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## Tsi Nahóten Karihwanákere No'nenk News Release

### **MCK updates community on status of 'Membership lawsuit'**

#### **For immediate release**

**(Kahnawake – 30, Onerahtókha/April 2015)** The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) would like to inform the community regarding the status of the lawsuit brought to Québec Superior Court against the MCK in the matter of 'mixed couples' residing on the Territory in contravention of the *Kahnawà:ke Membership Law*.

Seven persons were part of the original notice sent to the MCK on 30, Kenténha/October 2014. Nine additional persons were added to the lawsuit as plaintiffs on or about 14, Tsothohrkó:wa/January 2015.

It is expected that the Communication of Defense and Communication of Exhibits Supporting the Defense at the Québec Superior Court will take place in July, with Presentation of Preliminary Exceptions in Opposition to the Defense scheduled for August. The actual trial is not expected to begin before 2017.

"We felt it was important to provide some information to community members who are feeling frustrated with a perceived lack of information on the lawsuit and movement on the overall issue," said Grand Chief Michael Ahríhron Delisle, Jr. "Chief & Council met this morning regarding Membership, and it was agreed that Kahnawa'kehró:non need to be updated. We can't give details on the litigation but we can at least provide some info on the expected timeline."

"Additionally, we are aware of the march being planned for this weekend by community members who are in support of the law," he continued. "As the MCK has stated consistently, we remind everyone to please remain peaceful and respectful. The Kahnawake Peacekeepers have assured the MCK and the community that they are aware and prepared to assist in maintaining peace and security as per their mandate."

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