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MCK Budget Released

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Today, the Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke released its 2008/2009 Budget to the Community at a Press Conference held at the MCK Main Building.

This year's MCK Budget is slightly lower than last year, at just under \$45 million.

Despite slightly lowering the overall budget, the MCK is proud to hi-light nearly \$2 million dollars in major investments to Kahnawá:ke's long-term Social Prosperity. In addition to contributions to the Kanienkehaka Onkwawenna Raotitiohkwa (\$350,000), Kahnawake Youth Center (\$125,000) and the Kahnawake Fire Brigade (\$275,000), which also benefited last year, new initiatives this year which fall into this category include the new Kahnawake Survival School's Water & Sewer system (\$220,000), renovations to the new Kahnawake Library (\$210,000), the Kahnawake Recreation Path (\$200,000) and the Kahnawake Lacrosse Rink (\$150,000). These contributions are part of the \$44.8 million dollar budget. Many new initiatives within MCK Operations were not met.

"Though this is my first MCK Budget released to the Community, I am proud to say that we have followed the strict guidelines my predecessors have put into place. Tight financial controls and accountability are the foundation for this budget. I am very proud of the Directors and Chief & Council for being able to meet Community needs with limited resources", said Director of Financial Services, Marcy Delisle.

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