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## Tsi Nahóten Karihwanákere No'nenk News Release

### **New Community Decision-Making Process**

#### **For immediate release**

**(Kahnawá:ke – 11, Seskehkó:wa/September 2007)** The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke (MCK) announced that it has received its first request to move forward with new legislation using the new community decision making process that was announced in Onerahtókha/April of this year. It is designed to ensure community input in both the creation and passage or amendment of any Kahnawá:ke legislation.

At their meeting on Monday, 10 Seskehkó:wa/September, Chief and Council affirmed that the proposed *Kahnawá:ke Occupational Safety and Health Act*, which was submitted by the MCK's Social Development Unit, may be the first piece of potential legislation to go through the Interim Legislative Coordinating Committee. The proposed *Act* relates to Mohawk Self-Insurance.

"The community has consistently told Chief and Council that the people need to be more involved in making our laws," said Chief John Dee Delormier, a member of the team entrusted to coordinate the process. "This could be the beginning of a new era in Kahnawá:ke."

The new process will see community involvement at every level. Importantly, Chief and Council will not lead the process but will be involved throughout.

"Make no mistake, there's a tremendous amount of work to be done," added Chief Delormier. "The community should be prepared to receive a great deal of information."

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