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News Release

MCK mourns the passing of Tom Morris

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(Kahnawake – 4, Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2015) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) is mourning the passing of long-time employee Tom Morris, who passed away yesterday.

He served the community for nearly forty years, starting his career with the MCK in 1975. He held various positions through the years, including the demanding roles of Band Manager, Operations Manager and Executive Director. He retired in January 2014.

"Tom was a very special man – and he was my mentor," said Executive Director Alana Goodleaf-Rice. "He played an instrumental role in the evolution of the MCK as a self-managed organization, as we moved away from the dictates of the Department of Indian Affairs. While we acknowledge and appreciate the work he did in his various jobs, I will personally miss the Tom Morris who would sometimes send enthusiastic emails in the middle of the night with an idea or suggestion to improve the way we did things. He was a man of dedication, loyalty and good humor."

"On behalf of Chief & Council and the entire MCK family, we offer our sincerest condolences to his wife Debbie; his children Craig, Sue Ann, Ashley and Brett; his brothers Jim, Peter and Bud; his grandchildren and his many friends and former colleagues," said Grand Chief Michael Ahríhron Delisle, Jr. "His positive impact over the past forty years is immeasurable."

Those wishing to pay their respects may do so at the Poissant & Deer Funeral Home beginning at 6pm this evening. He will be laid to rest at the Kahnawà:ke Protestant Cemetery on Wednesday, May 6th at 2pm.

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