



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 17 Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2021

Meeting held via Video Conference

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (Chairperson), Mike Delisle, Jr., Ross Montour, Rhonda Kirby, Frankie McComber, Lindsay LeBorgne, Harry Rice, Cody Diabo, and Gina Deer

Out: Clinton Phillips (Vacation, returning Monday, May 31st), and Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (Vacation, returning on Wednesday, May 26th)

Also Present: Trina Diabo-Jacobs (Council Meeting Administrator), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), Onerahtókha Karlie Marquis (Executive Director), Joe Delaronde (Public Relations), and Brandi Meloche (Executive Assistant to the Ratitsénhaienhs – attended Housekeeping & Meetings portion only)

Housekeeping and Upcoming Meetings

- Cheque signers: Nitsénhaiehns Rhonda Kirby & Lindsay LeBorgne
- Minute Acceptance: April 26, and May 3, 2021
- Political Press Attaché Joe Delaronde advised the Council of Chiefs that, as per standard protocol, various media events (such as Chiefs Uncut and MCK Friday on K1037) are being placed on hold as the Nomination date for the upcoming election was announced late last week. Additionally, Council Chiefs media interviews will be limited to matters deemed urgent or of significant importance to avoid any perception of current Council having advantage over other candidates.
- Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force Update
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: Aquaponics update meeting; Thursday: Asbestos Working Group meeting, Wellness Time in the afternoon; Friday: Tobacco file meeting, and Asbestos meeting (tentative)
- **Frankie McComber:** Monday: Cannabis file meeting; Tuesday: Tawatohnni'saktha, and Peacekeeper Services Board meetings
- **Gina Deer:** Wednesday: Finance, Administration & Operations (FAO) Committee, Gaming, and Murdered & Missing Indigenous Women Roundtable meetings, and meeting with Montreal's Indigenous Relations Commissioner; Thursday: Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations (QKR) Framework, Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador Special Chiefs' Assembly, and Gaming meetings; Friday: Vacation Day
- **Harry Rice:** Wednesday: Mental Wellness Action Team meeting; Thursday: Asbestos Working Group meeting; Friday: Vacation Day
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Wednesday: FAO Committee, and Mercier Bridge Community Consultation Committee meetings; Thursday: Mercier Bridge prep meeting; Friday: Mercier Bridge meeting with Quebec
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Wednesday: Gaming, and FAO Committee meetings; Thursday: Mercier Bridge prep meeting; Friday: Mercier Bridge meeting with Quebec, and internal Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis (SSSL) meeting
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Tuesday: Day Care prep meeting; Wednesday: FAO Committee, Mercier Bridge Community Consultation Committee, and Kahnawà:ke Shakotia'takehnhas Community Services board meeting; Thursday: Mercier Bridge, and Day Care Consultation meetings; Friday: Mercier Bridge meeting with Quebec; upcoming Vacations Days on May 27 & 28, and June 10 & 11
- **Ross Montour:** Monday: Cannabis file meeting; Wednesday: Gaming meeting, and meeting with Montreal's Indigenous Relations Commissioner; Thursday: QKR Consultation & Accommodation, QKR Framework, Mercier Bridge prep, and Health Canada/Cannabis meetings; Friday: Mercier Bridge meeting with Quebec, and internal SSSL meeting; upcoming Vacation days on June 10 & 11
- **Tonya Perron:** Monday: Cannabis file meeting; Tuesday: Cannabis Control Board; Thursday: weekly Strategic Meeting Scheduling, QKR Consultation & Accommodation policy drafting; Consultation: Day Care, QKR Framework; and Health Canada/Cannabis meetings; Friday: Tobacco file meeting, and Wellness Time in the afternoon

Agenda Items

Mohawk Council Resolution: State of Emergency Renewal

Presence of Mary Lee Armstrong (Director – MCK Legal Services) and Lloyd Phillips. Portfolio Chief: Frankie McComber. Request to extend the State of Emergency and the mandate of the Kahnawà:ke COVID-19 Task Force for a 30-day period from May 21 to June 21, 2021. **Passed by Consensus**

