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MCK Governance Project needs your input

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(Kahnawake – 6, Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2020) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) is requesting community input into the MCK Governance Project; more specifically, the current phase of the Project (regarding the accountability framework and guiding questions) will end on Saturday, May 16, 2020. After that deadline, the Project team of Gerald Taiiaike Alfred and Jessica Lazare will consolidate the information gathered throughout the previous engagement sessions.

The Governance Project is an ongoing initiative that was created to review and strengthen the effectiveness and accountability of the elected Council of Chiefs. It focuses on the current policies, regulations, legislation, and other governance documents. The main goal is to provide new and enhanced systems and structures for the functioning of the Council of Chiefs and assist in rebuilding relations between the leadership of the MCK and community members, ensuring an accountable, sound and responsible government for the community of Kahnawà:ke.

“This project is important and exciting at the same time,” said Ietsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawé Sky-Deer. “It gives people the opportunity to discuss their thoughts about the MCK, Council Chiefs accountability, and to provide input for changes or development on documents that guide how the table governs itself.”

“This is considered Phase 2 of the project,” she continued. “A more comprehensive community engagement is in the process of being developed – to be deemed Phase 3 – that will look at the bigger picture of Governance in Kahnawà:ke, which will most likely commence at some point in 2021.”

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