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MCK attends AFN Special Chiefs Assembly

For immediate release

(Kahnawake – 10, Tsothóhrha/December 2024) – The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) wishes to update the community on the participation of its External Government Relations (EGR) delegation, composed of MCK Ratitsénhaienhs and technicians from the Office of the Council of Chiefs, at the recent Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Special Chiefs Assembly held in Ottawa, Ontario from December 3rd to 5th.

During the three-day gathering, the EGR delegation engaged with key federal officials, ministerial offices, and First Nations leaders from across the country. Kahnawà:ke's primary objectives were reinforcing jurisdictional rights, fostering collaboration, and championing policies rooted in community needs.

"Throughout the Assembly, we delivered assertive statements addressing sovereignty and historical accountability," said Ohén:ton Í:rate ne Ratitsénhaienhs Cody Diabo. "Kahnawà:ke's presence at the Assembly not only advanced our jurisdictional and political priorities but also laid the groundwork for continued collaboration."

<u>Click here</u> for a detailed report on the EGR's participation at the AFN Special Chiefs Assembly.

In alignment with its mandate, the EGR portfolio team, through its participation, monitored, protected, and defended Kahnawà:ke's interests against external threats and participated in negotiations with various sectors and agencies. In doing so, the EGR and MCK remain committed to protecting Indigenous rights, lands, and traditions while fostering meaningful partnerships with federal leaders and First Nations across the country.

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