



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 11 Onerahtókha/April 2022

Meeting at Kahnawà:ke Office Complex

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Cody Diabo (Chaired the morning session), Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (arrived at 11am, Chaired afternoon session), Tonya Perron (attended virtually), Alan John Rice, Ross Montour (arrived at 11am), Michael Delisle, Jr., Ryan Montour, Arnold Boyer, and Harry Rice

Out: Lindsay LeBorgne (Special Leave), Barton Goodleaf (Vacation), and Jessica Lazare (Vacation)

Also Present: Jaime-Lynn Deere (Council Meeting Administrator), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), Joe Delaronde (Public Relations), and Executive Assistants to the Ratitsénhaienhs Sarah Delisle & Tricia Diabo

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Cody Diabo
- Cheque Signers this week: Tonya Perron & Administrative Representative
- Invitation to visit the Port of Montreal on May 27, 2022: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Ross Montour, Cody Diabo, Ryan Montour, Tonya Perron, Michael Delisle Jr. and Arnold Boyer expressed interest in attending.
- Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador 'Chiefs Assembly,' April 27 & 28: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Ross Montour, and Cody Diabo, to attend; Ryan Montour, Arnold Boyer to attend Assembly on Public Safety, joined by Winona Polson-Lahache
- Request by YEMBA Canada for MCK representatives to attend cultural event on July 2, 2022. Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer and Harry Rice have expressed interest in attending, with confirmation to follow
- Council Minutes for November 1 & 8, 2021
- Spring Community Meeting rescheduled to Tuesday, May 24 (replacing Tuesday, May 17)
- Request for Special Leave for Ratsénhaienhs Lindsay LeBorgne, for initial period of four (4) weeks. Approved by Consensus.
- Follow-Up Letter to Lee Thompson: Cody Diabo and Michael Delisle, Jr. will follow-up for formal response
- **Arnold Boyer:** Wednesday: Medical Appointment in the morning; Thursday: St. Lawrence Seaway, and Public Works Unit meetings
- **Ryan Montour:** Wednesday: *Kahnawà:ke Peacekeeper Law* review; and internal COVID-19 update meetings; Thursday: MCK Wellness, Regulatory Boards/Commissions & Labor ("Regulatory Boards") Portfolio, and Housing meetings
- **Tonya Perron:** Monday: meeting on Finance, Administration & Operations Committee matter; Tuesday: Cannabis Control Board meeting; Wednesday: weekly scheduling meeting for Strategic Sessions, Grand Chief's Update, and Alternative Justice Regulations Technical Drafting Committee meetings; Thursday: Regulatory Boards Portfolio, Governance Policy on Chiefs Conduct, and internal Quebec-Kahnawà:ke Relations Justice Sectoral Table meetings
- **Alan John Rice:** Monday: meeting on Finance, Administration & Operations Committee matter; Wednesday & Thursday: Vacation Days (exception: attending Housing meeting on Thursday)
- **Harry Rice:** Tuesday: Kahnawake Youth Center Board of Directors, and Education meetings; Wednesday: Wellness Action Team meeting; Thursday: MCK Staff Wellness, Regulatory Boards Portfolio, and Education meetings
- **Michael Delisle, Jr.:** Monday: meeting on potential Economic Development project; Tuesday meeting on asset transfer regarding Kahnawake Sustainable Energies and MIT; Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Economic Relief Measures (KERM) Fund, and Economic Development portfolio meetings; Thursday: Regulatory Boards Portfolio, and Gaming Working Group meetings, and Specific Claims meeting with Federal representatives regarding railway and Hydro line grievances and other negotiations protocol issues. Upcoming Vacation from April 20 to May 3 (returning on May 4)
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: JFK Quarry Working Group meeting; Thursday: Regulatory Boards Portfolio meeting, and Kahnawà:ke Environmental Protection Office prep meeting
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Monday: Mohawk Online Board or Directors, and Electronic Gaming Devices meetings; Wednesday: weekly scheduling meeting for Strategic Sessions, Grand Chief's Update, KERM Fund, and Indigenous Homelessness meetings; Thursday: Vacation Day; Upcoming Vacation from May 16 to May 19.
- **Ross Montour:** Upcoming Vacation from May 8 to May 17



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Agenda Items

Request for Decision: Approval of Secondary Budget Requests 2022/2023

Presence of Onerahtókha Marquis. Portfolio Chief: Tonya Perron. Requests to approve/finalize 2022/2023 Internal \$247,102 and External \$214,267 Secondary Budget requests, and to authorize Director of Financial Services Erica Delisle to modify the 2022/2023 MCK Budget pursuant to these requests. **Approved by Consensus** (Note: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer & Ross Montour not present)

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: MCK Financial & Activity Report, Mercier Bridge Reconstruction Project, Fiscal Year 2021/2022

Presence of Jean Pommerville (MCK Legal Services), Nelly Marcoux, and Dwaine White. Lead Portfolio Chief: Arnold Boyer. Request to adopt this Mohawk Council Executive Directive ratifying the MCK's Final Report on Mercier Bridge reconstruction project consultation and engagement activities, pursuant to the commitments undertaken under section 3.1.2 of the 2021 *Support for Consultation Funding Agreement under the Framework of the Aboriginal Initiatives Fund III for the Mercier Bridge Reconstruction Project*. **Passed by Consensus** (Note: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer & Ross Montour present)

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Approval of Quebec-Kahnawà:ke Relations Relationship Framework

Presence of Jean Pommerville (MCK Legal Services), and Nelly Marcoux. Lead Portfolio Chief: Michael Delisle, Jr. As the renewal of the relationship framework with Quebec has been identified as a key political priority both in the 2018-2021 and 2021-2024 terms, and formally as a priority for the External Government Relations Portfolio for the 2021-2024 term, this is a request to approve/ratify the text for the *Statement of Understanding and Mutual Respect and the Framework Agreement between the Government of Quebec and the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke* (including the *Memorandum of Agreement – Appendix I*). Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer & Michael Delisle, Jr. are hereby authorized to sign the documents. **Passed, with Cody Diabo Abstaining**

Additional Mohawk Council Executive Directives

Two (2) Land Allotments

Council Updates

- Cody Diabo updated on property available for purchase in Montreal; and developments on the Tobacco file
- Harry Rice updated on concerns regarding proposed Quebec legislation that would see increased number of CEGEP French courses as requirements in English based programs, and Karihwanó:ron building
- Michael Delisle, Jr. updated on Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission and other Gaming matters (with additional input from Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer and Ross Montour); and Quebec-Kahnawà:ke Relations issues
- Tonya Perron updated next steps regarding Fr. Lajoie reburial; and questions brought forth at recent Kiosk regarding *Kahnawà:ke Residency Law* processes
- Alan John Rice updated on Community Mental Health; and Kahnawà:ke Kanien'kehá:ka Registry regulations
- Ross Montour updated on last week's Jay Treaty Border Alliance meetings in Ottawa, including Canada's commitment to co-create a working group to address border crossing issues (with input from Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer); and External Government Relations Portfolio/Kahnawà:ke-Canada Relations discussion
- Ryan Montour updated on the Kahnawà:ke Healing Plan; and status of current COVID-19 situation in Kahnawà:ke
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on meeting/presentation in Toronto to the Deloitte International Board of Directors on Indigenous cultural, historical, spiritual and political matters; Gaming Working Group activities; meeting with Canada's Attorney General David Lametti; and K1037 Talkshow appearance
- Closing by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. Meeting ended at **4:57pm**