



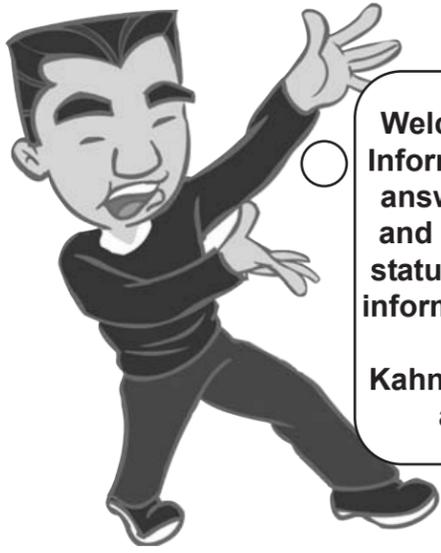
# MOHAWK COUNCIL OF KAHNAWAKE

Community Information Package

## 2003



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Hopefully this information package answers any questions that you might have for us at the Mohawk Council. If we have not answered your particular question you can find our contact info on page 3 of this information package.

-Nia:wenkowa



## Grand Chiefs Message

Another year has come and gone for the community and for the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake. During this year we have experienced some difficulties both politically and of a more personal nature; I would like to reflect on the positive and learn from the negative.

In this past year we have seen the changing of a government in Quebec with the victory of the Quebec Liberals and Jean Charest. It is very positive that the new Premier of Quebec has immediately come forward and expressed his desire to speak and settle old files and create new relationships with Native people. We will have to wait and see on his sincerity.

On the other hand the Federal Minister of Native Affairs has pretty much drawn a line in the sand...that line has Membership written in it. Regardless of this attitude, the Membership train continues to move along. The community reviewed the draft law for 30 days in February and suggested some changes. Some of these suggestions have been implemented within the draft law while others have not. The law now sits before the Council and it is hoped that - after many years of debate, consultation and 'blood, sweat & tears' - it will finally be implemented within the next couple of months.

I am proud to say that Mohawk Internet Technologies has prospered in spite of some negative publicity and will continue to grow and be one of the success stories to come out of the MCK. Other challenging and innovative business possibilities wait in the wings and will be introduced and tested soon.

One of the negative events to take place this year was the passing of Pat Apikan. Pat was a hard working and knowledgeable part of the MCK negotiating and research team that worked out of the Office of the Council of Chiefs. Pat's grasp of Federal and Provincial policies was crucial to the work of the OCC. He will be missed.

When all is said and done the past year was a pretty good one and the community continues to grow and prosper. I look forward to another great year and I hope it will be the same for all.

Grand Chief Joseph Tokwiro Norton



## Executive Director's Message

I am very pleased to present this annual report to you. As our clients, we continuously strive to improve and develop the services that you need. The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke is committed to ensuring that the highest quality of life for all Kahnawá:kehró:non is pursued.

This year's report has been geared towards you the client. We are hoping to answer some of the most frequently asked questions and provide you with a snap shot of what the Mohawk Council is all about. Who we are, what we do and how we provide the services you need.

In recent years the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake has grown immensely. We now have in excess of 250 employees and operate on a \$46 million annual budget. It is understandable that at times this "big machine" can get complicated and somewhat frustrating to the average client. Our focus for the upcoming year is to fine-tune our operations and to find ways to ensure that we can be as user friendly as possible. We are confident that with some effort and commitment this will be achieved.

As the governing body, the Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke is not only responsible for supplying services to the Community, it is also responsible for all governmental affairs including the control and management of community funds. I am proud to inform you that the Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke has once again produced a balanced budget and received a clean audited report. Within this report, you have been presented with an overview of our financial status.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge the staff and management of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke. As Community members themselves, they are very committed and dedicated to ensuring that Kahnawá:ke continues to grow and develop in a progressive and positive manner.

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Alana G. Rice  
Executive Director



# 2002-2004 Chief Portfolios

## Ratitsénhaienhs Joseph Tokwí:ro Norton

Canada/Kahnawake Relations (Lead)  
 Quebec/Kahnawake Relations (lead)  
 Mohawk Canada Roundtable (lead)  
 Specific Claims (lead, as needed)  
 Traditional Government  
 Tawatohnhí'saktha Economic Development Commission (chair)  
 Office of the Council of Chiefs (lead)  
 Executive Director's office (lead)



## Ratitsénhaienhs Michael Karonhí:io Bush

C/KR, Maintable  
 C/KR, New Subject Matters  
 Q/KR, New Relationship  
 Q/KR, Gaming/MIT  
 Q/KR, Consumer Goods & Services  
 Q/KR, Transport and User Fees  
 Q/KR, Policing  
 Q/KR, Economic Development  
 Q/KR, Administration of Justice  
 Mohawk Canada Roundtable, Firearms Working Group  
 Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis, Working Group  
 Specific Claims, St. Lawrence Seaway Authority  
 Traditional Government Working Group (Rotating Chair)  
 Justice (lead)  
 Justice Commission  
 Onkwata'karitáhtshera Health Commission  
 Tawatohnhí'saktha, Ad Hoc Law Amendment  
 Kahnawake Youth Center Board of Directors (alternate)  
 Community Protection (alternate)  
 Land Management (alternate)  
 Quarry Liaison



## Ratitsénhaienhs Michael Ahrírhon Delisle Jr.

C/KR, Maintable  
 C/KR, Communications/Consultation/Ratification  
 C/KR, Education/Language/Culture  
 C/KR, Economic Development  
 C/KR, New Matters  
 Q/KR, New Relationship (Maintable to be created)  
 Q/KR, Gaming/MIT  
 Q/KR, Consumer Goods & Services (tax)  
 Q/KR, Transport and User Fees  
 Tawatohnhí'saktha Economic Development Commission  
 Tawatohnhí'saktha, Ad Hoc Law Amendment  
 Kahnawake Education Center (lead)  
 Kahnawake Education Center,  
 Combined Schools Committee  
 Finance, Admin & H.R., Executive Committee  
 Q/KR, Combat Sports  
 Q/KR, Economic Development  
 St. Lawrence Seaway Authority, Specific Claims,  
 Traditional Government (rotating Chair)  
 Athletic Commission  
 Gaming Commission



## Ratitsénhaienhs Kaniatarí:io Jesse Gilbert

C/KR Economic Development  
 C/KR New Matters  
 Q/KR Combat Sports  
 Q/KR Economic Development  
 Nation Building  
 Seigneurie Sault St Louis  
 Gaming Commission  
 Social Development Committee  
 Emergency Preparedness Committee  
 Land Allotments  
 Tiowero:ton  
 Recreation (Lead)  
 Kahnawake Youth Center  
 Youth Council  
 North American Indigenous Games  
 Permits (Movies)  
 Surrounding Municipalities  
 National Affairs  
 Fair Wages & Conditions  
 Teionkwatenionhatie  
 Ad Hoc KEDC Law Amendment  
 Kahnawake Youth Center (Lead)



## Ratitsénhaienhs Tiorakwáthe Gilbert

C/KR Education/Language/Culture  
 C/KR Health  
 C/KR Membership  
 Q/KR Childcare  
 Border Crossing  
 Nation Building  
 Seigneurie Sault St Louis  
 Recreation  
 North American Indigenous Games  
 Kateri Hospital (Lead)  
 Combined Schools Committee  
 Kanienkehaka Onkwawenna Raotitiohkwa



## Ratitsénhaienhs Lindsay Skaniatará:ti LeBorgne

C/KR Lands  
 Seigneurie of Sault St Louis  
 Bell (Specific Claims)  
 Railways and Highways (Specific Claims)  
 Hydro (Specific Claims)  
 Communications Liaison Committee  
 Executive Committee  
 Land Management  
 North American Indigenous Games  
 Permits (Movies)  
 Surrounding Municipalities



## Ratitsénhaienhs Eugene Kahnekí:io Montour

C/KR, Maintable  
 C/KR, Membership  
 Q/KR, Petroleum/Tobacco/Alcohol  
 Q/KR, Births/Deaths/Marriages  
 Q/KR, Economic Development  
 Mohawk Canada Roundtable, Firearms Working Group  
 Mohawk Canada Roundtable, Nation Building  
 Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis  
 Specific Claims, Hydro  
 Specific Claims, Kanawaki  
 Traditional Government Working Group  
 Social Development, SDU Committee  
 Community Protection, Safety Committee  
 Planning & Development  
 Lands, Land Allotments  
 Lands, Environment  
 Lands, Tiowero:ton  
 Recreation  
 Capital, Water & Sewer Committee  
 Permit Liaison, Proof of Work (711)  
 Quarry Liaison  
 Kanawaki Complaints  
 Regional Affairs  
 National Affairs  
 Fair Wage & Conditions



