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THE ISSUES AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS OF TODAY, WHICH AFFECT OUR PEOPLE

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SUMMER FUN!



Photo credit: Wendy Walker-Phillips

Jo-Anna Rose (J.R.) Jacobs getting into the "swing" of things for her Softball Game.

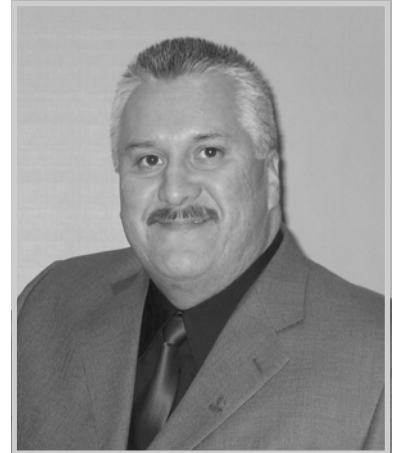
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A Word from the Grand Chief's Office

Kwe Kwe Kahnawa'kehró:non. I would like to express a sincere Niawenhkó:wa to all of the people who have shown support to me over the last several weeks. The challenge that lies ahead for all of us is very exciting, but in the same breath, requires discipline, courage and most of all, continued support from Kahnawake.



For the last six years, I have had the opportunity to work with our former Grand Chief, Joe Norton. It has been a learning experience, to say the least. I have come to understand some of the requirements that this position demands. I now can appreciate other aspects of this job that makes it much more.

Kahnawake is at a monumental crossroads in its history. Not only because of the fact that there is, for the first time in a quarter of a century, a change in leadership, but mainly because of the urgency of the major files that are facing our community. In a word, Kahnawake must show **fortitude**.

I believe that the only way we will achieve success is to ensure that we remain united against the oppressive pressures of external Governments, and continue to pursue what we know is rightfully ours. This being said, we must support each other and maintain the strength that we all possess.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge the dedication and direction that Joseph Tokwirot Norton has provided to our community for the last 26 years as Kahnawake's Grand Chief. I will continue, with the rest of Council and Kahnawa'kehró:non, to work diligently for the benefit of us all.

Sken:nen, Michael Delisle Jr.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

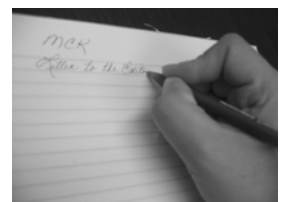
Onkwariwa'shon:'a is welcoming your *Letters to the Editor* for publication in future issues of the newsletter. Please send us your opinion, thoughts, or comments on any subject.

Letters must be signed and include a return address or phone number. We ask that the writer remain respectful in their opinions. Onkwariwa'shon:'a reserves the right to edit for purposes of length.

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FACTS AND STATISTICS

Have you ever wondered how many vehicles are operated by the MCK to keep the streets clear of snow in winter, install water lines, cut grass, transport your kids to school and to maintain the roads?

There are a total of 129 pieces of equipment– Trucks, buses, backhoes, trailers, lawn mowers, snow plows and much more. Below are some examples of the vehicles that are maintained by the MCK.



- 3 International 10-Wheelers
- Airco 300-Amp Welding Machine
- Blanchet Snow-Blower Head
- Bombardier Sidewalk Track Plow
- Bombardier Ski-doo
- Chevrolet 4X4 Pickup
- Chevrolet 6x2 Pickup
- Dodge 2X4 Pickup
- Dodge 4X2 Pickup
- 2 Dodge 4X4 Pickups
- Dodge Pickup
- Ford 10-Wheel Tanker
- Ford 10-Wheeler
- Ford 15-pass Van
- 3 Ford 4X2 Pickups
- 8 Ford 4X4 Pickups
- Ford Pickup
- Ford Tractor
- Ford Utility Truck
- Ford Van
- Fuel trailer Trailer
- GMC 4X2 SUV
- Ingersoll Rand Compressor
- Ingersoll-Rand Compacter Roller
- 2 John Deere Back Hoes
- John Deere Sidewalk Tractor
- Komatsu Wheel Loader
- 2 Laroche Utility Trailers
- Volvo 6 Wheeler
- Zamboni Ice Cleaner

Communications MCK Promotions

The Communications Team of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake is constantly putting out PSA'S, ads, Press Release and other information to the community. Below is some of the PR that has been relayed to the community.

