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MCK has concerns over Highway 30

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(Kahnawá:ke – 31, Seskéha/August 2005) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke (MCK) will deliver a letter this afternoon outlining Kahnawá:ke's concerns at the Public Hearings being held on the Highway 30 project.

The MCK is concerned that upcoming work on the new section, which is to be built through farm land St. Constant, may cause environmental problems such as the flooding that took place on along Kahnawá:ke's eastern border adjacent to Highway 30. The area did not suffer flooding until the highway was built in the early 1990's.

Other concerns include possible increases in traffic through Kahnawá:ke and the need for Kahnawá:ke to be included in the economic benefits that could result from the building of the highway.

In the letter Grand Chief Michael Ahríhron Delisle, Jr. reminds BAPE (the agency holding the hearings) that Highway 30 runs through the Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis lands as well as Traditional Mohawk Territory and, as such, Kahnawá:ke will protect its interests.

The letter clarifies the MCK's position that their appearance at the hearings should in no way be misinterpreted as Kahnawá:ke's "official" participation in the consultation process and is without prejudice.

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