## Ratitsénhaienhs Keith Kanenharò:ton Myiow

C/KR Lands  
 C/KR Economic Development  
 C/KR Membership  
 Q/KR Childcare  
 Q/KR Policing  
 Q/KR Administration of Justice  
 Firearms Working Group  
 Nation Building  
 Seigneurie Sault St Louis  
 Bell (Specific Claims)  
 Hydro (Specific Claims)  
 Kanawaki (Specific Claims)  
 Land Management (Alternate)  
 Environment  
 Youth Council  
 Water & Sewer Committee  
 Kanawaki Complaints  
 National Affairs  
 Fair Wage & Conditions  
 Teionkwatenionhatie  
 Kateri Hospital (Alternate)  
 Step By Step (Lead)  
 Kanienkehaka Onkwawenna Raotitiohkwa  
 Cultural Center  
 Traditional Government Working Group  
 Justice Commission  
 Athletic Commission  
 Communications Liaison Committee  
 Proof of Work (711)  
 Quarry Liaison (alternate)



## Ietsénhaienhs Arlene Kawennahá:wi Jacobs

C/KR Communications/Consultation/Ratification  
 C/KR Health  
 Q/KR Gaming/MIT  
 Q/KR Births/Deaths & Marriages  
 Surrounding Municipalities  
 National Affairs  
 Communications Liaison Committee  
 Executive Committee  
 Social Development  
 Emergency Preparedness Committee



## Ratitsénhaienhs Lloyd Oronhiakhéte Phillips

C/KR Health  
 C/KR Membership  
 Q/KR Petroleum/Alcohol/Tobacco  
 Q/KR Births/Deaths/Marriages  
 Q/KR Policing  
 Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis (Lead)  
 Communications Liaison Committee, Community Protection (Lead)  
 Emergency Preparedness Committee  
 Regional Affairs



## Ietsénhaienhs Peggy Kawinétha Mayo-Standup

C/KR Social Services  
 C/KR Membership  
 Q/KR New Relationship  
 Q/KR Petroleum/Tobacco/Alcohol  
 Q/KR Consumer Goods & Services  
 Q/KR Births/Deaths/Marriages  
 Q/KR Administration of Justice  
 Border Crossing  
 Kanawaki (Specific Claims)  
 Justice Commission  
 Executive Committee  
 Social Development (Lead)  
 KSCS (Lead)  
 Hawkers & Peddlers  
 Kanawaki Complaints  
 K103 Board of Directors



## Ratitsénhaienhs Melvin Wennió:te Zacharie

C/KR Lands  
 Q/KR Transport and User Fees  
 Seigneurie of Sault St Louis  
 Bell (Specific Claims)  
 Hydro (Specific Claims)  
 Railways & Highways (Specific Claims)  
 Traditional Government Working Group  
 Executive Committee  
 Safety Committee  
 Lands (Lead)  
 Tiowero:ton



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The main reception area of the Mohawk Council is a hub of activity. All incoming calls to 632-7500 are channeled through this main reception, and on an average day, they receive approximately 300 phone calls. With such a large volume of phone calls, not to mention the numerous visitors, it can get hectic. One way that the community can assist us, is by knowing the nature of your call, and whom we can direct your call to. This will ensure that your call is received in an efficient and timely manner. The offices of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke are open 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Telephone services are operational from 8:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m., Monday to Friday.



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The MCK's Holiday Schedule is approved at the beginning of each year. Offices are closed during these designated holidays. Emergency services are maintained, which include Water Filtration, Peacekeepers and Fire Brigade.

### MCK HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2003

Shateio'sherihen (Mid Winter)	Friday, February 14, 2003
Good Friday	Friday, April 18, 2003
Easter Monday	Monday, April 21, 2003
Tsi ni ieienthos (Planting Day)	Monday, May 19, 2003
1st of July	Friday, July 4, 2003
4th of July	Monday, July 7, 2003
Labour Day	Monday, September 1, 2003
Kaienthokwen (Harvest Day/Thanksgiving)	Monday, October 13, 2003
Full Day Christmas Eve	Wednesday, December 24, 2003
Christmas Day	Thursday, December 25, 2003
Boxing Day	Friday, December 26, 2003
Full Day New Years Eve	Wednesday, December 31, 2003
New Years Day	Thursday, January 1, 2004
Full Day after New Years	Friday, January 2, 2004

Another way that you can contact MCK employees is by e-mail. Each staff member of the MCK has an individual e-mail address. Generally, the address is comprised of the full first name of the individual and the first initial of their last name; with the extension @mck.ca. Example: Mary Diabo would be MaryD@mck.ca.

The following forms are available at reception:

1 Birth, Death Certificate Application Forms
2 Provincial Gas Tax Reimbursement Forms
3 Customs Forms

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## A

Do the Peacekeepers respond to house or car **alarms**?  
 Not automatically. Alarms hooked up to central companies (such as ADT, etc.) are referred to the Peacekeepers but otherwise, they'll only respond to an alarm if a personal call is made.  
 Call 632-6505. **Statistic: 99% of alarms are false.**

**Animal Protection** Contact John Deer at the Animal Protection Office - 635-5919.

How do I get an **appointment with a Chief**?  
 You may call Samantha Montour, Assistant to the Chiefs @ 632-7500, who can schedule a meeting.

**Apartment** (see **Multi Dwelling**).

**Arena** (see **Sports Complex**).

I believe my taxes have been wrongly **assessed**, what can I do?



John Latour, Legal Services Department can assist you. The client is requested to provide the tax assessment results and tax returns submitted to the revenue office for a review and analysis of the documents. Once the review is carried out the Taxation Assistance Office will determine and suggest to the client how to proceed.

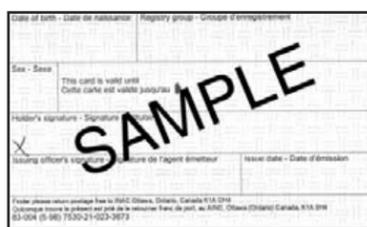
What is the law on **ATVs**?  
 There is no by-law in effect; at this time the Peacekeepers are enforcing the Highway Safety Code. The code states that ATV's can be driven on private property and designated trails.

## B

How do I get a **Band Card**?  
 No need to make an appointment. Just come to the main MCK building. The receptionist will direct you to the Membership Department, where they will verify if you are on the Mohawk Registry. If yes, you will be required to fill out an application form, sign a card and have your photo taken. Cards are ready within one week. You may either pick it up, or it will be mailed to you. If you are not on the Mohawk Registry, you will be referred to the 'Indian & Northern Affairs Lands & Trusts Services'.



Front View



Back View

At what age can I get a **Band Card**?  
 You may obtain your own band card at the age of 14 years. It will contain your personal information, you will only receive your own band number at the age of 18 years. However, until then you will use your parent's Band number.

How often do I have to get a new **Band Card**?  
 You should note that the cards now have expiry dates. An adults' card expires every five years, and a minor every two years. If your card doesn't have an expiry date, it is most likely outdated and you should come by the membership offices to obtain a new one. If your old card has only a 4-digit band number, you must re-new it to obtain the 10-digit band number (ex.: 0700999901). Expired or old cards should be returned to the membership department.



**Baseball**  
 (see **Registration**).

**Basketball**  
 Call Sports & Recreation at 638-2672 for contact information.

How do I get a **Bell** Telephone connection?  
 Contact Paul's Communication at 635-6147.

What do I do if my **bike** is stolen?  
 Call the Peacekeepers. 632-6505. You should register your bike with the Peacekeepers, free of charge. They will file your information, and should your bike be recovered, the serial number can be traced to you. Always keep your bicycles stored or locked up.

**Bike Path** (see **Recreation Path**).

**Bills** (see **Housing/Mortgage & Water**).

My correct name doesn't appear on my **Birth Certificate**?



Arlene Beauvais-Membership

If you received your Birth Certificate from the province of Quebec, and your name was misspelled, the Membership Department of the MCK can assist you in amending the errors. Many times, the records were written in French, and in the translation, misspellings often took place.

