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INAC Secure Certificate of Indian Status Cards application process starts June 6th

(Kahnawake – 16, Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2011) The Social Development Unit of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke would like to inform the community that the processing of applications of the new Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) **Secure Certificates of Indian Status (SCIS)** will start Monday, June 6, 2011 at the INAC Kahnawà:ke Services Center located across from the Kateri Memorial Hospital.

Two types of Secure Certificates will be available: an updated version of the existing cards for only benefits and tax exemption; or, one that can be used for benefits, tax exemption and border crossing. Both can be applied for by appointment only by calling 450-638-1372. This will be an ongoing process.

Community members are urged to please have their current Status Card, along with a second piece of photo identification and original long form birth certificate on hand at their appointment. Also, please be sure that birth certificates match up (Kanien'kéha names, etc.) with what is written on your current Status Card.

Regardless where applicants currently reside (off Territory, U.S., etc.) individuals should start gathering the documentation required to apply now. Further detailed information can be found on the INAC website under [application information](http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca) (www.ainc-inac.gc.ca).

The Social Development Unit will continue to issue the current version of the Status Card until September 5, 2011. It is strongly recommend that everyone apply for this new and improved card as the old version will eventually be phased out.

For further information please contact INAC Officer Bryan Diabo at 450-638-1372 or Interim Membership Registrar Rodney Thomas at 450-638-0500.

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