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New Border Crossing information

For immediate release

(Kahnawá:ke – 13, Tsothóhrha/December 2007) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke (MCK) wishes to inform the community of an upcoming requirement when traveling to and through the United States.

As part of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI), all persons entering the United States by **land** or **water** will be required to present a government-issued photo ID. As of January 31, 2008, you will have to present your Native Status Card or driver's license and a birth certificate or citizenship card, **or** a valid passport. Those under the age of 18 must have a birth certificate.

"We are still waiting for the Department of Homeland Security to issue a Final Ruling on the passport issue," said Chief Mike Bush. "We expect DHS will announce a start date for passport requirements for border crossing early in the New Year. If no other form of ID is acceptable, this could come into effect next fall."

Residents without passports who drive over the border to take flights within the U.S. may also encounter some problems. Although a passport is required for International flights entering the U.S., airport security or airline personnel may ask travelers for a valid passport when boarding flights within the U.S. The MCK advises residents to call ahead before booking flights within the United States.

Anyone needing more information on developments on border crossing issues is asked to contact either Chief Mike Bush or Chief Martin Leborgne at 450-632-7500.

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