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Peacekeepers operational assessment update

For immediate release

(21, Tsothórha/December 2004) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke (MCK) wishes to update the community on its operational assessment of the Kahnawá:ke Peacekeepers. The assessment is being conducted internally and has been on-going since March of this year.

One of the major recommendations to come from the assessment is the formation of the *Peacekeepers Services Board* (PSB). It has been determined that there is the need to create a body that will link the Peacekeepers operation with the administration of the MCK while creating strong measures to prevent unwarranted political interference.

The PSB will consist of five members to be appointed by the MCK. As well, an MCK chief will sit as a non-voting liaison. Members of the Board will have to meet stringent criteria.

Chief and Council are in agreement that this should be pursued at the earliest possible date and have set a deadline of 1, Onerahtókha/April 2005 to have the PSB up and running.

Due to the nature of the Peacekeeper operations, the assessment process is expected to continue for several months. The Peacekeepers themselves have been an integral part of the process and will continue to have input.

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