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Grand Chief congratulates Bonspille

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(Kahnawá:ke – 27, Ohiarí:ha/June 2005) Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke Grand Chief Michael Ahríhron Delisle, Jr. has sent a letter of congratulations to newly elected Kanesatake Grand Chief Steven Bonspille.

Bonspille defeated incumbent James Gabriel by 31 votes on Saturday, 25 Ohiarí:ha/June.

In part, the letter reads:

“Now, more than ever, your skills as leaders will be put to the test as you begin the task of rebuilding the community’s confidence in its government. You will be called upon to exhibit patience, vision and respect for our traditions and those with an opposing view. Your pledge to consult with the community on all major decisions is most admirable. May your time in office be distinguished by a willingness to work with all Kanesatakeronon.”

Chief Delisle has invited Chief Bonspille for an informal meeting in order to re-establish the lines of communications between the two communities.

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