



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 7 Enníska/February 2022

Meeting held virtually

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Tonya Perron, Cody Diabo, Alan John Rice, Jessica Lazare, Michael Delisle, Jr., Ryan Montour, Barton Goodleaf, and Arnold Boyer

Out: Lindsay LeBorgne (Vacation), Harry Rice (Vacation), and Ross Montour (Wellness)

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

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Alan John Rice
- Cheque Signers this week: Alan John Rice and Tonya Perron
- K1037 'MCK Friday' this week: Michael Delisle, Jr.
- Chiefs Uncut recording this week: Ryan Montour
- Assembly of First Nations 5th Annual Water Symposium, February 15 to 17: Arnold Boyer and Ross Montour (TBC) will attend
- Request for participants at Nuclear Waste Management Office engagement session on March 4: Cody Diabo will attend
- Approval of Council Minutes for August 16, 2021. Minutes from September 7, 2021 deferred
- Requests from community members for removal of non-member from the territory. Decision on this matter to be tabled at the next Council Meeting.
- Wednesday: COVID-19 Update meeting
- Wednesday: Meeting with representatives from Mohawk Trail Longhouse
- **Alan John Rice:** Tuesday & Wednesday: *Kahnawà:ke Residency Law* Community Feedback sessions; Thursday: Indigenous Rights & Research, and Client-Based Services meetings; Friday: Community Review Board, and Consultation meetings
- **Arnold Boyer:** Thursday: Capital Budget, and Water & Sanitation meetings; Friday: Onkwata'karitáhtshera Health Plan meeting
- **Barton Goodleaf:** Thursday: Indigenous Rights & Research, and Lands meetings; Friday: Onkwata'karitáhtshera Health Plan meeting
- **Cody Diabo:** Thursday: meeting on potential Energy project, and Lands meeting; Friday: External Government Relations Portfolio meeting
- **Jessica Lazare:** Monday: Assembly of First Nations 'Funding Model' meeting (1pm to 3:30pm); Wednesday: Administrative Tribunal Regulations technical drafting committee meeting; Thursday: Indigenous Rights & Research, Legislative Portfolio, Consultation, and Heritage Portfolio update meetings; Friday: Community Review Board, Consultation, and Governance Portfolio 'Chiefs Conduct' meetings
- **Michael Delisle, Jr.:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission meeting; Thursday: Indigenous Rights & Research, and Kahnawà:ke Economic Relief Measures (KERM) Fund meetings; Friday: External Government Relations Portfolio, and internal Specific Claims meetings
- **Ryan Montour:** Tuesday: Housing meeting; Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force meeting; Thursday: potential Recovery Center project, and Mohawk Self-Insurance meetings
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: weekly scheduling meeting for Strategic Sessions, Administrative Tribunal Regulations technical drafting committee, and Iroquois Caucus hiring committee meetings; Thursday: Legislative Portfolio, Ratitsénhaienhs/Executive Director Relationship Framework, and Cannabis Working Group meetings; Friday: Community Review Board, and Governance Portfolio 'Chiefs Conduct' meetings
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Monday: Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitíóhkwa Language & Cultural Center meeting; Wednesday: Grand Chief's updating meeting; Thursday: KERM Fund meeting; Friday: External Government Relations Portfolio meeting



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Agenda Item

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Board

*Presence of Suzanne Jackson (MCK Legal Services). Portfolio Chief: Tonya Perron. Client/Attorney Privileged Item. **Passed by Consensus***

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Terms of Reference Policies for Ohén:ton Í:iente ne Ratitsénhaienhs (Grand Chief) and Ratitsénhaienhs

*Presence of Winona Polson-Lahache and Gerald Taiaiake Alfred. Portfolio Chiefs: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Tonya Perron & Jessica Lazare. Request to adopt the Terms of Reference for the Grand Chief & Council Chiefs, resulting from the MCK Governance Project. (See press release dated February 8, 2022 for further detail) **Passed by Consensus***

Council Updates

- Alan John Rice updated on potential new Client-Based Services projects; and Infrastructure Canada meeting
- Tonya Perron updated on meetings with upcoming agreement for Indigenous communities to allow for local alternative dispute resolution to be utilized for certain charges; progress on Justice Sectoral Table (with Quebec) workplan; Fr. Lajoie investigation status; and Cannabis licensing requirements as per the *Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Law*.
- Michael Delisle, Jr. provided updates on meeting with Senator Mary-Jane McCallum and others regarding Gaming; Gaming Working Group meeting; meeting with Federal Crown-Indigenous Relations Minister Marc Miller (Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis and Gaming matters); meeting with Quebec's Minister of Aboriginal Affairs Ian Lafrenière (Cannabis file, Aboriginal Initiatives Fund, Mercier Bridge file matters and draft Statement of Mutual Understanding and Respect); and relationships with other Indigenous communities on Gaming matters
- Cody Diabo updated on Hydroponics and other potential eco-friendly project; and an update on Asbestos file
- Barton Goodleaf informed the table of upcoming Health Portfolio meeting; and Infrastructure Canada meeting (with input from Cody Diabo)
- Ryan Montour updated Public Safety files including parole matters, Peacekeepers deontology (complaints process) and the proposed *Kahnawà:ke Animal Control Law*; and Housing communications
- Arnold Boyer updated on Infrastructure Canada meeting; and upcoming Mercier Bridge meetings
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on Multi-Use (Cultural Center/Theatre) project; further comments on meeting with Minister Marc Miller (KCR Relationship Framework, Gaming, and Seigneurie)
- Jessica Lazare updated on upcoming Mercier Bridge communications strategies meeting
- Direction for OCC to initiate work regarding use of Council of Chiefs letterhead
- Closing by Cody Diabo. Meeting ended at **4:07pm**