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Kahnawá:ke warns Quebec on Highway 30

For immediate release

(Kahnawá:ke – 30, Onerahokó:wa/May 2005) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke (MCK) is sending a letter to the Québec government demanding immediate action in regard to its mishandling of the consultation process for the Highway 30 project.

The government has continuously ignored the requests of the MCK to be properly notified and consulted on this project. Highway 30 runs through the heart of the Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis, in which Kahnawá:ke has outstanding land related issues with the Crown.

“The relationship between our respective governments has been strained for some time and, now, it is apparent by their actions that they prefer to act in a manner that both insults and disrespects us,” said Grand Chief Michael Delisle, Jr. “That is a dangerous path to tread.”

In the recent decision in *Haida v. British Columbia (Ministry of Forests)*, the Supreme Court of Canada unequivocally concluded that it is the government’s legal and moral duty to consult and accommodate Aboriginal Peoples prior to making decisions that might adversely affect their asserted Aboriginal interests.

The MCK expects that the government will take immediate measures to rectify its approach. Should it fail to do so, the MCK reserves its right to take any appropriate action for the respect and protection of its traditional territory.

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