What is the **Black Book**?  
 It is an employment listing located at the main reception of Mohawk Council for laborers/workers seeking temporary, short-term employment. Potential candidates should come in and sign the book on a monthly basis as well as completing an MCK application form at least once a year. This will provide information as to the applicant's previous employment, relevant experience, training and education so that the manager can match an individual to the job. People wanting to be put on the Temp List for administrative/secretarial purposes should contact Human Resources to schedule an appointment and to complete required documentation.

How is **blood quantum** determined?

Back in the 1980's, research was conducted into the lineage of everyone on the Kahnawake membership list; percentages were assigned accordingly. Blood quantum is determined by taking half of the mother's percentage plus half of the father's blood quantum percentage. So if your mother is 100% and your father is 50%, then you will be 75%. (50% + 25%).

Can I request a letter to state my **blood quantum**?

The Membership Department can supply you with a letter for purposes of border crossing, Social Security, Pension, etc. Letters will only state that you are 50% or more. Since this is what the requirements are with the United States.



Can non-locals **boat** in our waters?

Just as cars utilize our highways, boats are entitled to use our waterways. Patrols are done by the Kahnawá:ke Conservation Officers to ensure the safety and security of our waters. For your information, Coast Guard boats are generally orange, and rescue boats are red.

For information call the Conservation Office at 632-4141

Randy Peterson-Conservation Officer

Where are our **boundaries**?

Check for a map of Kahnawá:ke on [www.kahnawake.com/lands](http://www.kahnawake.com/lands). Call the Lands Unit Office for specific boundaries.

**Bowling** (see **Registration**).

How do I get work on the Mercier **Bridge**?

Call the successful contractor. At times, they may refer to the MCK Black Book. (see **Black Book**)

**Brush/Bush Cutting**. (see **Tree Cutting**).

**Bus Lane** (see **Multi-purpose Lane**).

What is the school **bus schedule**?



School Bus Drivers meet and plan

It is the same as the end of the previous school year and gets refined during the first month of the new school year. Call the Town Garage for the latest one and call Kenny Cross if your child has since moved to a new home or is now going to a different school at 632-5825. The schedule tells you which bus to get on, what time and where.

School **bus rules**.

Kenny Cross and Dwayne Kirby are developing a set of rules.

Where can I get a copy of Kahnawá:ke **By-Laws**?

At this point in time, there is no compilation available. Copies can be obtained, upon written request, from the Legal Services Department.



What is the **CKR**?

CKR is the Canada Kahnawake Relations process to negotiate a government to government agreement, subject to Ratification by the community, which would gradually remove the jurisdiction and authority of the Indian Act over Kahnawake and replace it with community based authority and jurisdictions. The first four Draft sub-agreements of the CKR are:

- 1) Education, Mohawk Language and Culture;
- 2) Policing aspects of the Administration of Justice;
- 3) Membership; and
- 4) Kahnawake Lands.

A framework agreement, signed in December 1991, established the process and agenda for these continuing negotiations and the parameters of our discussions.

A draft CKR package, which include the four draft sub-agreements, has been released to the community for consultation since April 12th, 2001. Chief and Council will need to address/answer community questions, comments and concerns, before a final document can be placed before the community for Ratification. Anyone wishing information on this file should contact MCK Communication at 632-7500, or e-mail [communications@mck.ca](mailto:communications@mck.ca).

When are **cheques** prepared?

Those companies that conduct business with the MCK must submit a cheque request or invoice no later than Monday at noon. Cheques are prepared for Thursday of that week or based on the payment due date.

Can I get my **chimney** swept?

Contact the Kahnawá:ke Fire Brigade at 632-2010.

**Certificate of Indian Status** (see **Band Card**).

How do I get a certified **coach** for my child's team?

Call the Recreation Unit at 638-2672 and they'll research availability of coaches.

What types of **Coaching Certification** does the Sports & Recreation Unit offer?



Dave Canadian

Dave Canadian can register coaches for General Theory Level I & II. Individual sports have their own certification, which is practical and theoretical. Each sport has contacts to provide you with that information. The same situation applies to umpires and referees. Sports & Recreation Unit can assist with the planning if requested.

**Commissioner for Oaths** (see **Notarized**).

What is the **Community Protection Unit**?

It consists of 8 departments, that deal with the safety and well-being of our community, working together. They include Peacekeepers, Animal Protection, Conservation, Safety, Health, Firearms, Fire Brigade, Emergency Preparedness & Planning.

What should I do if I have a **complaint**?

The Mohawk Council has a Complaints Policy that ensures that complaints from clients are addressed and responded to in a prompt, efficient and fair manner. The intent of the policy is to resolve conflicts and/or complaints at an operational and administrative level. A complaint may be submitted by mail or fax to the attention of the Executive Director, by or e-mail to [complaints@mck.ca](mailto:complaints@mck.ca).

**Conservation Officers.** Call 632-4141.

**Construction.** (see **Housing Construction** or **Road Construction**)

When are **council meetings** held?

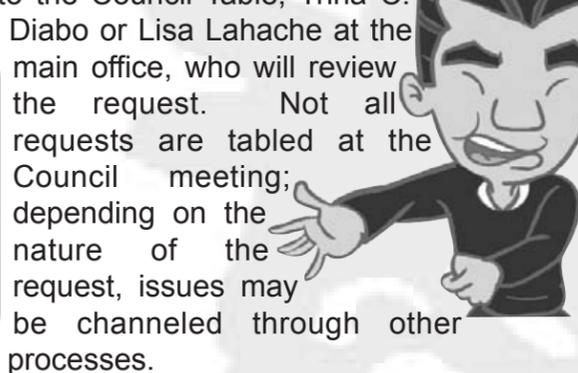
Weekly council meetings are held all day Monday and Tuesday and a half-day session Wednesday morning. Meetings may be re-scheduled due to holidays or lack of quorum (due to absences).

**How do I get an item on the weekly Council Meeting Agenda?**

Contact the Assistants to the Council Table, Trina C. Diabo or Lisa Lahache at the main office, who will review the request. Not all requests are tabled at the Council meeting; depending on the nature of the request, issues may be channeled through other processes.



*Trina C. Diabo-Assistant to the Council of Chiefs*



How can I obtain a copy of the **Council Meeting Minutes**?

You must make the request to Trina C. Diabo or Lisa Lahache who are the Assistants to the Council table. They will make them available for viewing only at the MCK. Copies of actual minutes are not made available; due to sensitivity and confidentiality issues, only those sections or specific agenda items requested can be viewed.

Why is the **creek flooding**?

The creek floods during the spring if the run-off is too great but usually, it's because of beaver dams and trees or brush blocking the waterway. Please notify MCK Technical Services of any beaver dams or other potential obstructions or creek flooding. 635-1016.

What is the **Crime Stoppers** hotline?

The Peacekeepers have a Hotline at 632-2802. If you have information on any illegal activities occurring within the territory, give them a call. Peacekeepers will investigate the calls.

What are you doing with your old or unused **culverts**?

They may be for sale or given away. Call the Capital Unit (635-1016) for availability.

Which side of the road do **curbs** go on?

Curbs are installed to improve drainage. Because water follows gravity, the lowest natural side of the road is where the curbs go.

# D

Does the MCK also register **Deaths, Marriages & Divorces**?

In order to register a **death** of a registered member, a family member of the deceased is required to submit a copy of the Death Certificate or Proof of Death to the Membership Department. It is especially important for registered off-reserve members to contact our office to register this event.



Who could give me **directions** to a sporting event outside Kahnawá:ke? Please call the Sports & Recreation Unit at 638-2672 and they can supply you with directions.

*Mackenzie Whyte,*

*Administrative Assistant, Sports and Recreation Unit*

What do I do if a neighbor is **disturbing the peace**?

Kahnawá:ke has a By-law in effect which prevents disturbing of the peace from 10:00 pm to sunrise. If someone is disturbing the peace at this hour, after requests by the Peacekeepers to keep it down, then they can be charged with disturbing the peace under the Criminal Code.

The document required to register a **divorce** is a Certificate of Divorce. Should the wife be registered under her husband's band number, she will then be issued a new registry number (if she currently uses the same number as her husband). She also has the option again to choose the name in which she wishes to be identified. For example, she may wish to revert to her maiden name, use her maiden name along with her married name or keep her married name. This request would be done in writing indicating her wishes.

