

**TYENDINAGA MOHAWK COUNCIL MINUTES  
AUGUST 27, 2020**

A special meeting of the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council was held on Thursday, August 27, 2020 via Microsoft Teams video conferencing with the Tyendinaga COVID Response Team (TCRT) for an update on COVID-19.

Present: Chief R. Donald Maracle  
Councillors: Kelly Maracle, Josh Hill, Lynda Leween; Carl E. (Ted) Maracle;

Staff: Angela Maracle, A/Chief Administrative Officer; Shelley Bowden, Executive Administrative Assistant; Lisa Maracle, Director of Community Services; Susan Barberstock, Director of Community Wellbeing; Tom Kring, Senior Housing Manager; Bryce McMurter, IT/Fibre; Scott Maracle, Fire Chief; Seizal Kapadia, Director of Finance;

Absent: David Souliere, CAO, due to illness;

Brittany Brant provided an update on the COVID-19 stats.

Discussion of moving to the next phase and the plans that will be implemented.

MOTION #1: Moved by Kelly Maracle, seconded by Josh Hill to approve the Mohawk Bus Line COVID-19 plan.

Carried.

MOTION #2: Moved by Josh Hill, seconded by Lynda Leween to implement the next phase of the plan to return to the office/workplace, community by appointment to attend the MBQ buildings by September 14, 2020.

Carried.

It has been brought to the attention of Council that the Indigenous Cannabis Cup is being scheduled for September 11 – 13, 2020.

MOTION #3: Moved by Kelly Maracle, seconded by Josh Hill that WHEREAS: the Tyendinaga Mohawks Council has been informed that the following event known as:

**INDIGENOUS CANNABIS CUP**, is being advertised and scheduled to be held on September 11-13, 2020 at Smoke Signals, 255 Hwy 49 on the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory.

WHEREAS: There is a current state of emergency as declared on March 17, 2020 by Tyendinaga Mohawk Council.

WHEREAS: There is a global pandemic known as COVID-19, which is a highly contagious virus transmitted from person to person.

WHEREAS: The people of Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory are at a higher risk of being seriously impacted by COVID-19.

WHEREAS: the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council does not support the gathering of large groups of people during the time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS: this event which historically is known to attract many participants to our community puts our community's health at great risk.

WHEREAS: The Tyendinaga Mohawk Council has requested the organizers to not proceed with this event.

WHEREAS: that the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council denounces the event known as "Indigenous Cannabis Cup 2020", and denies any authorization of any kind, for the event to take place at any location within the boundaries of the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council do not support any large gatherings in TYENDINAGA Mohawk Territory, especially those that draw visitors outside of the local region

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: that any and all participants, including but not limited to: volunteers, vendors, musicians, and ticketholders, will be deemed as trespassers on Mohawk land, and will be subject to removal by law enforcement.  
M.C.R. 2020/21-011.

Carried.

MOTION #4: Moved by Kelly Maracle, seconded Lynda Leween that this meeting be adjourned. (2:51 p.m.)

Carried.

Recorded by:  
Shelley Bowden  
Executive Administrative Assistant

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Chief R. Donald Maracle