



Kahnawá:ke Ratítsénhaiens

Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke

P.O. Box 720 Kahnawá:ke Mohawk Territory JOL 1B0

Phone: (450) 632-7500 Fax: (450) 638-5958

Web Site: www.kahnawake.com E-mail: communications@mck.ca

Enhsakotò:kénhte Nitiotié:ren Tsi Ietsenhaiéntákhwa

Tsi Nahóten Karihwanákere No'nenk News Release

Lands dispute settled

For immediate release

(Kahnawá:ke – 23, Enníska/February 2007) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke (MCK) announced that the lands known as the Roy Delaronde Sub-Division, which have been impacted by a long-standing dispute with both Hydro Quebec and the Department of Indian Affairs (INAC), can now be officially allotted to community members.

A Hydro line runs through the area. The MCK has claimed the land for housing allotments. However, the Hydro line prevented further development and has resulted in a long wait for the community members in the area to have their properties officially allotted to them.

Until now, no Certificates of Possession could be issued for the eight (8) affected allotments.

The MCK conducted a field survey and presented the results – and a plan – to Natural Resources Canada and INAC. It has taken two years to have this plan approved due to issues surrounding the Hydro line as well as INAC's contention that the line constituted a boundary to reserve land.

The MCK received a letter earlier this week from INAC approving the plan. As a result, the MCK's Housing Department will be notified; processing of the Certificates of Possession should begin shortly thereafter.

"This is important news," said Grand Chief Michael Ahrírhon Delisle, Jr. "The Lands Unit should be commended on the excellent work they've done, especially in the past couple of years, on this complicated file. "

-30-

For more information, please contact:
Joe Delaronde, Political Press Attaché
Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke
(450) 632-7500 ext. 251