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Mohawk Council of Kahnawake puts all non-essential services ON HOLD during pandemic

For Immediate Release

(Kahnawake – 18, Enniskó:wa/March 2020) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) is advising the community that, as directed by the COVID-19 Task Force, all non-essential services are being put on hold during the pandemic, effective immediately.

Those departments/units that will remain open may do so at reduced capacity. The following services that directly impact the public will maintain operations, as follows:

- **Public Safety** – essential service, on call 24/7 (along with Peacekeepers and Kahnawà:ke Fire Brigade). Please note that on-call Animal Protection services will be maintained
- **Office of the Council of Chiefs** – reduced staff
- **Reception & Bill Payment Services** – these services will be reduced and limited
- **Public Relations** – full staff, on call
- **Client-Based Services** – measures will be implemented to assist community members who access services (i.e. Social Assistance clients); act as community resource for those who don't qualify for Employment Insurance benefits. **Note:** *please see press release dated March 18 for details*
- **Housing** – Client Intake, on-call services for repairs and maintenance of Social Housing units; ensuring current RRAP and Repair Loan contracts are attended to
- **Recycling/garbage Pick-up** – garbage pick-up, Minimax recycling truck, and compost collection operating as usual; transfer depot remains operational; Please note that there will be no Special Collections taking place until further notice – Important: *please refrain from placing any cardboard in the large blue recycling bins during this time*
- **Public Works** – Water & Sewer remain on 24/7 basis; road maintenance and heavy equipment as needed
- **Capital** – Administration and engineering services, as needed
- **Lands** – Tioweró:ton caretaker services remain on 24/7 basis
- **Labor Office** – MSI claims, premiums/coverage will continue to be processed; employee resource regarding benefits if Covid-19 is contracted
- **Justice Services** – ticket payment/warrants: to be determined

It is probable that other changes will be implemented in the future, as deemed necessary. The MCK appreciates everyone's patience as we all work together to maintain our health and safety during this challenging time.