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## Tsi Nahóten Karihwanákere No'nenk News Release

### MCK Chiefs to meet with Mohawk Trail Longhouse

#### For immediate release

**(Kahnawake – 3, Ohiarikhó:wa/ July 2015)** The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) would like to inform the community that MCK Chiefs will be meeting with representatives from the Mohawk Trail Longhouse tonight at 7pm to discuss the issues of Residency and Membership in order to determine how to proceed.

Part of five point plan announced in early June, Chief & Council have reached out to Traditional representatives to ensure that all leadership is engaged in the citizenship/Membership discussion.

“The goal of the plan is to engage the entire community in finding peaceful solutions to this issue, as well as confirming the will of the people regarding Membership and Residency,” said Membership Portfolio Chief Kahsennenhawe Sky Deer. “The views of Traditional bodies are equally important as the MCK so that we find a solution to meet the needs of all Kahnawa'kehró:non.”

Other components of the plan still to roll out include:

1. Public education package on Membership and its history
2. Education on the rationale behind Membership to external communities and media
3. Establish discussion forums with community on all aspects of the issue
4. Possibly conduct a referendum on the principle of non-Native residency
5. Assess the need to expedite the establishment of a separate Residency Law

The Mohawk Nation Office located on Route 207 has yet to respond to a request to meet.

“Now that elections are over, we can now hit the ground running to get this plan in motion,” continued Sky Deer.

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