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Family Homes Law comes into force

For immediate release

(Kahnawake – 10, Tsothóhrha/December 2014) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) wishes to inform the community that the *Kahnawà:ke Family Homes and Matrimonial Property Law* (“Kahnawà:ke Family Homes Law”) has now officially ‘come into force’ following the passage of Mohawk Council Resolution (MCR) #2 / 2014-2015 at the duly convened Council Meeting held on Monday, 8 Tsothóhrha/December.

The MCR was approved by all twelve chiefs.

The *Kahnawà:ke Family Homes Law* was created to replace Canada’s S-2 ‘Matrimonial Real Interests’ legislation, which gave provincial courts the jurisdiction to adjudicate in the division of property when a marriage or common-law relationship ends. It is the first law to use the Urgent Process of the Community Decision Making Process (CDMP).

The *Kahnawà:ke Family Homes Law* will now be submitted to the Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission to ensure that it re-enters the regular CDMP within a year and a day of the law coming into force. It will also be sent to the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs & Northern Development Canada as a matter of notification that the Kahnawà:ke law is now officially in force.

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