Assistant to OCC	K103	April 7-12	30 -30 sec spots
Reposting Assistant to OCC	K103	April 19-28	48-30 sec spots
Social Assistance Program	K103	March 24-April 7	45-30 sec spots
Electoral Officer	K103	March 25-April 8	60-30 sec spots
Election Dates & Nominations	K103	May 17-26	189-30 sec spots
Community Mtg & Summer Student	K103	May 17-July 3	54-30 sec spots
Membership Info & Election/Land Allotments			72-30 sec spots
Job/Community Protection			45-30 sec spots
Jobs/3 Positions	K103	June 10-18	27-30 sec spots
Systems Manager	K103	June 22-29	24-30 sec spots
Auxiliary Caretaker	K103	June 28-July 5	24-30 sec spots
Support Payments	K103	July 8-22	45-30 sec spots

26 years Dedicated to the Community

When Joe Norton announced his retirement from politics, the Quebec National Assembly paid tribute to him during Parliamentary Debates. Below is the discussion as it was recorded on June 15, 2004.

*37th Legislature, 1st Session
Tuesday, June 15, 2004 11:00 a.m.*

Mr. Pelletier: thank you, Mrs. Speaker. So Mrs. Speaker, the Grand Chief of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake, Mr. Joe Norton, announced, last June 1, that he was soon going to be retiring from politics after nearly 25 years as leader of that community.

Grand Chief Norton is a man who shows a sense of responsibility, determination, and strong sincerity in promoting the interests of the population that he represents. By the way, this population of Kahnawake constitutes for him much more than an issue: It has become more or less a part of his life. This is the population that he has always defended and it is this population that is the source of his motivation and that nourishes his hopes.

Grand Chief Norton valorously sought to maintain harmonious relations with the governments that followed one another in Quebec City, all parties put

together. On our behalf, we make a point of honor not only to normalize our relations with Grand Chief Norton and his community, but also to improve them and to place these relations at the service of very precise objectives directed at the welfare of the population concerned and those of neighboring non-native populations.

Grand Chief Norton's political life has been a real asset for his Mohawk community, for all the aboriginals in Quebec and for Quebec society as a whole. His political contribution has been exceptional and mainly devoted to the improvement of the wealth of his community.

Mrs. Speaker, the premier of Quebec and all the members of the National Assembly are joining me to wish the best of luck to Mr. Norton with his future projects, since we are sure that, even far from the spotlight of politics, he will continue to serve his community and of Quebec with his numerous talents.

1990 Kateri Tekakwitha Island



**Official Report
National Assembly**

2004 MCK Election Results

Grand Chief—Michael Delisle Jr. by acclamation

Mike Bush	565	elected	Wendy Mayo Two-Axe	312	
Gina Deer.....	233		Eugene Montour	387	
John D. Delormier	244		John N. Montour	476	elected
Tiorahkwathe Gilbert	508	elected	Matthew Montour	359	
Wahiaké:ron Gilbert	272		Todd Montour	301	
Irvin Goodleaf.....	241		Keith Myiow	610	elected
Arlene Jacobs	491	elected	Peter Paul	445	elected
Lori Jacobs.....	371		Lloyd Phillips	610	elected
Dan Kirby	224		Michael Sky Jr.	357	
Lindsay Leborgne	505	elected	John Stacey Jr.	205	
Martin Leborgne	555	elected	Kenneth Williams	401	
Peggy Mayo Standup	505	elected	Marvin Zachary	517	elected

The Town Pool *By: Joe Delaronde*

Much has been made of the demise of the Town Pool. Many people have lamented its closure, while several have attempted to turn it into a political issue.

There is no doubt that the pool was somewhat of an institution. When it opened in 1967, it was state of the art. On any given day, hundreds of people would be seen frolicking in the clear, cool waters. For many Kahnawá:kehrónon, diving headfirst from the high diving board was a coming of age of sorts.

When the end came, the pool was a sad shadow of its former self. Years of patchwork repairs and obsolete infrastructure had taken its toll. It was closed as often as it was open. The beloved high diving board had been removed several years before. And, even during those rare occasions when all was well, there were very few people who actually used it. As someone who lives right around the corner from the pool, I was witness to the lack of interest even during the hottest days.