Request for Decision: Internal Secondary Budget Requests



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Presence of Erica Delisle, Karlie Onerahtókha Marquis & Paul Rice. Portfolio Chief: Mike Delisle, Jr. Request to approve the Internal Secondary Budgetary Requests, totaling \$701,011, and to authorize Erica Delisle, Director of Financial Services, to adjust the MCK 2021/2022 budget accordingly. **Approved by Consensus**

Request for Decision: Client/Attorney Privileged Item

Presence of Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services) and Paul Rice. Portfolio Chiefs: Frankie McComber & Cody Diabo. Client/Attorney Privileged

Discussion: Chief Political Advisor Performance Appraisal and 360° Evaluation

Discussion on processes to be used regarding the annual performance appraisal and end of term evaluation of the Chief Political Advisor. Due to the passing of Grand Chief Norton last year, there is currently a void in the process as the Grand Chief is the Chief Political Advisor's immediate supervisor. It was directed that a small committee including acting Council Meeting Chairperson Tonya Perron and FAO Chairperson Mike Delisle, Jr., will perform the annual performance appraisal. It was also directed that the MCK's Human Resources Unit shall be tasked with implementing a permanent "360° evaluation" to be utilized for the end-of-term evaluation of the Chief Political Advisor; with results presented to the newly elected Council.

Council of Chiefs Updates

- Rhonda Kirby updated on meetings with various MCK units regarding the Memorial Path being proposed by the Jacques Cartier-Champlain Bridge, Inc. as part of the Mercier Bridge Beautification Project. The Memorial Path would be located at the green space between the Highway 132 Mercier Bridge up-ramp and the Old Malone service road; and is subject to a request to the Land Management Committee. Additional meetings will be scheduled, along with community engagement. Also updated on Kateri Food Bank space needs; and questions concerning requirements for participating in Council meetings while on Vacation or Wellness Day.
- Karlie Onerahtókha Marquis (with Paul Rice) announced that Mr. Rice is leaving the MCK to accept a new position at Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation; provided updates on upcoming review by Indigenous Services Canada on MCK operations; and outcomes of Chiefs' salary review study
- Ross Montour updated on repatriation of human remains from Montreal site; Highway 35 Consultation meeting; Consultation & Accommodation and Relationship with Quebec; and Bills C-218 (Gaming) and C-15 (United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples)
- Lindsay LeBorgne reported on the Hydro-Québec Line 2 Dismantlement and brush-clearing projects; and community member complaints regarding dust and debris allegedly emanating from a local business operation
- Mike Delisle, Jr. announced that Brooke Deer has been hired as Director of Collective Impact; prep meeting for discussions with Deontology; potential relationship opportunity with business entity; and C-218 Gaming legislation political engagement
- Harry Rice updated on upcoming Ancestor's Challenge scheduled to take place in Kahnawà:ke in June; park renaming project in Lasalle; and Ironworker Memorial maintenance
- Gina Deer updated on regarding Bill C-218 meetings with Canadian Senate members (and other initiatives); QKR relationship issues; Housing; Asbestos Civil Investigation; and Tioweró:ton site matters
- Frankie McComber updated on meeting with Deontology; and COVID-19 Task Force decisions to begin the reopening process and declare lowering of Alert level to Orange Alert
- Tonya Perron updated on Governance Portfolio meetings; Hydro-Québec potential 'Hertel' project; Highway 35 Consultation; proposed Memorandum of Understanding on Cannabis between MCK and Health Canada, along with communications matters; Justice staffing; Community Control Board (Cannabis); and lack of Complaints Officer (to be posted following upcoming election); 'Green Card' issue at U.S. border
- Cody Diabo updated on progress on the Asbestos Civil Investigation; updated on the Kanawaki file (with Eric Doucet of MCK Legal Services) – this portion of the meeting was Client/Attorney Privileged
- Meeting ended at **4:02pm**