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MCK letter to Quebec re: Mercier Bridge

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(Kahnawá:ke – 14, Ohiarí:ha/June 2007) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke (MCK) has sent a letter to high-ranking Quebec government officials in regard to the situation regarding the pending major repair work on the Mercier Bridge.

At this time, no agreements have been signed and work has yet to begin.

“The community is well aware that there are unsettled issues in terms of jurisdiction and worker compensation programs,” said Grand Chief Michael Ahrírhon Delisle, Jr. “In our letter, we are inviting Quebec to commit to a process to resolve outstanding disputes in order to allow for the reparation work to begin.”

Recipients of the letter include Native Affairs Minister Benoit Pelletier, Minister of Labor David Whissell and Minister of Transport Julie Boulet.

It is generally acknowledged locally that the bridge is in a serious state of disrepair and that work needs to commence as soon as possible.

The first phase is tentatively scheduled to begin this summer.

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