The youth, to whom we always refer when we talk about the pool, could be found in great numbers at several locations during hot days. Every second home in Kahnawá:ke seems to have a pool. The quarry has become very popular. And the bridge to the island has made somewhat of a comeback in recent times. Ironically, in the final years there were usually more kids swimming at the bridge than at the pool, though the fact that the pool was in operation was in plain sight to them.

All of this does not mean there is no need for a pool in the community; it's just that it's probably time to look at a new approach. Times have changed. Many have said that it would be nice to have an indoor facility so that it could be used year round.

Who would pay for it? That's a good question. The original pool was part of the settlement made by the St. Lawrence Seaway for the loss of access to the river. Though it has been said that Lionel Chevrier, who was head of the Seaway Authority when it was built, made promises to Kahnawá:ke that a second pool was to be built "at the other end of town," no one has ever been able to uncover any documented proof of this. Whether that is even relevant today may be unimportant but what is relevant is that, 45 years after the Seaway cut a swath through Kahnawá:ke, we still do

not have access to our beloved river. In effect, that means that the Seaway Authority (or, in this case, its current private enterprise operators) still has an obligation to this Territory.

It may be that putting all our efforts into rebuilding or refurbishing the old pool is a waste of time. But, I humbly submit, the Seaway should be made accountable for its debt and funds owing should put toward a new facility that would meet the needs of today and tomorrow. The fact that there is a group of people who are exploring pool options is encouraging. Grass roots efforts always seem to have the advantage over officially mandated committees. One thing needs to be clear: the closing the pool was not politically motivated. There was, and is, nothing to be gained by its closure. But we have within us the power to turn a negative situation into a positive by work-



ing together to achieve a better goal.

Myth: "We're supposed to have two pools."

Fact: No one has ever found documentation that proves this without a doubt.

Myth: "We get money every year from the government just for the pool."

Fact: The construction of the pool was a one-time endeavor. Maintenance has always been the responsibility of the MCK, which, in years past, was able to access funds for that purpose. These monies are no longer available.

Myth: "It would only cost about \$20,000 to get the pool up and running again."

Fact: It is estimated that it would cost between \$65,000 and \$120,000 just to make it operational. Much more money would be needed to repair it to the point where it would be viable for another ten years.

Myth: "We have so many lifeguards who are out of a job now that the pool is

Common Misconceptions

closed."

Fact: In 2003 there were only four certified lifeguards in the community. Eight are required to sufficiently monitor all shifts.

Myth: "Hundreds of kids now have no place to go."

Fact: In 2002, it was estimated that the same 18 to 26 people used the pool.

Grass Roots Movement

There currently is a grass-roots movement to fundraise for a new pool in Kahnawake. A committee was started by Ronald (Frosty) Deere and this committee continues to meet and attempt to raise funds for a new facility.

MEMBERS INCLUDE:

Ronald 'Frosty' Deere, Doreen 'Dodie' Gilbert, Lisa Montour, Kaniatarí:io Jesse Gilbert, Tiorahkwáthe Gilbert, Gina Deere, Tracey Goodleaf, Margie Canadian, Eileen Montour and Ken'nikati'tsa:sa 'Tsa sa' Montour.

Should you be interested in any facet of the committee, call 638-2672 or email: sports@mck.ca.

REEL

Summer Fun in Kahnawake in the 30's and 40's

By our resident historian Andrew Delisle Sr.

As the school year ended, around the 24th of June, most of the children anxiously waited for the shooting of the flag tree behind the Catholic Church. This signaled that the river was blessed for that year and our parents allowed us to go swimming in the river. Some of us who lived on a farm had a swimming hole in a nearby creek, and that is where we learned to swim. Johnson's Beach which is located just west of the Canoe Club, was the place where most learned to swim.

Most every day, many families gathered at Johnson's Beach to spend the day picnicking and frolicking in the water which was, at that time—clean and clear. Clean enough to drink and then to get washed up by your mother, aunt or sister. We dried up by laying on the road before making our way home. There were no portable BBQ stoves at that time, we had to bring our own wood or collect it at the beach. We always walked to the beach as there were not many cars around then.

