

Setting Priorities for Chief & Council

"The following survey has been compiled and will be presented to Chief and Council to assist in the setting of priorities for the 2006-2009 Term of Office.

To receive Community Members opinions the following system was used. Mark an x or check mark next to a maximum of 10 items, to indicate which you believe should be the Council's TOP priorities for the next three years. (We allowed the People to choose as many as they wished and gave them the opportunity to make comments and/or suggestions.)

273 Community Members have taken the time to fill out the survey. The results are as follows:

- 165 Border Crossing/ID Card Issues
- 140 Council Chiefs Accountability
 - Do Chiefs Need Better Knowledge of Their Files?
 - Create Standards for Procedures & Accountability
 - Accountability re: Board Participation
 - Presence of Chief & Council at Community Events
 - Behavior Needs to Improve
 - Roles & Responsibilities of Chiefs & Finance and Operations (FAO)
 - Develop an Ethics Committee for Council
 - Report on Portfolios Regularly to Community and Each Other (Chiefs)
 - Keep Track of Attendance of Portfolio Chiefs at Committee Meetings; Activity Reports
 - Improve Communication Between Chiefs
- 120 Community Protection
 - i.e. Sex Offenders
 - Drugs & Alcohol
- 119 Youth Involvement/Issues
 - Creation of Youth Council
 - Youth Mentoring – Develop Young Leaders
 - Youth Recreation
 - Encourage Kahnawa'kehró:non to Complete School – Get Higher Education
- 107 Dealing with Tobacco Trade/Industry Issues
- 103 Develop Ways for Improving Community Input
 - Create/Develop Structure for Listening to Elders
 - Improve Community Meetings
 - Create Community Suggestion Box for Chief and Council
 - Develop a System for Community to Arrive at Decisions (Referendum or Other)
 - New Community "Meeting Place" Building
 - 30-Day Process for Ratification of Laws – Is This Sufficient?
 - Create structure for Community Input
 - Real Consensus Building, Non-Adversarial

- Community Involvement in All Issues
- 100 Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis
- 97 Debate/Explore/Clarify Citizenship Versus Membership
- 92 Overall Quality of Life
- Social Development Issues i.e. cost of living, housing
 - Social Responsibility
 - Basic Needs for Disadvantaged Community Members
 - Respite Care for Parents of Special Needs Persons
- 89 Continue to Develop a Kahnawá:ke Justice System
- Creation of Kahnawá:ke Laws
- 85 Public Health & Safety
- 84 Language
- 83 Discuss/Define Treaty & Inherent Rights (Self-Government)
- Taxation Issues
 - Cutbacks on Funding for Medication
- 78 Childcare
- 77 Continue to Build/Develop Jurisdiction
- 75 Eligibility to run for Council/Electoral Reform
- Setting stronger Criteria to be a Chief like
 - Demonstration of Family Obligations (Home)
 - Physiological Testing a Must
 - Physical Testing & Severe Issues
- 72 Assessment/Development of Health Care in Kahnawá:ke
- 67 Youth/Family Violence
- 66 Move Towards Traditional Government
- 65 Environment Issues
- 65 Zoning/Land Usage Issues
- 64 Removal of Indian Act from Kahnawá:ke
- 61 Parental Responsibility
- 61 Increased Support for Arts & Music
- 60 Review Election Processes & Policies
- 59 Dog Law
- 58 Tewaohnisak'tha & MCK Relationship
- 58 Improve or Increase Cultural Education (including Language)

- Creating a Kahnawá:ke Museum
- 58 Re-establish Ties with Other Native Communities/Nations
- 57 Build/Develop Self-Sufficiency
- 53 Occupational Health & Safety (Tobacco)
- 54 Mohawk Values – Oral Not Written Traditions
- 47 Public Safety
- 46 Improve Communication to Community
- Transparency
 - Weekly Radio Open-Line Segment
- 46 Recreation
- 43 Increase access to Weekly Council Meetings
- Easier Process for Community Members to Attend Council Meetings
 - Release Council Meeting Agenda in Advance
 - Televising Council Meetings
- 41 Separate Chief & Council from Non-Political MCK Operations
- 40 Support of Library
- 39 Community inclusion/involvement in Economic Development
- 38 Alcohol Permits
- 38 Tewatohnisak'tha (Big Business/Small Business)
- Mohawk Internet Technologies
- 35 Elders Needs – i.e. Snow Removal, Grass Cutting, etc
- Increase Assistance for Elderly and/or Handicapped
- 34 Creation of Effective Community Link to Peacekeepers
- 33 Explore Ways To decrease Bureaucracy
- 32 Develop Ombudsman Office
- 32 Tourism
- 28 More Use of Cultural Symbols to Help Develop Community Pride
- 27 Develop/Utilize Two-Row Wampum Concept
- 21 Defining Roles of Men & Women
- 19 Highlighting Successes of Community Members
- 15 Development of Constitution (NOT Kaianere'kó:wa)
- 14 Discuss MCK's Acceptance (or Non Acceptance) of Community Board Decisions