How do I get a **ditch** installed? Can I cover it?

Contact Technical Services (Capital Unit at 635-1016) to see about the feasibility of installing a ditch. You cannot cover a ditch on public property, including right of way roads. Ditches are required for proper drainage.

Do I have to tie up my **dog**?

The Kahnawá:ke Dog Control Law requires you to tie your dog up or have it on a leash while walking it. A dog can seriously injure a person, especially children and this law is there for the safety of the community. Your dog may be destroyed if it attacks anyone and you are responsible for any damages your dog may cause to property. In order to request **Dog Removal**, please contact Animal Protection at 635-5919

**How do I request a donation from the MCK?**

The MCK has a policy for the purposes of disbursing monetary contributions and donations in response to requests.

## MCK DONATION POLICY & PROCEDURES

-The request must be submitted in writing and directed to the attention of the Executive Committee of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke for review.

-The request should include an overall budget for the event, the amount accumulated to date and the amount required.

-The request must identify how the event will benefit the Community.

-The request must be submitted at least two (2) weeks prior to the date that the contribution is required.





Lands And Capital	
Lands .....	\$1,299,294
Capital .....	\$2,224,182

Mohaw  
Social Develop  
OCC  
Special Project  
Finance and A  
Planning and

Kahnawake Peacekeepers Station	
Community Protection.....	\$3,314,461

Kahnawake Sports Complex	
Recreation.....	\$3,766,838

St. Francis Xavier Mission

St. Lawrence River

St. Lawrence Seaway

Legion Hall (219)

Firehall

Water Treatment Plant	\$9,287,421
Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$4,760,365
Water Tower	\$1,872,058
Administration	\$4,853,568
Development	\$ 79,843

Old Malone Highway

Business Complex

C.P.R. Railroad

Mercier Bridge

Town Garage

Public Works.....\$3,766,838

St. Anthony's Cemetery

Memorial Cross and Tunnel

Catholic Cemetery

Matty's Park

South Creek Road

Veteran's Blvd.

Highway 132

Montreal →

Montreal →

St. Isidore →

## Donation/Contribution Guidelines

-Events that benefit the Community as a whole will be given priority.

-The total donations and contributions approved within a fiscal year must not exceed the total budget allocated for donations and contribution purposes.

-A donation or contribution will not exceed the required amount for the event.

-Where and when possible, requests will be referred to the community entity which is more closely related to the issue at hand. Such as, but not limited to, the Education Center, KSCS, KMHC and Recreation.

-Requests relating to a political or national issue will be forwarded to Council for review.

-The Executive Committee of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke will review the requests at regularly scheduled meetings. Should circumstances occur where a response to a request is required prior to an Executive Committee meeting being held, the Chairperson of the Executive Committee or in his/her absence, the Executive Director, may make the allocation on the Executive Committee's behalf.

-The following guidelines have been set to ensure fairness and equality:

1. \$50.00 - \$100.00 donation or contribution for events benefiting a limited number of Community members or a specific group or organization

2. \$100.00 - \$250.00 donation or contribution for events benefiting the community as a whole.

3. \$250.00 - \$500.00 donation or contribution for events of special circumstances.

4. \$500.00 and over donation and contribution for events which are of essential nature.

What do I do if I see someone **drinking and driving**?

Call the Peacekeepers, 632-6505. Operation Lookout is in effect all year round, in conjunction with KSCS. You may call anonymously, just give the dispatcher the make & model of the car with a description of the driver, if possible and the Peacekeepers will investigate.

May I build a **driveway** (over a ditch)?

If your driveway is along a highway such as OCR, 207 or 132-138 you cannot just fill in the ditch for your driveway. You must use a culvert of at least 18 inches (450 mm) diameter. Call Public Works at 632-5825 for more info.

How can I get involved in the efforts to stop **drugs** in town? (see also: **Crimestoppers Hotline**). The Mohawk Council is presently drafting a Banishment Law, which would banish convicted drug dealers from our community, and hopefully deter anyone from these types of actions in the future

What is that substance used on **Dusty Roads**? Public Works uses a dust suppressant on gravel roads. It is not oil. The dust suppressant is a solution of calcium chloride, a salt-like substance, and water. This mixture attracts and holds moisture. It is considered to have less objectionable properties such as smell and color than the product we used in the past, ammonium lignosulfonate (tree liquor).

## E

**EMERGENCIES.** 632-6505 24-hours a day.

Is the community prepared for **extreme emergencies** such as an ice storm or hazardous spill?



Kahnawá:ke is prepared with a community emergency plan to handle such instances. Individuals who sit on the Emergency Preparedness Committee have been trained and are on-call. In the event of a community emergency, an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will be set-up and information will be immediately disseminated to the community.

My neighbor built a shed and pool on part of my land, what can I do about **encroachment**?

By law, nobody can encroach onto your private property without permission. Further, private homeowners need to be careful about encroachment onto community lands as well. Be sure you are aware where your property boundary lines are. (see also **Land Survey**)

Town **Equipment.** (see **Trucks**).

## F

My **family allowance** was cut, why?

According to regulations applied by the Quebec Regie des Rentes, your family benefits are based on your total family income as determined when filing your income tax return. Monthly allowances are paid out according to a chart developed and used to determine your benefits. Copies of the regulation and chart are available in the Legal Services Department.



Who can research my **family tree**?

The Membership Department can print out a copy of your family tree. If you are a registered member, you need only provide them with your band number and they will give you a copy, going back 5 generations.

*Shari Lahache, Membership Administrator*

**Fax Services.** (see **Photocopy**).

**Figure Skating.** (see **Registration**).

Where do I pay my **fin**s? They may be paid at the Court of Kahnawake or at any Caisse Populaire within 30 days of the issuance of the Traffic Ticket.

**FIRE.** 632-2010 (office/administration) or 632-6505 (emergencies)

Are there any **Fishing** Permits and Regulations? There are no fishing permits or regulations for Kahnawá:kehró:non. Personal fishing for food is every community member's right. There are permits issued for non-natives wishing to fish in the river. Non-natives fishing from a boat, from the shoreline (on land) within the territory is not permitted. For further information on fishing permits, please contact the Conservation Officers at 632-4141.

**Firearms** (see **PeaceKeepers**).

What do I do when there's **flooding** in my basement?

Usually, it's the homeowner's responsibility. The MCK does not offer the service of pumping out basements. However, in extreme cases where flooding is caused by a natural disaster or due to river or creek overflow, the MCK may assist in an emergency role. A well maintained sump pump and back-up is recommended to avoid flooding.

**Football** (see **Registration**).

## G

**Golf (youth)** (see **Registration**).

Does MCK offer **grass cutting** services? Grass cutting is only done in public areas such as parks or public buildings.

**Guns** (see **Peacekeepers**).

# H

**Hawkers & Peddlers** (see **Sales persons**).

Why do **helicopters** fly over Kahnawá:ke? Usually, it's traffic reporters but many times, surveyors are required to fly over for various reasons. Call the MCK or the Peacekeepers to verify. Otherwise, yellow choppers are usually SQ, Blue & White ones are RCMP. In the spring, you will also notice hydro flies throughout the community checking the towers.

**Historical Information** (see **Seigneurie Office**).

**Hockey** (see **Registration**).

How many **houses/homes** are there in Kahnawá:ke? As of May 2003, there were 1,900. Call MCK's Capital Unit 635-1016 for the latest numbers. They update their statistics yearly.

How do I get a **Housing Loan**? See Housing Department at 632-7500 for more information.

**Housing Payments** (see **Mortgage**).

How do I get a **Hydro Connection**? MCK's Technical Services will have new poles put in as long as there is a public road. The actual connection is done by an electrician or Hydro Quebec. You are entitled to 100 feet. The rest is up to you.

**Hydro line.** Contact the local Hydro Office or Hydro's customer service at 632-2616

How can I get **ice time** at the arena? (see **Sports Complex**).

What date does the **ice** usually go in the Sports Complex? For the Sports Complex, generally the beginning of September but contact Kenny Kane in August to find out at 638-3311.

Any inquiries regarding the **Indigenous Games** - contact Dave Canadian at 638-2672.