It was called Johnson's Beach because it was located just in front of the residence of Paul and Annie Johnson, my aunt and uncle. Paul was a fisherman and hunter, I can recall him catching a 9-foot long sturgeon in the river.

After learning to swim at that beach, your next step was to swim at the wharf, which had deeper water because it received work boats and yachts. In the spring, it was at least 20 feet deep and in summer, at least 10-feet deep.

Another activity around Johnson's beach was boating and fishing. My grand father Enthre rented row boats to residents and tourists for 15 cents an hour and on many occasions I would get a free boat for me and my friends. We would row up the river to where the Marina is presently situated. We would fish at a place called Rock Bass Pile which got its name from stone having been dumped there to make an extension of a rail line and also to provide a break water, which was required to protect a mill operation that earlier existed.

The water was so clear you could see the fish you were about to catch and could jiggle the bait in front of its snout. We caught a lot of rock bass, perch, pike and the occasional muskie. We landed the boat and cooked and ate some of the fish that we caught. While we were ashore, especially in early summer, we hunted for frogs, which we trapped and then separated them from their legs and had a good feast of frog legs and fish, along with wild berries that we picked along the shore.

When it was time to come home, we would simply drift with the current and we would lean over the side of the boat and watch the bottom pass by and see if there was one more fish we could get before we arrived at the boat dock. We would clean the remaining fish and bring the filets home to our parents. If we had too many, sometimes we cleaned them at home and the cats had an opportunity for a feast of fish tails and fish heads.

When the white fish arrived, the ideal spot was along the shore where the canoe club is located. We as kids, along with the men of the community, would pick our spots side by side leaving enough room so as not to get tangled into each other's lines cast. In most cases, we used floaters, but some used free drifting bait. Since the white fish is a soft fish, we protected our catch from the sun by wrapping it in damp river weeds. Otherwise the hot sun would cook them on the spot.

When weather grew colder, the kids would play war games, influenced by the Second World War (beginning in 1939). We would form sides, one group being the enemy, Nazi or Japanese and the other being Marines. We made our own gun replicas, hand guns, machine guns, mortar launchers, from wood and steel pipe. We used the sumac leaves as camouflage instead of palm leaves because they looked like palm fronds. The whole West end of Kahnawake became our war zone. Sometimes the game got out of hand and we used a sling shot to hurl stones at each other. That was quickly stopped when our parents got wind of it.

Another activity was swinging from tree to tree, aping Tarzan. There were a lot of trees around town in those days and they had BIG branches. The late Tommy Taylor was proficient at that game. These are just some of the many things that we did to enjoy our summers.

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Joe Deer, Joyce Rice, Patricia LeBorgne, ?, Ronnie Kirby, Penny LeClaire, Jerry Jacobs.

Collection of photographs capturing Kahnawake (a/k/a Caughnawaga) pre-seaway. Courtesy of Walter Goodleaf, Lindsay LeBorgne, and the Kanien'kehaka Raotitiohkwa Cultural Center



Environment Protection Project— Tiowero:ton

The Kahnawake Environment Protection Office (KEPO) is working on their Tiowero:ton project titled:

Traditional Ecological Knowledge Gathering (TEK) and Awareness Raising Initiative - Tiowero:ton Territory.

KEPO submitted proposals to Indian Affairs for two projects designed to help promote and protect the Tiowero:ton Territory. Indian Affairs accepted one proposal, (TEK) while the other proposal — to conduct a biological study of Tiowero:ton — was approved by Indian Affairs a short time later.

A biological study is being conducted this July in Tiowero:ton by a contracted environmental consultant, *Limno Service*. The purpose of this study is to determine the effects to the environment to the current residential area and to help identify where future cabin building could take place. They will also gather scientific knowledge as to whether Lake Vaillancourt and Eagle Lake should be designated for future cabin construction.

The projects main objectives are as follows:

1. To inform the community of Kahnawake about the process and rationale for the ecological inventories to be carried out in the Tiowero:ton Territory.
2. To gather local naturalized knowledge (Traditional Ecological Knowledge — TEK) about Tiowero:ton Territory by interviewing community members who hunt, trap, fish, gather medicines and berries, recreate and otherwise occupy Tiowero:ton.
3. To develop educational materials (newsletters, pamphlets, videos) about the ecological pressures on Tiowero:ton Territory, to be distributed and/or broadcast during the beginning of summer 2004.

