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MCK approves certification process for workers, contractors for Kateri Hospital expansion project

For immediate release

(Kahnawake – 2, Onerahtókha/April 2015) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) wishes to advise the community that Chief & Council have approved the Terms of Reference for the Kahnawà:ke Labor Office and mandated said office to certify and recognize the competencies of workers and contractors for the purposes of qualifying to work on the Kateri Memorial Hospital Center (KMHC) expansion and renovation project.

A Mohawk Council Executive Directive was presented at the duly-convened Council Meeting held on Monday, March 30, 2015 to formalize the initiative. The motion was passed unanimously by all eleven Council Chiefs present.

“This is similar to the arrangement that was created to facilitate qualifications for work on the Mercier Bridge project,” said Labor Portfolio Chief Rhonda Kirby. “We have worked to create our own processes because we are working with outside entities and governments who have their own processes. Some of these processes are troublesome for local workers and contractors. For example, certification in English is held far less often than in French, which is a huge inconvenience.”

“Québec has agreed that we have the knowledge and ability to recognize the competencies of our workers and certify them if they are qualified, so we're very pleased that we've been able to work out these arrangements to help the workers,” she concluded.

Louis Stacey and Martin Morris have been designated by the MCK to provide these services for the KMHC project.

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