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Community Update: SSSL Negotiation Process

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(Kahnawá:ke – 4 , Tsothohrhkó:wa/January 2007) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke would like to update the community on the Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis (SSSL) negotiation process.

Grand Chief Michael Ahrírhon Delisle, Jr. recently met with Chief Federal Negotiator Marc Lalonde to discuss the status of the SSSL negotiation process. Several issues were on the agenda, including Kahnawá:ke's position that land is a necessity in order to settle this outstanding grievance.

Both negotiators concluded that an extension to the negotiation process would be agreeable. This means that discussions on the SSSL will continue until at least Tsothóhrha/December 2007.

"An extension will give us more time to consult with community members, as well as to further discuss with the Feds the need for inclusion of land in a settlement package," said Grand Chief Delisle. "Kahnawakeró:non have identified land as the most important element of any potential settlement offer and we will work towards getting what is rightfully ours."

In a letter to the Grand Chief, Mr. Lalonde confirms their discussions and the concerns raised by Kahnawake at their meeting held on 14, Tsothóhrha/December 2006.

Kahnawá:ke and Canada officially began SSSL negotiations in Kentenkhó:wa/ November 2005. At this time Canada has yet to make any official settlement proposal.

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