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Important Legislation in the works

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(Kahnawá:ke – 4, Tsothóhrha/December 2007) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke (MCK) wishes to inform the community that they have received a request from the Kahnawá:ke Justice Commission to develop a *Kahnawá:ke Judicial Act*.

In accordance with the new community decision making process, this request has been confirmed by Chief & Council as Type-I legislation. The Interim Legislative Coordinating Committee will now facilitate and coordinate an extensive information campaign so that the community may decide on the future of this request.

The Justice Commission had requested that consideration be given to the development of legislation that would empower a system of justice that would be able to resolve issues of a criminal, penal and civil nature relative to Kahnawá:ke or other laws that may be adopted or applicable within the Territory of Kahnawá:ke.

The proposed *Kahnawá:ke Judicial Act* could address the need for a forum to adequately and effectively decide on Kahnawá:ke laws enacted outside of the *Indian Act*.

“Simply put, this is one of the most important pieces of legislation to ever be put before the people of Kahnawá:ke,” said Grand Chief Michael Ahrírhon Delisle, Jr. “The future of all of our communal laws depends on our ability to adjudicate our laws in our own court.”

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