



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 12 Ohiarí:ha/June 2017

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Joe Norton, Rhonda Kirby, Gina Deer, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Carl Horn, Martin Leborgne, Clinton Phillips, Christine Zachary-Deom (arrived at 9:50am), Kenneth McComber, Bobby Patton, Arlene Jacobs and Billy Diabo

Also Present: Samantha Montour-Cross (Recorder), Alana Goodleaf-Rice (Executive Director), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor)

House Keeping

- **Cheque Signers for the week:** Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer & Arlene Jacobs
- **Martin Leborgne:** Meeting on Housing issue on Tuesday
- **Gina Deer:** Meeting with Chief Peacekeeper on Tuesday
- **Clinton Phillips:** Attending Assembly of First Nations of Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL) General Assembly in Trois-Rivieres from Tuesday to Thursday; Lands/Kahnawà:ke Environmental Protection Office meeting and Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations prep meeting on Friday
- **Kenneth McComber:** Meeting with CP Railway Vegetation Management Program complaints on Monday (with Bobby Patton and Martin Leborgne); meeting with CP Railway on Tuesday
- **Rhonda Kirby:** In Quebec City from Monday to Wednesday regarding Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations; Residency Law working group meeting and Indigenous Games Fundraising Golf Tournament planning meeting on Friday
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Language & Culture Network meeting on Wednesday; *Kahnawà:ke Membership Law* drafting team meeting on Thursday; Residency Law working group meeting on Friday
- **Bobby Patton:** Justice Commission meeting on Thursday
- **Joe Norton:** Announced that he will not be attending AFNQL meetings this week (Clinton Phillips has been given the proxy for this event). Will be the guest on this week's K103 'MCK Friday' talkshow.

Formal Agenda Items

Request for Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Mohawk Self Insurance – CSST Agreement

*Presence of Jean Pommerville (MCK Legal Services), Mike O'Brien and Joel Jacobs. Kahnawà:ke Labor Office requests authorization from Chief & Council to sign administrative agreements with Quebec in order to implement certain sections of the *Agreement on Labour between the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke and le Gouvernement du Quebec* approved by Decree (730-2014 on July 24th, 2014 and the May 20th, 2017 *Complementary Agreement for the implementation of the Kahnawà:ke Regime with regard to compensation for victims of industrial accidents and occupational diseases and the protective reassignment for pregnant of nursing worker*. Passed unanimously.*

Other Mohawk Council Executive Decisions

None submitted

Chief & Council Updates

Christine Zachary-Deom reported on this past Saturday's ceremony to rename a Montreal/Outremont park *Tiohtià:ke Otsira'kéhne*. Representatives from Akwesasne and Kanesatake also attended the event on Mt. Royal.

Gina Deer provided updates on various Gaming topics and the Mt. Kaaikop issue.

Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer requested direction be given on correspondence received regarding housing issue, which was then discussed. The issue will be dealt with using the existing processes.

Kenneth McComber provided an update on the Scouts Canada request to hold an event in Kahnawà:ke next year. A working group will be created; meanwhile, other



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due diligence must take place before a definitive answer can be provided. A one-month delay is being requested in order to accomplish this.

Joe Norton provided a lengthy report on several meetings held last week in Ottawa. First, he updated on the follow-up meeting on the potential creation of a Kahnawà:ke-based data center to address certain issues regarding Murdered & Missing Women and children at risk. The second was with representatives of Federal Minister of Justice Jody Wilson-Raybould, with the third regarding a meeting with Federal Minister of Indigenous Affairs Carolyn Bennett's Quebec Regional Affairs Advisor. He then provided an update on his presentation last Thursday in front of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs in regard to Canada's upcoming amendments to the *Indian Act* related to Indian registration (Bill S-3). More information will be provided to the community on these developments.

Billy Diabo updated the table on recent meetings with various Border officials. He also reported that there is a potential presentation to Kahnawà:ke forthcoming by the Canada Border Services Agency.

Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated Chief & Council on her participation in last week's Collective Impact 'Neighborhoods: the Heart of Community, Mobilizing for Impact' conference held in Montreal.

Rhonda Kirby announced that a letter is forthcoming from Revenu-Québec that is expected to inform MCK that a solution has been found regarding the Releve-31 Income Tax impasse. The community shall be kept up to date on developments.

Rhonda Kirby also reminded the table that the Technical Survey portion of the Community Consultations on Legal Cannabis is starting today (June 12).

Meeting was closed at 12:03pm