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## Tsi Nahóten Karihwanákere No'nenk - News Release

### Grand Chief's Chateauguay Chamber of Commerce Meeting a Success

#### For immediate release

**(Kahnawá:ke – 17 Enníska/February 2005)** Grand Chief Michael Ahríhron Delisle, Jr. was the guest of honor at the Chateauguay Chamber of Commerce luncheon held yesterday (Wednesday) at the Cage au Sports restaurant. The theme of the event was, "Building Bridges for a Prosperous Future."

The luncheon was sponsored by Mohawk Internet Technologies (MIT) and included members of the Chateauguay business community, Mayor Sergio Pavone and representatives for the Member of Parliament and Member of the National Assembly. Kahnawá:ke was represented by Tewatohni'saktha, MIT and the Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke.

In his speech the Grand Chief updated the audience on some of the initiatives that have been undertaken in the year since former chief Joe Norton's historic first meeting with the Chamber. Most notably, an official liaison committee between Kahnawá:ke and several local mayors has been set up and has begun meeting on an on-going basis.

As well, Chief Delisle asked that, as leaders in their community, they take time to remind their provincial and federal government representatives of the need to address Kahnawá:ke's concerns before small problems become larger ones – this in order to prevent instances in which this community's frustrations impact specifically (and somewhat unfairly) on Chateauguay.

Chief Delisle's speech was well received and both sides seemed genuinely pleased with the strides being made to create better relations. The event ended with an announcement of a special initiative geared towards the youth of both communities.

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