Many of the educational materials will be dealing with residents childhood memories of Tiowero:ton and how they view it today. For example: 1) a newsletter will be coming



out soon featuring an article by the present Tiowero:ton Committee chairperson (Roy Curotte) based on his memories of Tiowero:ton, the changes it has undergone, and also a brief overview of the Tiowero:ton Committee's mandate and how it is carried out 2) A 1 hour film session - featuring Grace Curotte and Frances Dione — explores memories of Tiowero:ton, past activities carried out in Tiowero:ton, and current concerns for the territory.

KEPO began developing the TEK plan by determining the questions that would be used for the interview process. The questionnaire/questions were used as follows:

- 152 questionnaires were hand delivered and to date, 42 completed questionnaires have been returned.
- Cabin owners and community elders were interviewed.
- Kahnawake Survival School students in Pauline Lahache's class were provided with the questionnaire and were encouraged to provide feedback and/or write an article for an upcoming environmental newsletter. As part of the Lands curriculum covered, fifteen students completed the questionnaire.
- Tiowero:ton Committee members were interviewed; some chose to complete the questionnaire or write an article for the upcoming environmental newsletter.

Many responses were gathered, and the majority revolved around the beauty and peace of Tiowero:ton; concerns for the depletion of wildlife; lack of peace during the summer time due to an increase in population; and lack of respect for Tiowero:ton and

its inhabitants. The latter response gained much attention, such as: lack of respect for others space (making paths with ATV's), littering, no respect for speed limits, defacing property, breaking into cabins, and unsupervised children. The Environment Coordinator hypothesized that imposed westernized thinking has made us — as Onkwehonwe - forget that we are the Environmental Protectors.

You can contact the Environment Protection Office by e-mail:

LisaM2@mck.ca. All comments and recommendations are welcome!

If urgent, please call us at (450) 635-3035 or the KEPO reception at (450) 635-0600.



LAND ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE

The Mohawk Council of Kahnawake is seeking 2 Community members to sit on the Land Allotment Committee.

- Must be over the age of 18;
- Must be on the Kahnawá:ke Registry;
- Must agree to respect and not disclose the sensitive information discussed in Committee meetings. (Signing of confidentiality agreement required);
- Must be available to meet during business hours for Committee meetings.

The deadline for submission is 20, Seskéha/ August 2004. For more information, please call the Lands Unit at 450-638-8244.

Youth's Page



Contest winner, Tyler Diabo

Tyler John Diabo is the winner to last edition's contest. Tyler answered all 5 questions correct. Congratulations!

1. How many Chiefs are there at the MCK? 12
2. How many of the present Chiefs are women? Arlene Jacobs, Peggy Mayo
3. What is the phone number at the MCK? 632-7500
4. Who is the Grand Chief? Joseph Tokwiro Norton
5. What does the O.C.C Stand for? Office of the Council of Chiefs

For his efforts Tyler wins a Village Variety gift certificate.

PHOTO CONTEST

Kids send in your best funny photo that has the theme of summer fun in it. It could be a picture of your dog playing in a kiddie pool or your little brother jumping on a trampoline. Use your imagination!



You don't have to take the picture yourself, it could be an old photo or a brand new one... just have fun finding one and send it in to the MCK, P.O. Box 720, Kahnawake, JOL1B0, in care of Onkwariwa'shon:'a Newsletter or send it to us by e-mail at: communications@mck.ca.

We'll publish your photo in the September issue.

- Arena
- Ball
- Baseball
- Bicycle
- Bugs
- Fishing
- Hat
- Heat
- Helmet
- Hot
- Jogging
- Kneepad
- Lacrosse
- Lifeguard
- Lifejacket
- Mosquitoes
- Play
- Pool
- Roller blades
- Run
- Safety
- Shade
- Soccer
- Softball
- Summer
- Sun
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Swimming
- UV Rays
- Walk
- Water
- Youth Center

FIND A WORD

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Confidentiality—A Hot Topic?

