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## Tsi Nahóten Karihwanákere No'nenk News Release

# Grand Chief, Seigneurie Chief Federal Negotiator send joint letter to Quebec

### For immediate release

**(Kahnawá:ke – 19, Tsothóhrha/December 2007)** The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke announced today that a letter has been sent to Quebec's Native Affairs department, the Secretariat aux affaires autochtones (SAA), to provide information to the Province regarding the Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis land grievance.

Last month, Quebec requested more information on the *Negotiation Protocol* signed between Canada and Kahnawá:ke in 2005. This letter provides an overview of the negotiation process and is signed jointly by Grand Chief Michael Ahrírhon Delisle, Jr. and John Lemieux, Chief Federal Negotiator for Canada.

The letter's basis comes from a discussion between Chief Delisle and Mr. Lemieux about the Chief Federal Negotiator's optimism of Quebec's participation.

"Quebec has not been formally involved in the discussions," said Chief Delisle. "It is hoped that we can provide the Province the necessary information so they can take the correct political position concerning the Seigneurie. They have a responsibility to deal with this grievance."

The *Negotiation Protocol*, which is non-binding and on a *without prejudice* basis, established guiding principles for the negotiation of a settlement of the 300-year-old grievance.

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