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Iroquois Caucus, Assembly of First Nations meetings next week

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(Kahnawake – 4, Tsothóhrha/December 2015) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) wishes to advise the community that Grand Chief Joseph Tokwiro Norton, along with Chiefs Clinton Phillips and Gina Deer, will be attending meetings next week in Gatineau, Quebec (just across from Ottawa).

Chiefs Phillips and Deer will be participating in the Iroquois Caucus meeting taking place on Monday. Agenda items include a presentation on Tobacco and summits being planned on education, language, economy, and taxation.

All three Chiefs will be attending the Assembly of First Nations Special Chiefs' Assembly from Tuesday through Thursday. Grand Chief Norton is also attending the Pre-Assembly strategy and dialogue sessions on Monday.

The theme of the three-day event is "*Shaping Our Future: Reconciliation, Rights, Relationships – Closing the Gap.*" The agenda includes a call to action regarding the implementation of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission's recommendations; the relationship and opportunities with the new Liberal government; nation building; environmental issues; and the revitalization of Indigenous languages. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has been invited and is expected to address the Chiefs at the start of the assembly.

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