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MCK Addresses Traffic and Public Safety Concerns

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(Kahnawake – 29, Kentenhkó:wa/November 2024) – The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) is taking proactive steps to address growing concerns over traffic and public safety in the community. The MCK, in collaboration with Public Safety, Public Works, and the Kahnawake Peacekeepers, are taking measures to mitigate the impacts of increased road traffic and enhance the safety of all Kahnawa'kehró:non.

"It's clear that there has been a dramatic increase in traffic on our roads, particularly with the number of housing development projects being implemented in our neighboring communities," said Ohén:ton Í:rate ne Ratitsénhaienhs Cody Diabo. "We are seeing the strain on our infrastructure and the impact on our daily lives. It's crucial that we take steps to ensure the safety and well-being of our community, and we are committed to exploring all possible solutions."

In addition to the approval of establishing a dedicated highway patrol division within the Kahnawake Peacekeepers and the recent change to school bus services on Route 207, some additional potential measures being considered to address traffic and public safety issues include:

- The possibility of implementing a photo radar system
- Banning trucks on certain roads during peak traffic hours
- Closing certain residential roads during peak traffic hours
- Implementing pace cars on certain roads during peak traffic hours
- Improved monitoring and traffic control measures
- Installing cameras and arms on school buses
- Assigning a Peacekeeper vehicle to accompany school buses to increase the safety of children
- The feasibility of a toll collection system

"We understand that this is a critical issue, and we are dedicated to working with our community, the Peacekeepers, and all relevant partners to ensure the safety of everyone in Kahnawà:ke," added Director of Public Safety Robyn Montour. "Our goal is to look into and implement measures that will make a tangible difference for our residents, and we are determined to move forward with an action plan that reflects the needs of the community."

Further updates will be provided as the feasibility of these new initiatives are determined. The MCK encourages residents to stay informed and engaged as work on this important file continues.