



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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**Monday, 2 Ohiarí:ha/June 2014**

**In:** Chiefs Lloyd Phillips (Chair), Kenneth McComber, Rhonda Kirby, Martin Leborgne, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Gina Deer, Billy Diabo, Carl Horn

**Out:** Mike Delisle (personal), Christine Zachary-Deom (vacation), Bobby Patton (vacation), Clinton Phillips (personal day, appointment)

**Also Present:** Melissa Curotte (recorder), Dwaine White (Director of Operations, Office of the Council of Chiefs)

### **House Keeping:**

- Land allotment
- May 20, 2014 minutes deferred
- Gina Deer: to attend tobacco meeting on Tuesday evening
- Kenneth McComber: attending careers presentation in Montreal by Trans Canada Pipeline on Tuesday
- Billy Diabo: attending Tewatohni'saktha board meeting on Tuesday evening (with Martin Leborgne); Tioweró:ton Community Meeting on Wednesday evening
- Lloyd Phillips: Assembly of First Nations of Quebec & Labrador meeting next Tuesday through Thursday; travel request accepted for Assembly of First Nations general assembly in Halifax from July 15 to 17
- Rhonda Kirby: meeting on Monday, June 9 in Chateauguay with surrounding municipalities regarding upcoming bridge work/traffic issues

### **Agenda:**

#### **Request for Decision: Temporary exemption to the Kahnawake Youth Center Constitution and By-Laws**

Issue brought to the table by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer on behalf of the Kahnawake Youth Center Board of Directors. Request to lower quorum for board meetings from seven to five, as there are currently only eight of the current fourteen Board seats filled; request to reduce requirement for one Officer of the Board to be present in order for the Board to conduct official business (instead of the current two officers); request for lower quorum requirement for amendments to Constitution changed from seven to five board members. All requests passed unanimously. Chief Sky-Deer informed the table that the Board intends to reduce the number of seats on the Board from fourteen to nine in the fall.

### **Discussion/Updates:**

- Gina Deer: recommends invitation be sent to Leader of the Official (Federal) Opposition Thomas Mulcair and others to meet with Chief & Council on tobacco matters. Agreed
- Gina Deer: informed the table that she will meet, on a preliminary basis, with the mayor of Sainte Catherine in regard to possibility of bike path
- Gina Deer: discussion regarding possibility of having the Kahnawake Gaming Commission create 'pre-emptive' regulations regarding video lottery terminals
- Martin Leborgne: preliminary discussion on issue of future closure of the 'sand pit' in Tioweró:ton, which is used for brush disposal, and possible new location.
- Lloyd Phillips: discussion/update (with Winona Polson-Lahache) on recent activities surrounding Assembly of First Nations rejection of Bill C-33 (federal First Nations education legislation).