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Child/Spousal Support Breakthrough

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(Kahnawá:ke – 19, Seskehkó:wa/September 2005) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke (MCK) announced it has implemented a system with its employees who owe child/spousal support payments whereby a portion of the employee's wages would be garnished – then sent directly to the former spouse.

This displaces Quebec's *Act Facilitating the Payment of Support* legislation, which requires that all child and spousal support be seized from an employee's salary and sent through to Revenue Quebec who, in turn, sends the child or spousal support payment to the ex-spouse.

The MCK's system requires the approval of both the employees and his/her ex-spouse. According to all involved, this system has proven itself to be more efficient, reliable, faster and less costly than Quebec's process.

"The MCK will attempt to take advantage of this matter to re-open negotiations with Quebec on the issue of child and spousal support," said Grand Chief Michael Ahríhron Delisle, Jr. "It's time for the province to recognize the MCK's system and, ultimately, recognize Kahnawá:ke's jurisdiction over this matter."

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