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# PRESS RELEASE

## MCK announces the 2026-2027 Budget

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**(Kahnawake –24 Enniskó:wa/March 2026)** The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) is pleased to announce the finalization of its review for the current fiscal year (April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026), along with budget projections for the upcoming fiscal year (April 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027). This milestone reflects MCK's ongoing commitment to transparency, financial accountability, and the strategic management of resources for the benefit of our community.

**FY2025–2026 Budget Review:** The MCK has approved a projected year-end surplus of \$17 million for FY2026, representing a \$10.8 million increase from the originally approved surplus. Of this increase, \$4.2 million is attributed to higher-than-expected revenues, driven mainly by Electronic Gaming Devices, and \$6.6 million in expenses that were projected but that were not actually incurred, such as salaries, professional services, and contracts. In addition, a lower Social Assistance caseload also provided cost savings for the MCK.

"As we present this year's annual budget, I want to highlight the careful and meticulous calculation and planning that have gone into ensuring we continue to provide essential services to the community of Kahnawà:ke," said Executive Financial Officer Kyle Delisle. "This budget is not just a reflection of our commitment to meeting the current needs of our community, but also of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke's Political Priorities and the MCK Strategic Plan. With a strong focus on supporting key initiatives, we are dedicated to driving growth in our services to meet the evolving demands of today's economy, while thoughtfully building for the future. Every decision made in this budget underscores our responsibility to nurture and strengthen Kahnawà:ke for the next seven generations."

**FY2026-2027 Budget Projections:** For FY2027, the MCK projects a \$2.4 million increase in the budget compared to FY2026. Key highlights include:

- **Revenue Increases:** The total projected revenue for FY2026-2027 is \$135,029,204 with 25.42% coming from own-source revenue. The total own-source revenue is projected as \$33,827,335.
- **Expense Increases:** The total projected expenses for FY2026-2027 are \$133,084,714, with significant increases in operational and capital expenditures.
- **Operational Surplus:** The MCK is projecting an operational surplus of \$1,944,489 for FY2026-2027.
- **Capital Expenditures:** Significant investments are planned for the Blue Collar Park project, among other capital projects.
- **Externally Funded Projects:** Several department increases are externally funded, including housing initiatives and community mobilization projects.

"This year's budget reflects our continued commitment to responsible financial management and demonstrates what can be achieved when we manage our resources, while ensuring that every dollar spent supports the strategic priorities our community has identified," said Ohén:ton Í:rate ne Ratitsénhahienhs Cody Diabo. "Our community continues to benefit from strong revenues, disciplined spending, and the ability to reinvest in projects that improve quality of life for all Kahnawà:kehró:non."

### **Alignment with the Political Priorities:**

Several significant increases and the creation of new programs and services will receive external funding. Increases from the FY2026 approved budget include Social Program Supports, Housing Construction & Renovations, and other projects. The FY2026-2027 budget also includes various new and ongoing initiatives that align directly with the four political priorities:

- **Land Back (1) & External Government Relations (2):** \$583,204 - Advisory services for Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis, Still Ours Campaign, and the Onkwehón:we Research Project.
- **Holistic Well-being & Quality of Life of Kahnawà:kehró:non (3):** \$26.4 million - Blue Collar Park (\$17M), Housing initiatives, Kanatakwèn:ke project, Purchase of 2 School Buses, among others.
- **Financial & Economic Independence (4):** \$1.4 million - Youth & Adult Employment Strategy Initiative, among various projects.

The budget will be published in both Iorí:wase and Eastern Door newspapers, and online at [www.kahnawake.com/finance-unit](http://www.kahnawake.com/finance-unit)

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