

# Michael Sky, Electoral Officer

## 2012 Casino Project Referendum

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## NEWS RELEASE

### Electoral Officer issues statement re: petition

#### **For immediate release**

**(Kahnawake – 20, Onerahtókha/April, 2012)** Electoral Officer Michael Sky was officially handed a petition today (April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012) requesting that the referendum for the Kahnawà:ke Casino Project be ceased until further notice.

The petition reads:

*The signatures below, hereby request the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke and the Electoral Officer Michael Sky to cease actions on the upcoming referendum for a Land Based Casino on April 28, 2012 until further notice.*

As a result, the Electoral Officer is issuing the following statement:

*It would have to be extraordinary circumstances that would cause me to cease the referendum until further notice. I've examined the petition and counted only 199 signatures that I consider to be valid. I don't consider this number sufficient to terminate the vote. I am announcing that I will not be ceasing the referendum process and it will go on as stated.*

Referendum Day will be Saturday, April 28, 2012 with voting to take place between the hours of 9am to 6pm at Kateri School. A special poll (advance poll) will be held tomorrow on Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 2pm to 4pm, also at Kateri School.

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