**Injuries/Insurance** -work related (see **MSI**).

# J

**Job Requests** (see **Black Book**).

# K

How do I get a story aired on **Kwatokent**? Requests should be directed to [ktv@mck.ca](mailto:ktv@mck.ca) or by calling the Communications Department. Priority is given to MCK activities, but stories on community events are always considered, depending on time constraints and story content.

# L

**Lacrosse** (see **Registration**).

How do I get **landfill**? Applications to request landfill can be picked up at the Landfill Office. You will be required to fill out a "Request for Landfill" form and provide a copy of the Certificate of Possession along with a site map of your property. Once your application has been received, your name will be placed on a waiting list. You may choose to wait until your name comes up on the waiting list and suitable material is available for your needs. Should you require fill sooner than can be accommodated by the Landfill Office, you should look for your own source of fill. If you choose to find your own source of fill, the material must be inspected by the Landfill Inspector to ensure that it meets the criteria of the Landfill Policy. The Landfill Office may also provide road-base material for rural and access to property roads.

How do I get a **Land Survey**? Unfortunately the MCK's Technical Services (Capital Unit) only provides this service for new Housing Construction only. All other personal land surveys are the responsibility of the landowner. However, there is a waiting list at the Indian Affairs office. Pin locations are the same as surveys. The Land Units can help with mapping your area. 638-8244

**I have two different surveys with two different pin location on the same land. What do I do about a **Land Survey Dispute**?**



An outside surveyor, agreed to by both parties, will be brought in to settle the dispute. If not, the MCK has an Arbitration process. Call the Lands Unit at 638-8244.

Can the MCK **Legal Services** Department help me? Legal Services' sole client is the Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke. If they were to serve individual community members, their time would not be spent on issues important for the MCK and they run the risk of finding themselves in a conflict



of interest between community members and the MCK. If MCK Legal cannot help you, their office can provide referrals to the appropriate entities based on their respective needs. They can provide referrals to lawyers, notaries, estate preparers' and legal aid organizations.

*Felicia D'Ailleboust, Receptionist-Legal Services*

**Lights** (see **Street Lights**).

Why is the MCK never commenting on on-going **litigation**? Essentially, when there is on-going litigation (*court case proceedings*), the MCK does not comment to avoid revealing its strategy to the other party. Moreover, any comment from any Council member on an on-going litigation can be used as evidence during the trial and may be detrimental to Council's position, even though this comment was not intended as such. approvals, to employees, organizations and various entities.

# M

In order to register a **marriage** of a registered member, the required documentation is a Marriage Certificate. Should the wife be a registered member or entitled to be registered, she has the option to choose the name in which she wishes to be identified. For example, should she wish to keep her maiden name, or keep her maiden name in conjunction with her married name, she would be required to write a notation indicating her wishes. Upon the marriage of two registered members, the woman retains her own registry number and is no longer transferred to her husbands.

What is an **MCR**?

A Mohawk Council Resolution (also referred to as an MCR) refers to a written document witnessing a decision of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke adopted at a duly convened meeting of the MCK. Mohawk Council Resolutions are frequently required to initiate, authorize or approve numerous transactions, and are a means of providing instructions, approvals, to employees, organizations and various entities.

Why wasn't there twelve signatures on an **MCR**?

Only seven signatures are required on an MCR. If a Chief's signature does not appear on the MCR, it could be they were absent, abstained or objected to the MCR.

How do I get in touch with **MIT**?

Offices of Mohawk Internet Technologies are located on Highway 138, near Plaza 138. They can be reached by telephone 638-4007, or check out their website at [www.mohawk.ca](http://www.mohawk.ca).

Where can I get a **map of Kahnawá:ke**?

[Kahnawá:ke.com/lands](http://Kahnawá:ke.com/lands) or Tawatohni'saktha has a business map.

Where can I get a property **map**?

The Lands Unit Office at 638-8244. For water line maps and bus route maps, see Public Works at 632-5852.

Where can I get a **map** of the Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis? Contact the Seigneurie office at 638-8396.

Does the MCK rent out **meeting rooms**?

MCK main building does not. The only meeting rooms for rent are at the Peacekeeper building. Call 632-6505.

**Minutes** (see **Council Meeting Minutes**).

How do I report a **MISSING child/person**? Call 632-6505 right away.

What is **MSI**?

Mohawk Self-Insurance is Insurance coverage for on-the-job injuries. Call 632-7500. How much does MSI cost? It depends on the risk of the occupation.

Who pays for MSI? The employer pays the premium. What am I covered for? Work related physical injuries, death and dismemberment. If your injury prevents you from working that same job, MSI pays for your training into another field. How much money do I get if I am hurt and out of work? 75 % of your weekly salary, up to a maximum of \$757.00 per week, paid by MSI to you until the doctor clears you to return to work.

Can I get my job back?

You are entitled. Why do we have MSI? Workers in town wanted our own instead of the Quebec Government's program. Why is mandatory for all MCK employees and Contractors who get MCK bids? It's there to protect workers in Kahnawá:ke.



Audra Diabo, M.S.I. Clerk

**Mortgage Payments**. Payments can be made at the MCK main building.

How can I rent a **Multi-dwelling**?

Contact the Housing Department at 632-7500.

When can I use the **multi-purpose lane** on Highway 138?

Kahnawá:kehró:non are entitled to use the lane during heavy traffic, to return to the community. Local drivers using the lane during morning rush hour should have their 4-way flashers on and be driving slow enough to react to cars entering the lane.

# N

**Nationals** (see **Sports**).

I need a document **notarized or commissioned** - where can I go?

Legal Services has two Commissioner of Oaths who can provide this service. They cannot notarize documents, as this is a separate and distinct profession. However, U.S. documents such as ironworkers annuity forms can be witnessed by one of our 4 Commissioner of Oaths (Ron Skye, Tammy Snow, Tracey Snow and Christine Diabo-Horn). This service is provided free of charge to community members. Hours of Operation - 8:30 to 4:00; Night Court - Wednesday 5:30 to 8:30 - Call 638-5647.

# O

What is that **oil** stuff on the dirt roads? (see **Dusty Roads**)

*Kelvin Phillips, Kahnawake Peacekeeper*



Why are **outside police forces** in the territory of Kahnawá:ke?

If you see an outside police car, like the SQ, RCMP or Chateaugay police in Kahnawá:ke, call the Peacekeepers. There is a protocol between the different forces. Outside forces have no jurisdiction and are only allowed on reserve

with request from the PK's or if they happen to be chasing a car from outside the territory that carries over to the territory. Also, they may just be using the highway to travel from one point to another and not monitoring them.

# P

Can we get a **park** in our neighborhood?

Parks are researched and determined based on need (Location + area population) and feasibility. There is no official request process.

**Park maintenance** is conducted by Public Works Maintenance. For park problems, call Public Works Maintenance at 632-5825.

What if I park in a no **parking** zone?

It's like anywhere else. You can be towed and fined. This includes Handicap areas. Also, parking on the streets in winter also can result in being towed and fined.

Can I get a **photocopy or send a fax**? The main reception area will make photocopies for the public, or send a fax at a small charge. Although we cannot accommodate very large documents.

**Pin Location** (see **Land Surveys**).

What does the **Planning & Development** Unit do?

Planning and Development is 'Big Picture' and 'Heads-up'. They facilitate the development of the MCK's strategy and operations.



Ritchie Jacobs

They assess the potential impacts of proposed legislation. They coordinate the development of the Comprehensive Community plan. They consult the community on various issues, both for operations issues and for political issues.

What is the status of the Town Community **pool**? The town pool is closed until further notice as of this publication. The pool is unsafe. The Sports and Recreation Unit is in charge of the Town Pool (638-2672).



What are the current **population statistics** of Kahnawá:ke?

The Membership Department maintains updated statistical data. Requests for other data are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Can you fix a **pothole**?

Yes, on public roads only, no driveways or private roads. Call Ritchie Jacobs at 632-5825.

What do I do if there is a **power outage**?

The Peacekeepers usually work with Hydro Quebec to fix the problem. Call to report power outages at the Peacekeepers, 632-6505, then wait for it to come back on. During long outages, call Emergency Preparedness at 635-0635 or 632-6505 or the MCK at 632-7500.

When are the **practices** (for any sport)?

Practice schedules can be found at the Sports & Recreation Unit at the arena or by calling 638-2672 or submit your request to the Sports & Recreation Unit via e-mail at sports@mck.ca



What is **QKR**? QKR stands for Quebec - Kahnawake Relations.

