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## Tsi Nahóten Karihwanákere No'nenk News Release

### KLCC plans to shorten process for creating/amending certain laws

#### For immediate release

**(Kahnawake – 25, Kenténha/October 2012)** The Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission (KLCC) would like to inform Kahnawà:kehró:non that the process for creating or amending certain laws has been reduced to two hearings from the original three. The change is in response to community members who had expressed a desire for the Community Decision Making Process to be shortened.

The changes, which were given preliminary approval by Chief & Council, are being made for laws that are generally regulatory in nature, which use the 'Type II' process. For better efficiency, the community and stakeholder consultations will be held at the front end of the process.

Laws of general application that use the 'Type I' process will not be affected. An example of a 'Type I' is the current *Kahnawà:ke Justice Act*, while the *Sanitary Conditions Law* is an example of legislation that utilized the 'Type II' process.

The community is being asked to give feedback on these changes before they are formally adopted.

"This is a grassroots process that continues to evolve," said KLCC Coordinator Kahente Horn-Miller. "The changes reflect the will of the people and should ensure that people's voices are heard, while being more efficient in addressing the time issues that have been a major concern."

Please note that members of the Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission will be on hand to answer questions about the above mentioned changes, and the Community Decision Making Process in general, at the Services Complex on Friday, 26 Kenténha/October from 8:30am to 4pm.

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