By Chief Lloyd Phillips

Confidentiality!!! This has been an area of controversy for the past few months, and unfortunately it was made into a political platform by some candidates during the past election campaign. The reasons for confidentiality are several, but before I go into them, it must be made crystal clear to the community that confidentiality is NOT intended to keep secrets from the community. It is a way of protecting personal and politically sensitive information from falling into the wrong hands. Can you imagine if you applied for a housing loan, gave all your personal information to the MCK, and the next day you heard people talking about your information on the “street”, or if you needed social assistance, and the whole town finds out. I don’t think anyone would be pleased. I don’t believe our employees would give out this kind of information, however this is an added level of protection for the community member.

The MCK is constantly in discussions with outside governments, trying to work out various jurisdictional or financial issues that face our community. There are many internal discussions with Council, our technicians and legal services. In order for us to develop a political position or strategy, some of this information must be kept confidential, until the time is right. Dealing



with the outside government is like playing poker, you cannot let them know all your cards. It is always a challenge and nearly impossible at times to inform the Community without informing the outside. Certain information might not be made public, but if you speak to a Council member you will see this information is not secret.

Various draft laws need to be debated and analyzed by the Council before they are released to the Community. It’s hard enough to get all 12 Council members to agree on a draft, can you imagine if we tried 8000!

It is safe to say there are many views at the Council table, most community members’ opinions are represented in some way. Once there is a draft law ready, it will go to the Community for further input and scrutiny. Premature release or the leaking of documents can actually jeopardize our community’s needs.

MSI and Health & Safety Back Injury Prevention News

The Top Ten Tips For Safe Lifting

1. Your back is strongest when it’s in its natural position, which means that the normal curve at waist level should be neither exaggerated nor flattened.
2. Your leg muscles are stronger than your back muscles. They are also stronger than the muscles in your arms. If you bend your knees and lift with your arms straight down (not straight out) your leg muscles will do most of the work.
3. When you lift something — a box is a good example — hold it as close to your body as possible.
4. Twisting while lifting puts enormous strain on your back. The best way is to lift and then turn your body by moving your feet.
5. The toll lifting takes on your body is cumulative. Lifting a light object many times can cause as much straining as lifting a heavy object just once.
6. Generally speaking, it’s easier to lower something than to lift it. But don’t be fooled. Many back injuries occur because people believe they can lower something really heavy and then lose their grip and have to lunge for it.
7. Speed matters. The best rule of thumb is to lift at a moderate speed — one that feels comfortable to you.
8. It’s easier to lift a rectangular box than one that’s oddly-shaped. That’s because when you lift an oddly-shaped box, your muscles must also work to keep you balanced. When you have no choice pack the rest of the box with light items. For instance, if you must pack an oddly-shaped item, use the rest of the box for towels or linens rather than books.
9. If you have to lift a box to shoulder height, do it in two stages. First lift the box from ground level to waist level. Then continue to shoulder level.

Think ahead. Plan each lift before you begin, not after you end up in trouble.



SUMMER COMMUNITY MEETING

Saturday, August 21st
In the Cultural Center field
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Agenda to be
Announced



Opinion Matters

Employees of the MCK are community members as well, and their opinions do count. Sometimes they can give us insight or perhaps they can help us to shed light on a subject in a different way. Onkwariwa'shon:'a asked the staff for their comments on the newly elected Council—and their expectations.

"I would like to see the new Table be able to work together for the greater good without letting personalities get in the way. We need a strong Council to take a stand and get things done. Economic development has been thwarted for long enough and our collective rights need to be asserted over personal interests. Thank you!" - Melanie Mayo

"I would like to see the community meetings held in a Traditional forum, if you don't have a clan you sit with bears, that can be ironed out later."
- Tracey Snow