What are the **QKR agreements**? The QKR agreements are intended to displace and remove Quebec's jurisdiction in the territory of Kahnawake. Kahnawake has made progress in regard to jurisdiction issues with Quebec, but only at the discretion of the Province. In 1998, a "Statement of Understanding and Mutual Respect" provided the basis for a mutually beneficial, government-to-government relationship between Kahnawake and Quebec. There are presently agreements in the following subject matters: Justice; Births, Deaths and Marriages; Child Care; Transport and User Fees; Consumer Goods and Services; Policing; Petroleum, Tobacco and Alcohol; Combat Sports; Economic Development; Liquor Permits. It should be noted that the agreements are not treaties and they are not negotiated on behalf of the Mohawk Nation. The QKR agreements were signed on March 30th, 1999 for a period of 5 years and are subject to renewal in 2004. For more information contact Alwyn Morris - Associate Director, Office of the Council of Chiefs.

What do I do if kids are drinking at the **quarry**?

Call the Peacekeepers at 632-6505.

How do I get work at Beauvais **quarry**? Call them or sign the Black Book. (see **Black Book**.)



How do I prevent **Rabies** for my pets?

Your pets, especially dogs, should get their annual rabies shots. Call Harry Rice at Animal Protection, at 635-5919, to find out when the next one is or where to go as an alternate.

**Recreation Path** The path is run by a committee, headed by Alex McComber and Gail Taylor (Environmental Health Services). To get on the committee, call 632-6880 and they will direct you to the proper channels.

**Recreation Path Maintenance** is handled by Public Works, NOT Public Works Maintenance. If you have a concern or would like to send a message, please call 632-5825.

How do I become a **referee**?

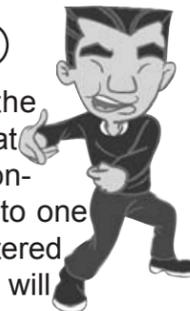
Call the Sports & Recreation Unit at 632-2672 to find out when the next referee clinic will be offered.

When does **registration** take place for my child's sport?

There are no set dates but you may call Mackenzie Whyte at Sports & Recreation at 638-2672 for proposed dates per sport.

Why do I need to **register my child**?

It is very important for parents to register their child(ren) with the Mohawk Council and the Department of Indian Affairs. This is to ensure that parents do not have to incur costs due to the non-registration of their child(ren). Parents have up to one year to register their child, if the child is not registered by their first birthday, National Health & Welfare will not continue paying the costs of any medication or medical services needed (also known as non-insured health benefits). Therefore, it is essential that the parents register their child(ren) as soon as possible. Non-Insured health benefits are paid for by Health & Welfare Canada, therefore, these services must be obtained in Canada in which all registered members are entitled.



Where do I go to **register my newborn child**?

MCK membership department registers your children. In order to register a birth with the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake or the Department of Indian Affairs, either one or both parents must be registered and must meet the guidelines for registration of Department of Indian Affairs. A copy of the child's full sized birth certificate is required, as well as a notation from the parents stating they wish for their child to be registered. Upon receipt of said documentation, the papers are processed and then forwarded to DIA for the issuance of a Registry Number. As of June 2, 2003, all persons registered in accordance with the Indian Act will receive their own Band number and will no longer be registered under one of their designated parents of Band number.

**Rent** (see **Multi Dwelling**).

When are you going to build or make me a new **Road**? (Construction).

Unfortunately, Capital Construction can only get to so many roads per year due to manpower and budgets. Capital Construction Rehabilitation projects not only consist of new roads but proper drainage as well. For information about your road, please contact the Capital Unit at 635-1016. Private Roads are the responsibility of the road owner(s).

How do I apply for a **Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP)**?

Contact the Housing Department at 632-7500.

Are you going to take land away from me when building **new roads**?

NO. All public roads are built with a right of way on each side so it is possible your land is not as big as you thought. Also, during new construction to dig up that right of way, you may see pins placed on your land. These are just there for measurement purposes because the right of way is being dug. After construction, the pins will be removed and you will have the land that is yours.

Who do we contact for **road maintenance** on our street? Public Works has a Road Maintenance Department and they do their best to maintain all public roads and search problems daily, including potholes. Call 632-5825 to report any major problems.

Can I get a **road sign or speed bump** put on my street?

We no longer install speed bumps. They cause problems for snow removal and are dangerous for people being transported by ambulance.



Where is **Rocky the Drug Dog**? Rocky is maintained by the Kahnawake Peacekeepers. Rocky was professionally trained to detect various types of drugs. Peacekeepers are presently working on having Rocky more visible in the community; so don't be surprised if you see him attending events. Call the Peacekeepers, 632-6505 for more information. (See also **Drugs**)

**Rural Road Construction** is also done by Capital (635-1016) but the request must be made through the Lands Office, who review the request and make recommendations. Capital makes the final decision.

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What can I do if a **salesperson** comes to my house? Ask for a Hawkers & Peddlers permit. No permit, do not do business and report the person to the MCK immediately. 632-7500.

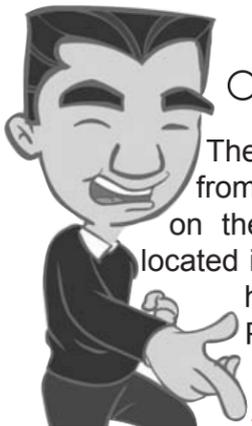
**School Bus Schedules and Rules** - (see **Buses**).

Where do I call for **School Closures**? (see **Weather**).

Do the Peacekeepers provide **security** for events in Kahnawá:ke? Yes, depending on the type of event and the need, the Peacekeepers may provide security. For private functions, the Peacekeepers do not usually provide security and in some cases, may provide security only in the form of passing by often. Call to make a request and arrangements. 632-6505.

What is the **Seigneurie of Sault St.Louis**?

The current Territory of Kahnawá:ke is part of a larger piece of land known as the Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis (SSSL). It was set aside by the French Crown in 1680 for the use and occupation of the Iroquois of the Sault (now known as the Mohawks of Kahnawá:ke). Over the course of history, much of the original land base was lost through various means. We have long asserted our rightful claim to these lands. Efforts to bring about a resolution of this issue culminated during the 1980's when the MCK became involved in several research projects to investigate and pursue the claim to Seigneurial lands and revenues. A joint process was established with the federal government in 1994 in an effort to clarify the claim and find a way to settle the dispute without going to court in June of 2003.



Where is the **Seigneurie Office** located?

The office is located in the old stone building across from the Kateri Hall. If you're looking for information on the Seigneurie, Stuart Phillips Sr., has an office located in that building and he can also provide you with historical information on Kahnawá:ke. Phone 638-8396.

**Septic/Sewage** (see **Water & Sewer**).

What happens if a **ship** runs aground in the seaway? Call the Peacekeepers at 632-6505. Emergency Preparedness also has a plan in place.

Are you putting **sidewalks** on my road? It depends on time, money, need and the width of the road. Capital Construction installs sidewalks.

Do I need a plate for my **skidoo**? Yes, by law you are required to have them to operate a snowmobile. Call the Peacekeepers for more information on how to register and costs. 632-6505.

**Soccer** (see **Registration**).

**Softball** (see **Registration**).

**Snow Mobile** (see **Skidoo**).

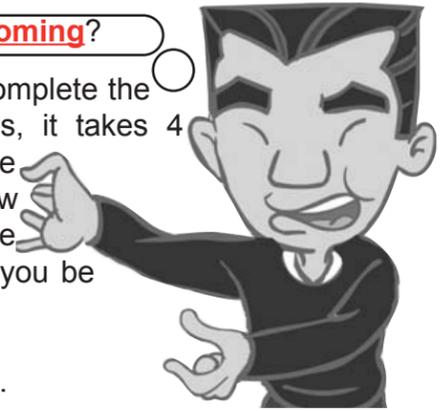
How come the **snowplow** always blocks my driveway with driveway drifts?

Unfortunately, the fastest way to clean Kahnawá:ke's roads is to just plow every road equally. If we lifted the wing on the plow every time we passed your driveway, the roads would never be clear and if we came back to clear everyone's driveway, we'd never be able to continue with the road clearing operation. Look at it as your part in the operation. Sorry! The snowplows do not clear driveways on private or personal property.

