; Friday: internal QKR update, and Traditional Land Use Research strategy meetings



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### Formal Agenda Items

None submitted

### Council of Chiefs Updates

- Gina Deer updated on potential Online Gaming; Housing; Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL) meeting with Premier Francois Legault & Indigenous Affairs Minister Ian Lafrenière (with input from Ross Montour); and request to share the draft MCK-Quebec Relationship Framework documents with AFNQL members – agreed
- Rhonda Kirby updated on meetings with Jacques Cartier – Champlain Bridge Inc. regarding the Memorial Path project
- Mike Delisle, Jr. provided an update on Finance Administration & Operations Committee matters, with ensuing discussion; Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission call for Commissioner; Hertel/Hydro-Québec project; Labor Office relations with Quebec; Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact update, including announcement of Brooke Deer as new Coordinator; recent meeting with Hydro-Québec/TransEnergie
- Mary Lee Armstrong (Director, MCK Legal Services) attended for a client/attorney privileged item on a Human Rights complaint
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitióhkwa Language & Cultural Center projects/finances, and Code of Conduct for Council Chief's stemming from the Governance Project
- Harry Rice updated on Parc Jean Drapeau revitalization project, Lasalle park naming project, Karihwanó:ron, and Housing/Asbestos meetings
- Discussion on North Wall Hydro-Québec tower removal and other matters related to the North Wall area
- Clinton Phillips updated on upcoming KCR Maintable meeting confirmation; and possible land acquisition offer
- Frankie McComber updated on status of COVID-19 vaccinations in Kahnawà:ke
- Cody Diabo updated briefly on Asbestos Working Group activities/next steps and other related activities; Aquaponics project; and Recreation Bay funding
- Tonya Perron updated on meeting with Health Canada regarding cannabis; other cannabis matters; Traditional Land Use; and Consultation meeting with Ministère des Transports Québec (with ensuing discussion) & other Consultation updates
- Ross Montour updated on consultation, and meeting regarding COVID-19 race-based data collection
- Client/attorney privileged discussion on Housing, with attendance of Suzanne Jackson (MCK Legal Services)
- Mike Delisle, Jr. informed the table that external legal counsel will participate in the upcoming Standing Committee presentation on Gaming (this final update included participation of Mary Lee Armstrong, Director of MCK Legal Services)
- Meeting concluded at **4:53pm**