



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 13 Kentenhkó:wa/November 2017

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (Chairperson until 9:30am and from 1:38 to 2:33pm), Joe Norton (arrived from Medical appointment, Chairperson from 9:30am until 11:57am), Rhonda Kirby, Arlene Jacobs, Clinton Phillips (morning session only, attending previously scheduled meeting in the afternoon), Christine Zachary-Deom, Gina Deer, Martin Leborgne, Kenneth McComber, and Bobby Patton

Out: Billy Diabo (Vacation) and Carl Horn (Wellness Day)

Also Present: Trina Diabo-Jacobs (Council Meeting Administrator), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), (Alana Goodleaf-Rice (Executive Director), Dwaine White (General Manager, Office of the Council of Chiefs) and Joe Delaronde (Political Press Attaché)

House Keeping

- Cheque signers for the week: Arlene Jacobs & Kenneth McComber
- Travel requests for Bobby Patton (Iroquois Caucus planning meeting on November 24th in Ottawa) and Gina Deer (Iroquois Caucus & Assembly of First Nations Special Chiefs' Assembly in Ottawa in early December). Both approved
- **Arlene Jacobs:** Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations Sectoral meeting on Wednesday and Debriefing meeting on Friday
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Kahnawake Shakotia'takehnhas Community Services board meeting and Women's Meeting planning on Monday; Collective Impact meeting and Women's Meeting on Wednesday
- **Clinton Phillips:** JFK Quarry Restoration meeting on Monday; Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations Sectoral meeting on Wednesday (and debriefing on Friday); Tiowero:ton Committee meeting; Vacation from Monday November 20 to Monday November 27, returning on November 28th
- **Gina Deer:** Mohawk Online board meeting on Tuesday; Electronic Gaming Devices meeting on Wednesday
- **Christine Zachary-Deom:** attending World Diabetes Day event on Tuesday; attending Maritime Strategy and Justice Commission meetings on Thursday
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Language & Culture Mapping project meeting on Monday; attending Montreal Museum of Fine Arts event on Tuesday; Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations Sectoral meeting on Wednesday and debriefing on Friday; Language & Culture meeting on Friday
- **Bobby Patton:** meeting on Social Assistance on Wednesday; Justice Commission meeting on Thursday
- **Martin Leborgne:** meeting on Housing issue on Monday
- **Joe Norton:** attending BlackBerry Security Summit in New York City from Tuesday to Thursday

Formal Agenda Items

Request for Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Transfer of Kanién'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke Member to the Aroland First Nation

Presence of Shari Lahache. Request made by Frances Hakatkaiatitake Poppy Mayo to transfer from the federal Kahnawake Band List to the Aroland First Nation List. Ms. Mayo will remain on the *Kanién'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke Registry* for the present time. Passed unanimously

Request for Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Mandate to Create Development Fund and Establish Interim Committee

Presence of Kyle Delisle, David Montour, Greg Horn & Frank McComber (Tewatohnhi'saktha), Paul Rice (MCK Executive Financial Officer), and Franklin Williams. Joint request by the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke and Tewatohnhi'saktha for a Mandate to empower an Interim Investment Committee for a period of six (6) months to segregate certain funds for the purposes of revenue generation and preservation of capital for long-term financial security of the community. The Interim Investment Committee will be responsible for the creation and finalization of the working governance documents of these monies, and will return to Chief & Council within six (6) months to finalize the relevant documents (or obtain another six-month interim appointment). The following individuals are hereby appointed to the Interim Investment Committee: Joseph Tokwiro Norton, Gina Deer & Paul Rice (representing the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke); David Montour, Greg Horn & Kyle Delisle (representing Tewatohnhi'saktha), and Franklin Williams (independent appointee). Passed unanimously



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Discussions/Updates

- Clinton Phillips asked for and received approval to send a letter to Indigenous Affairs Minister Carolyn Bennett to rescind previous Minister Bernard Valcourt's letter in which he indicated that the *Kahnawà:ke Family Homes Law* did not meet his approval
- Discussion regarding hunting issues. Letter received from Listuguj Chief & Council informing Kahnawà:ke that a moratorium has been placed on hunting on their territory. Grand Chief Norton and Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer will handle this issue on behalf of the table. Community will be informed immediately (see press release dated November 14, 2017)
- Update/discussion on Canada's plan to amend the *Indian Act* and the potential impacts. Concern that Indigenous people are not being consulted on the proposed changes, which is completely unacceptable. Action plan is being developed. Community will be informed via press release and other means
- Rhonda Kirby informed the table of upcoming meeting on the Kahnawà:ke Health Professionals Law on November 30th. Also provided brief updated on issues relating to the Kahnawà:ke Labor Office
- Discussion ensued regarding the policies and costs related to drug testing of the type that Chief & Council undergo at the beginning of each term
- Gina Deer advised the table that a position paper is being developed by the Cannabis Working Group and should be presented to Chief & Council shortly
- Bobby Patton provided a brief update on the progress of Alcoholic Beverages Control Board regarding draft regulations, which will be brought to Chief & Council for discussion in the near future
- Christine Zachary-Deom provided an update on the Consultation file
- Meeting adjourned at 11:57am, reconvened at 1:38pm and closed at 2:33pm