Who's responsible for when the **snowplow hits** my car or fence? Please do not try to get MCK to pay for damages that a private snow contractor has done that contractor does not want to pay for. (This has been attempted.) It is best to check that your contractor has insurance and agrees to pay for damages they cause before they start work.

When is the **snowplow coming**?

Listen to K'103 for updates. To complete the whole community with one pass, it takes 4 hours; 8 to 12 hours to have all the roads clear, depending if the snow continues, which requires more snowplow passes. We ask that you be please be patient.



**Speed Bump** (see **Road Signs**).

**Sports** (Call the Sports & Recreation Unit at 638-2672 for general information on local and non-local sports, including National competitions).

What are the hours of operation for the **Sports Complex**?

The staff of the Sports Complex have regular work hours 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday, however it is usually open 7 days per week from early morning to late at night. The times are contingent upon rental. Tuesday & Wednesday until 8:00 pm; Saturday 9-12 pm. For further information call 638-3311.

How can I rent ice or floor time at the **Sports Complex**?

Kenny Kane is the manager and has the schedule. Call 638-3311 to see what's available, costs, etc... You can also get on the Sports & Recreation Unit grapevine to receive a schedule of events. Call 638-2672 to be added.

Is there any **Sports Equipment** I can rent or buy from the MCK? No.

**Sports Volunteers** (see **Volunteer**).

**Statistics** (see **Houses/Homes, Population**).

Why do buses have **stop signs** on them that swing out? It's so cars on all sides of the bus stop. It is illegal to pass a bus that is stopped, especially when the bus stop sign is sticking out. It is 9 points off your license and a \$800 fine.

How do I get a **streetlight** installed on my road, near my house? Installation of new poles and lights are done by MCK's Technical Services (Capital Unit 635-1016), who make the decision based on feasibility.

**Street Signs** (see **Road Signs**).

**Surveys** (see **Land Survey**).

**Swimming** (see **Registration**).

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**T-Ball** (see **Registration**).

**Tae-Kwon-Do** (see **Registration**).

Where can I find information on **tax exemption** for Natives? Legal Services has a tax information package available to community members that contains the Indian Act exemptions, Government regulations and some court decisions



**How do I get a tax refund for the tax I paid when I registered my vehicle?**

John Latour in Legal Services can assist client in filing form VD60V issued by the Minister of Revenue known as Application for refund or non-payment of the Quebec sales tax. John Latour is in the office Monday through Wednesday. It is preferable to call ahead and schedule an appointment, ensuring John will be available to meet with you.

What is the **Traditional Government Working Group**? On November 28, 2000, the Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke signed a declaration that reaffirmed the original 1979 mandate to restore Traditional Government to Kahnawá:ke. In November of 2001, the Mohawk Council mandated a Traditional Government Development Committee to take the first important steps to realizing how this goal can be accomplished in an all inclusive, peaceful and orderly fashion. Realizing the need for the process to be community driven, the Development Committee began the first phase of discussions with community members in March 2002. The Community Group has been meeting at the Community services building for a little more than a year. It was suggested that to call it a "community government" based on Traditional principles and values would alleviate some of the fears and remove some of the confusion surrounding the process and its intended objective. The process depends on community participation and the development group encourages more input into the process by individuals. For more information on how you can be a part of the process, call the Office of the Council of Chiefs at 450-632-7500.

What do I do if a **train** is blocking a road? Call the Peacekeepers. Trains are not to block any roads.

**Traffic Tickets**. (see **Fines**).

Why is there so much **traffic** through Kahnawá:ke? We have two major highways and a major bridge leading to and from one of the biggest cities in North America. The Peacekeepers monitor highway traffic but also prevent non-locals from using the OCR to go through the territory unless they work here. Also, the PK's limit traffic on the 207 so that locals can get to the village area without delays.

Where do I find out about (sports) **Tournaments**? Call the Sports & Recreation Unit at 638-2672. They usually have up to date lists or can direct you.

Can you have some **trees cut** for me? Only in public areas. If the trees are on your property or are sagging onto Hydro lines, we suggest you call a private contractor to cut them.

Can I rent any of the town **Trucks**? Yes, but it depends if the trucks are available. Since they are on local projects this will usually mean hiring the truck after normal business hours and only if a truck driver employed by Public Works is available. Call Mark Standup.

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Where do I report **Vandalism** to Public Property? Call Vincent Montour at 632-5825

# W

**Walking Path** (see **Recreation Path**)

Where and when do I pay my **water bill**? Go to the MCK main reception and pay anytime before March ending of each year. The cost is \$59 annually.

How do I get a centralized **Water and Sewer hook-up**? There are request forms at the Capital Unit 635-1016. Contact Larry Jacobs. Most rural areas must get a well and septic system and it will take years to get everyone on the main water line. It's based on time, need and resources. Right now, Capital only connects new water line pipes from two ends of a pipeline to increase water quality.

How do I get my Water & Sewer fixed? If you are paying the annual \$59 per year Water Service Fee, you are entitled to **Water and Sewer maintenance**. Rural areas cannot be connected to the main water and sewer system. You need a septic tank and a well. You are entitled to a one time hook-up for new construction and to maintenance by paying the annual service charge. Otherwise, it is the responsibility of the land owner. New home owners with access to the main line are eligible for a one-time hook-up.

What is that funny noise in my **water pipes**? You may have a leak/water break. Report it to Water & Sewer of Public Works at 632-5825.

Why is my **Water Pressure** so low? This happens most during winter due to pipes freezing, causing water breaks. Please report low water pressure to the Water & Sewer Dept. of Public Works at 632-5825. They will check the area for a water break. Rural areas with wells may have natural low water pressure. Also, in the summer, people waste water causing low water pressure. We stress water conservation in the summer time in case of emergencies, such as a fire.

My water smells funny or is dirty. How do I find out about **Water Quality**? Water Quality is the responsibility of the Water Filtration plant and the Environmental Health Services of KSCS. Call them at 632-6880. At Spring time, the water will tend to be murky and smell funny but is usually fine.

Will the stormy **weather** affect school buses? Listen to K103 for cancellation of school buses, or call the town garage at 632-5825. (see **Buses**).

**How do I get a Well & Septic tank Installation?**

(see **Water and Sewer hook-up**).

**Wrestling** (see **Registration**).



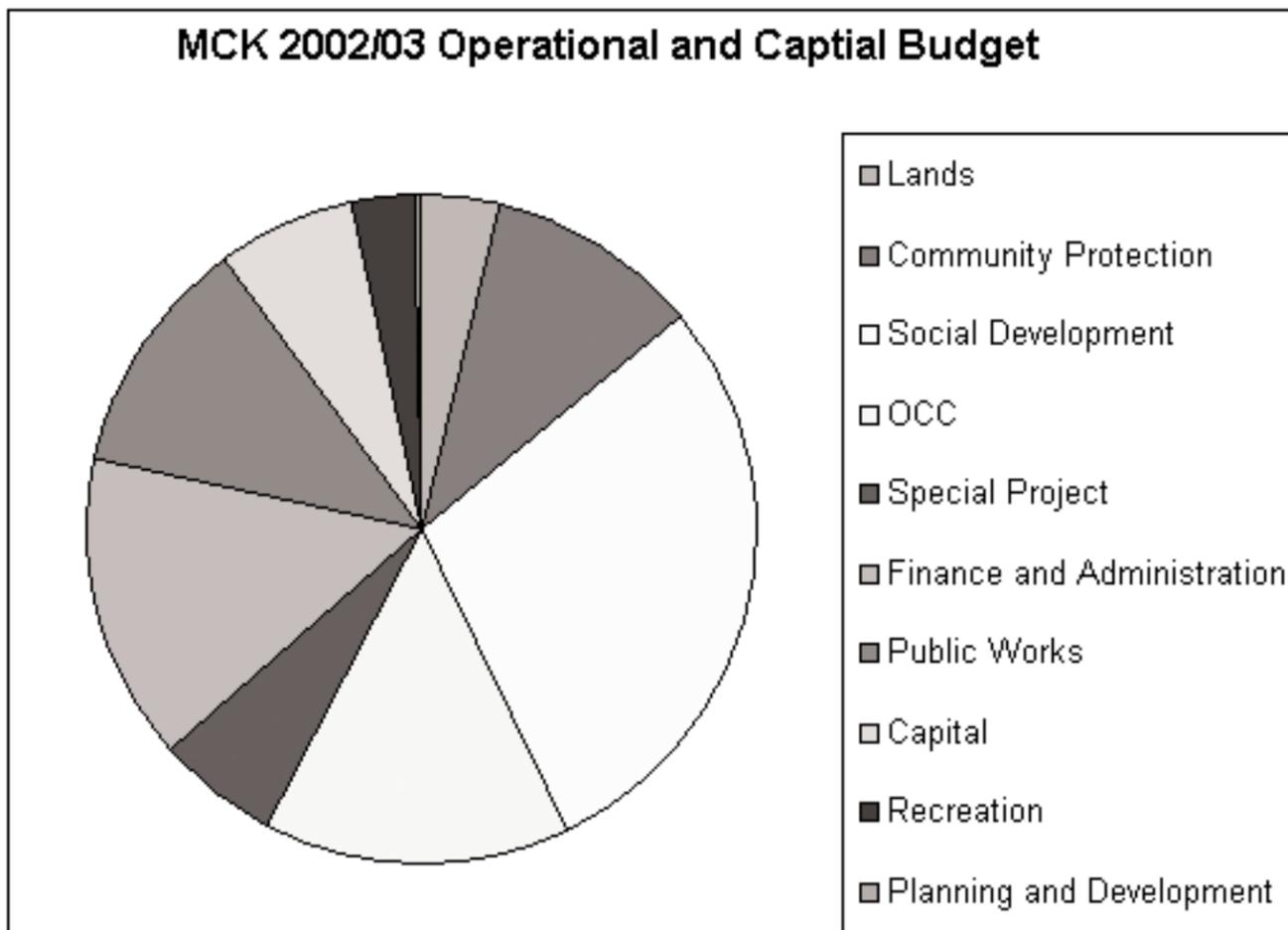
## Mohawk Council of Kahnawake Financial Status for the 2002/2003 fiscal years