MOHAWK COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 2004-2005

#	Date Passed	Subject
	(MM/DD/YYYY)	
01	04/06/2004	Quarry Agreement — Mr. Raymond Viateur Beauvais
02	04/06/2004	Quarry Agreement - Roxboro
03	04/06/2004	Land Allotment — Lawrence Brian Jacobs
04	04/06/2004	Land Allotment — Rosalie Deer
05	04/14/2004	Land Allotment — Lisa Montour
06	04/13/2004	Authorization for Signatures — Multi-Dwelling Loan
07	04/19/2004	ATV/ATC Law
08	04/19/2004	Land Allotment — Harvey & Lynn Diabo
09	05/03/2004	Land Allotment — Mary Joan Shirley Diabo
10	05/03/2004	Land Acquisition — Eva Johnson
11	05/10/2004	Passed amended Kahnawá:ke Communal Land Allotment Policy
12	05/10/2004	Designate Lot 9 Block A for Public Road
13	05/10/2004	Step By Step— Funding Renewal
14	07/06/2004	West Nile (GDG)
15	14/06/2004	Land Exchanged — Nelva Diabo
16	14/06/2004	Appointment to the Gaming Commission
17	21/06/2004	Membership Enact Regulations 2, 3, 4, & 5
18	21/06/2004	Land Allotment-Catherine Molly Skye
19	21/06/2004	Land Allotment-Charlotte Alice Deer
20	21/06/2004	Land Allotment-Grant Joseph Montour
21	30/06/2004	Land Allotment — Brian Goodleaf
22	30/06/2004	Appointment of Chief Peacekeeper—Dwayne Zacharie
23	30/06/2004	Education Center Financing
24	30/06/2004	Approving the Development of the Project Charter for the Kahnawá:ke Business Entities Act

Quebec/Kahnawake Relations Update

Since the inaugural visit of Quebec negotiator Daniel Johnson and his team to Kahnawake in May, the original 10 QKR agreements have been extended for one year, ending on March 31st, 2005. The Joint QKR negotiation teams have met on five occasions to discuss preliminary positions on the following agreements;

- Transport and User Fees
- Consumer Goods and Services
- Policing
- Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths
- Child Care

These 5 agreements have been identified as priorities by the MCK, with the remaining 5 agreements to follow. The Kahnawake team is composed of four Council Chiefs, along with technicians and legal support appointed by Chief and Council.

The discussions focused on presenting "inventories" of each agreement, in other words, what has worked, what has not, and what can be expanded on. For example, the formula to calculate the User Fees in the Transport Agreement is not sufficient and requires updating. Another area that has been discussed is the expansion of the geographical area within which the PST tax exemption will be accepted. Prior to these agreements in 1999, stores frequented by Kahnawá:kehró:non were not obligated to accept the tax exempt card, it was the choice of each merchant. Since 1999, the acceptance of the tax-exempt card is required by law.

The agreements have benefited Kahnawake in many areas, including;

- Re-configuration of the Highway 138
- Re-paving of Highway 132
- Increased jurisdiction for the Court of Kahnawake
- Recognition of the issuance of alcohol permits
- Recognition of the PST exemption into Quebec law
- Construction of the new Step By Step facility
- Registration of civil marriages conducted in Kahnawake

The MCK will be providing periodic updates to the community on the status of the negotiations.

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The editorials serve to provide a forum for commentary from the Mohawk Council and/or its staff, while serving as a catalyst for community input. The editorial views expressed are the sole responsibility of the author, and may not represent those of the MCK or those of the editorial staff.

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MCK Employee News



Lauren McComber is the MCK Communications Summer Student. Lauren is involved in all aspects of the Communications Unit including Kwatokent Television.

Lauren is a 3rd year student at Dawson College in the Literature Program.

The Court operations would like to welcome **Sophia Dupont** as the new Traffic/AR Clerk.

Sophia will be filling this position until July 8, 2005.



Carla Skye is the successful candidate for the Administrative Assistant Receptionist position at the Court of Kahnawake.

Previously, Carla had worked in various MCK departments. She began on Thursday, June 10, for the duration of Christine Diabo's maternity leave which began in July.

We would like to welcome **Tammy Montour** back to the Court Operations. Tammy will be resuming her duties as Criminal Court Clerk.



Dwayne Zacharie has been selected as the Kahnawake Peacekeeper Chief.

Dwayne was the interim Chief from March 31st after John K. Diabo retired. Congratulations and good luck Dwayne.



Congratulations to **Marylee Armstrong** of the MCK's Legal Services Department on her passing of the Quebec Bar exam. Marylee will become a full-fledged Lawyer after a six month stage period.



On behalf of the entire MCK Staff congratulations Marylee and good luck in your future.

Please welcome **Terry Patton** to the main reception at the MCK. Terry will be replacing Coco Sky, who assumes Andrea Montour's duties while she is on maternity leave.

