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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Extreme cold weather persists - keep your home prepared

(Kahnawake – 10, Enníska/February 2015) The Public Works Department of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke would like to remind homeowners to properly prepare their homes to avoid damages caused by the cold weather. With the sustained extreme cold temperatures, Public Works has been receiving many reports of freezing pipes from local residents.

Today (Tuesday) is the best day to prepare for this extreme weather, as temperatures are expected to fall as low as -28 degrees Celsius with the wind chill factor by evening.

For mobile and older homes with a crawl space; seal up cracks and crevices in the foundation and close up any cellar/crawl space windows. Install foam sleeves around water lines with heat tape and make sure it is plugged in and functioning properly. Ensure that the skirt under the mobile home is properly closed up.

For all homeowners, shut off the water supply to your outside taps and leave the outside valve open to drain out any water to prevent damage from freezing. If you have previously experienced any problems with frozen pipes after extreme cold, it is recommended that you leave a cold water tap trickling when the temperature drops to extreme lows.

For further information on preparing for the winter, visit the Emergency Preparedness page at www.kahnawake.com.

SUGGESTED INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEDIA

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