The Mohawk Council of Kahnawake has once again produced a balanced budget and received a positive auditor's report for the 2002/2003 fiscal year.

**The total operating and capital budget for the 2002/03 fiscal year for the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake was \$32,415,253.** This excludes the affiliated entities such as the Kahnawake Education Center, the Kahnawake Fire Brigade, KSCS, the Cultural Center, the Youth Center and Tewatohni'saktha who report separately to the Community.

### Mohawk Council of Kahnawake Operational and Capital Budget 2002/03

Lands	\$1,299,294
Community Protection	\$3,314,461
Social Development	\$9,287,421
OCC	\$4,760,365
Special Project	\$1,872,058
Finance and Administration	\$4,853,568
Public Works	\$3,766,838
Capital	\$2,224,182
Recreation	\$957,232
Planning and Development	\$79,834
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$32,415,253</b>



The budget was expended in the following 10 main areas:

**Lands** had a total budget of **\$1,299,294** and included such programs as Tiowero: ton, Environment, Door to door recycling, land management and other land related projects.

**Community Protection** with a budget of **\$3,314,461** included such operations as the Kahnawake Peacekeepers, Emergency planning, Conservation and Animal Protection.

**The Social Development Unit** with the largest portion of the budget at **\$9,287,421** included such programs as Social Assistance, Housing, Mohawk Self Insurance and membership.

**The Office of the Council of Chiefs** had a total operating budget of **\$4,760,385**. This includes the Council Secretariat, the Intergovernmental Relations advisors and technicians, the many special project allocations for such issues as the SSSL, justice and traditional government. As well, included in this budget are the many allocations for the operation of the various regulatory bodies. Chief and Council also made its last payment on the Aviation project in the amount of **\$1,872,058**. This amount was recorded as special project allocation.

**Finance and Administration** operated on a **\$4,853,568** budget this past fiscal year. Areas of concentration included Accounting, Human resources, Information systems, Employee benefits, building management and facilities.

**Public Works** with a **\$3,766,838** budget maintained the roads, filtration and sewer systems, took care of solid waste management, building repairs and maintenance as well as heavy equipment.

**The Capital Unit** expended **\$2,224,182** on such projects as the sewage treatment plant, water and sewer rehabilitation and infrastructure extension at OSHA.

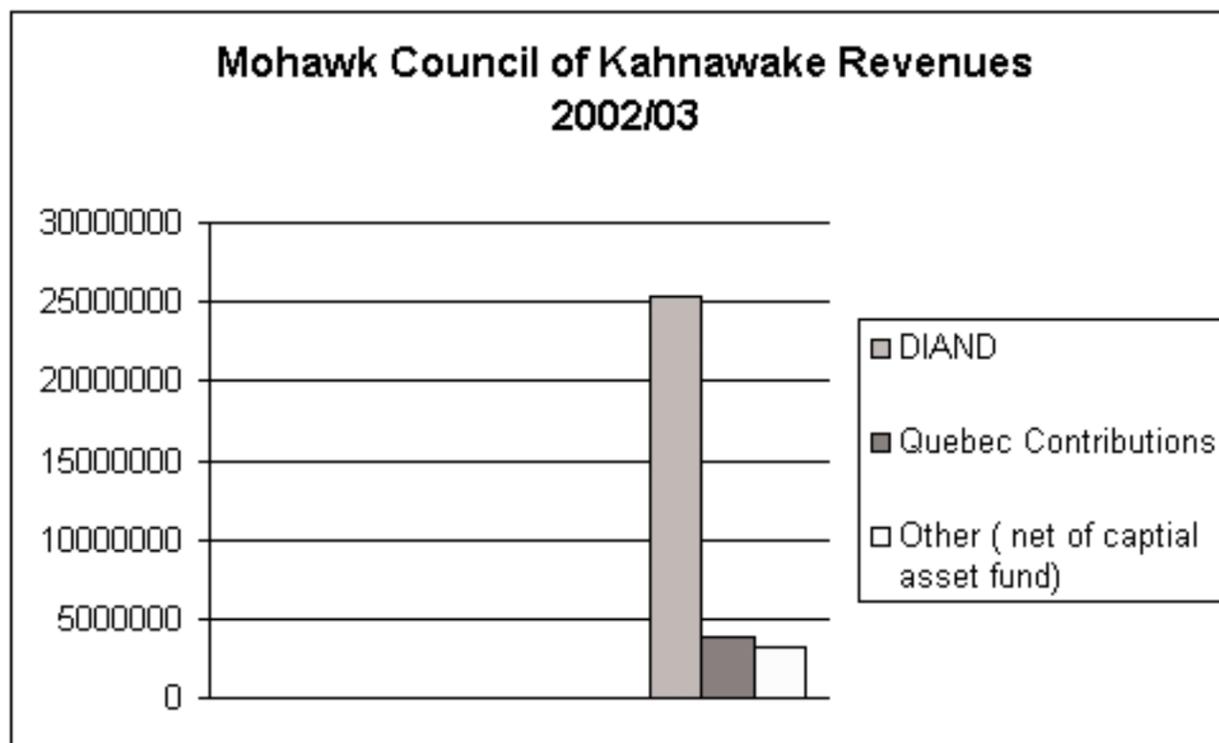
Finally, our newer units the **Recreation and Planning and Development**, expended **\$957,232** and **\$79,834** respectively.

Although we are very proud of how we have maximized on the use of available funds, as the Community's needs grow, it is becoming more and more difficult for the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake to continue to meet these needs within a limited budget. Currently, 78% of the total operating and capital budget is derived from DIAND. It is very difficult to plan and develop when we are nearly 100% dependent on external governmental funding.

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<b>Mohawk Council of Kahnawake Revenues for the 2002/03 fiscal year</b>	
DIAND	\$25,416,321
Quebec Contributions	\$3,788,266
Other (net of capital asset fund)	\$3,210,666
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$32,415,253</b>



# **MISSION STATEMENT**

**The Mohawk Council of Kahnawake is the governing body selected for the people of Kahnawá:ke, whose mandate is to ensure the preservation and defense of Kahnawa'kehró:non language, culture and political principles; by providing for the legislation, policies, services and structures of governance, through sound leadership and resource management consistent with principles of the Great Law; by providing for the best quality of life for Kahnawa'kehró:non in harmony with one another, nature and other societies.**

**The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke assumes the responsibilities as community advocates, defenders of rights and protectors of Mohawk Jurisdiction from external interference.**

**The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke ensures that the will of the people is heard and carried out in a fair and equitable manner.**

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