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Chiefs Leborgne, Patton to meet with Enbridge officials

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(Kahnawake – 24, Seskehkó:wa/September 2013) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) would like to inform the community that Chiefs Martin Leborgne and Bob Patton will be in Hamilton, Ontario tomorrow (Wednesday) to meet with officials from Enbridge, Inc., a major Canadian pipeline company.

Chiefs Leborgne and Patton have been working on the Enbridge file through the Iroquois Caucus.

“The meeting was organized in order to discuss Kahnawà:ke’s concerns regarding Enbridge’s plan to reverse and increase the flow through the pipeline, as well as to allow transportation of heavy crude oil,” said Chief Patton. “We are hoping to obtain a concrete commitment from the company to address the community’s concerns, as identified in the MCK’s submission to the National Energy Board. Our ultimate goal is to gain commitments from Enbridge regardless of whether or not they gain regulatory approval for their proposal.”

The National Energy Board will be conducting formal hearings regarding the planned project in several locations. The section of the pipeline in question is located between North Westover, Ontario and Montreal. The MCK has been granted intervener status in the hearings, which are taking place in two weeks. Environment Portfolio Chief Clinton Phillips will make the presentation on behalf of Kahnawà:ke.

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