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MCK announces Political Agenda, key Priorities

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(Kahnawake – 27, Enniska/February 2019) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke wishes to advise the community that the Political Agenda has been finalized for the 2018-2021 Council term.

The Agenda was announced at last night's Winter Community Meeting, along with the three (3) key priorities, the political & strategic direction on key portfolios, and the Seven Guiding Principles.

The Political Agenda will set a focus on protecting and asserting the rights and interests of the community and its members through the following three key priorities: 1) External Government Relations; 2) Membership; and 3) Social Supports.

Chief & Council have also established political and strategic direction for work on the following MCK portfolios: identity; governance; social affairs; economic development; legislation; and justice.

Finally, Chief & Council would like to advise the community that they will utilize Political Principles in the following areas to guide decision making on all matters: 1) self-determination & jurisdiction; 2) language, culture & identity; 3) unification; 4) self-sufficiency; 5) holistic supports & well-being; 6) environmental stewardship; and 7) responsible decision making.

"With the new processes we've created on the new portfolio structure, it took a little longer than usual to make these announcements," said Grand Chief Joseph Tokwiro Norton. "A lot of hard work and thought went into this, and I think it establishes goals and provides a roadmap to improve our effectiveness as a political body."

"With the recent election of Frank McComber, we're back to a full Council, so we can collectively roll up our sleeves and focus on the matters that are most important to the community," he concluded.

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