



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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### **Monday, 28 Seskehkó:wa/September 2015**

**In:** Ratitsénhaienhs Joe Norton, Rhonda Kirby, Clinton Phillips, Gina Deer, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Martin Leborgne, Christine Zachary-Deom, Carl Horn, Kenneth McComber, Billy Diabo, Arlene Jacobs, Bobby Patton (all present)

**Also Present:** Trina Diabo Jacobs (recorder), Dwaine White (General Manager, Office of the Council of Chiefs), Alana Goodleaf-Rice (Executive Director)

#### **House Keeping**

- Gina Deer: tobacco meeting with Peggy Mayo-Standup on Monday; Community Decision Making Process (CDMP) tobacco hearing on Tuesday; meeting regarding Mt. Kaaikop forestry issue (this week, date tentative)
- Martin Leborgne: CDMP hearing on Tuesday
- Kenneth McComber: meeting regarding St. Lawrence Seaway on Thursday
- Billy Diabo: Onkwata'karitáhtshera meeting on Thursday; half-day Friday
- Bobby Patton: CDMP hearing on Tuesday
- Rhonda Kirby: meeting on social policy on Monday; interview with Michael Dell (Walk In My World television program) on Tuesday
- Arlene Jacobs: Membership meeting Tuesday; Kanien'kéha class Monday and Wednesday afternoons
- Christine Zachary-Deom: request for travel on Iroquoian Ethnicity Project October 15-17, accepted
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer: in New Hampshire from Monday to Wednesday for language/culture purposes; Kahnawake Youth Center board meeting on Thursday; attending Harvest Festival at Mohawk Trail on Friday
- Joe Norton: announced that Mike O'Brien will not carry on as Chief of Staff of the Office of the Council of Chiefs and will transfer to the position of Director of the new Labor Office, transition plan to be determined; Assembly of First Nations of Quebec & Labrador (AFNQL) special chiefs meeting Wednesday; attending environmental meeting regarding St. Lawrence River on Tuesday; awaiting confirmation this week of meeting with Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard
- Minutes acceptance for August 24, 2015 and September 14, 2015. Passed unanimously
- Inauguration of new Anna Laberge Centre de Santé Desjardins opening event on October 3, 2015. Gina Deer to attend on behalf of MCK

#### **Formal Agenda Items**

##### **Discussion: Response to Local Contractor Letter**

*Presence of Thomas Sky, Kevin Kennedy.* Discussion on policies used to select contractors. Issue addressed, all policies followed. Fully supported by Chief & Council. Complainant will be advised.

##### **Discussion: Membership**

*Presence of Alexis Shackleton, Rose-Ann Morris (Membership Department), Marylee Armstrong (Legal Services), Neil McComber (Communications).* Issue added to agenda in response to suggestions/concerns from Community Group in support of the Residency requirements of the *Kahnawà:ke Membership Law*. As a result of discussion, Chiefs will renew efforts to meet with focus groups. Also: new Membership Diagram to be added to the Residency Page on the MCK website for information and discussion purposes.

##### **Discussion: Day of Action**

Deferred. Issue will be discussed at AFNQL meeting on Wednesday.

##### **Discussion: Tawatohni'saktha Board Elections and Chief Executive Officer**

Deferred.

#### **Discussions/Updates**

- Kenneth McComber informed the table that a telecommunications safety consultant is available to meet with MCK representatives in mid-October. Follow-up needed to ensure funding is available to cover costs.
- Brief discussion on 'carbon tax' that is included in deliveries of propane and certain other fuels. Further action to be determined.
- Meeting was closed at 12:30pm.