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Nitsénhaienhs meet with Ambassador of Ireland to Canada

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(Kahnawake – 12 Kentenhkó:wa/November 2026) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) wishes to inform the community that Ohén:ton Í:rate ne Ratitsénhaienhs Cody Diabo and External Government Relations Portfolio Lead Ratsénhaienhs Ryan Montour met with the Ambassador of Ireland to Canada, John Concannon, his wife, Mary Concannon, and Francophone Officer Elyna Bergeron on Thursday, November 12th.

The meeting marked another important step in strengthening the longstanding relationship between Kahnawà:ke and Ireland. The discussion provided an opportunity to exchange perspectives on shared priorities and explore opportunities for future collaboration. Ratsénhaienhs Montour previously attended the Embassy of Ireland's Christmas Reception in December 2025, further contributing to the development of this relationship.



"Kahnawà:ke's relationship with Ireland is built on a history that spans generations and is rooted in mutual respect and resilience," said Ohén:ton Í:rate ne Ratitsénhaienhs Cody Diabo. "Our discussions today were an important opportunity to share the story of our community, highlight our vision for the future, and explore new avenues for cultural and economic collaboration."

Discussions focused on Kahnawà:ke and Haudenosaunee history, economic development initiatives, and the advancement of Kanatahkwèn:ke Cultural Arts Center. The parties also discussed opportunities for continued engagement in 2027, including the possibility of a Kahnawà:ke delegation visiting Ireland to further strengthen cultural and economic ties.

The meeting served as a reminder to reflect on the historic bond between the Irish and the Kanien'kehá:ka. Despite facing significant hardships of its own, Kahnawà:ke responded with compassion and solidarity during the Irish Great Famine. In 1847, community members provided food, financial assistance, and essential supplies to Irish immigrants arriving in Montreal, helping those fleeing one of the most devastating humanitarian crises in Irish history. Both parties recognized the importance of maintaining meaningful relationships grounded in cultural understanding and cooperation.

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