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MCK congratulates Mohawk Bridge Consortium on early Blitz completion

For Immediate Release

(Kahnawake – 11, Seskéha/August 2020) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke wishes to congratulate the Mohawk Bridge Consortium (MBC) on the early completion of the “Blitz” work on the Mercier Bridge and the reopen of all lanes early this morning.

The Blitz, which has been an annual summer occurrence for several years, is an intensive and essential maintenance project. In a business that – by its nature – often sees delays and cost overruns, the MBC has been a fine example of a company that has made it a priority to get the job done on time and on budget. The MBC Mercier Bridge work Blitz involves repairs taking place seven (7) days per week at 20 hours per day. Such work used to be spread out over the entire summer.

The Mercier Bridge is an old structure that is an important link to the South Shore, which has seen significant growth for many years. Due to its age, especially the original (Montreal-bound) span, the work to maintain it is continuous and on-going. The annual Blitz, while necessary, causes a great deal of inconvenience and frustration for the thousands of motorists who use it on a daily basis, including our own people. The fact that the work has been completed ahead of schedule means that the level of inconvenience and frustration has been diminished significantly. This is even more significant during this challenging time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It cannot be overstated that the early completion of the Blitz puts Kahnawà:ke in a positive light. It reminds the general population that Mohawk ironworkers continue to be a force to be reckoned with. This is something which we can all be proud of.

The MCK acknowledges the owners, management and workers of the Mohawk Bridge Consortium for a job well done!

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