

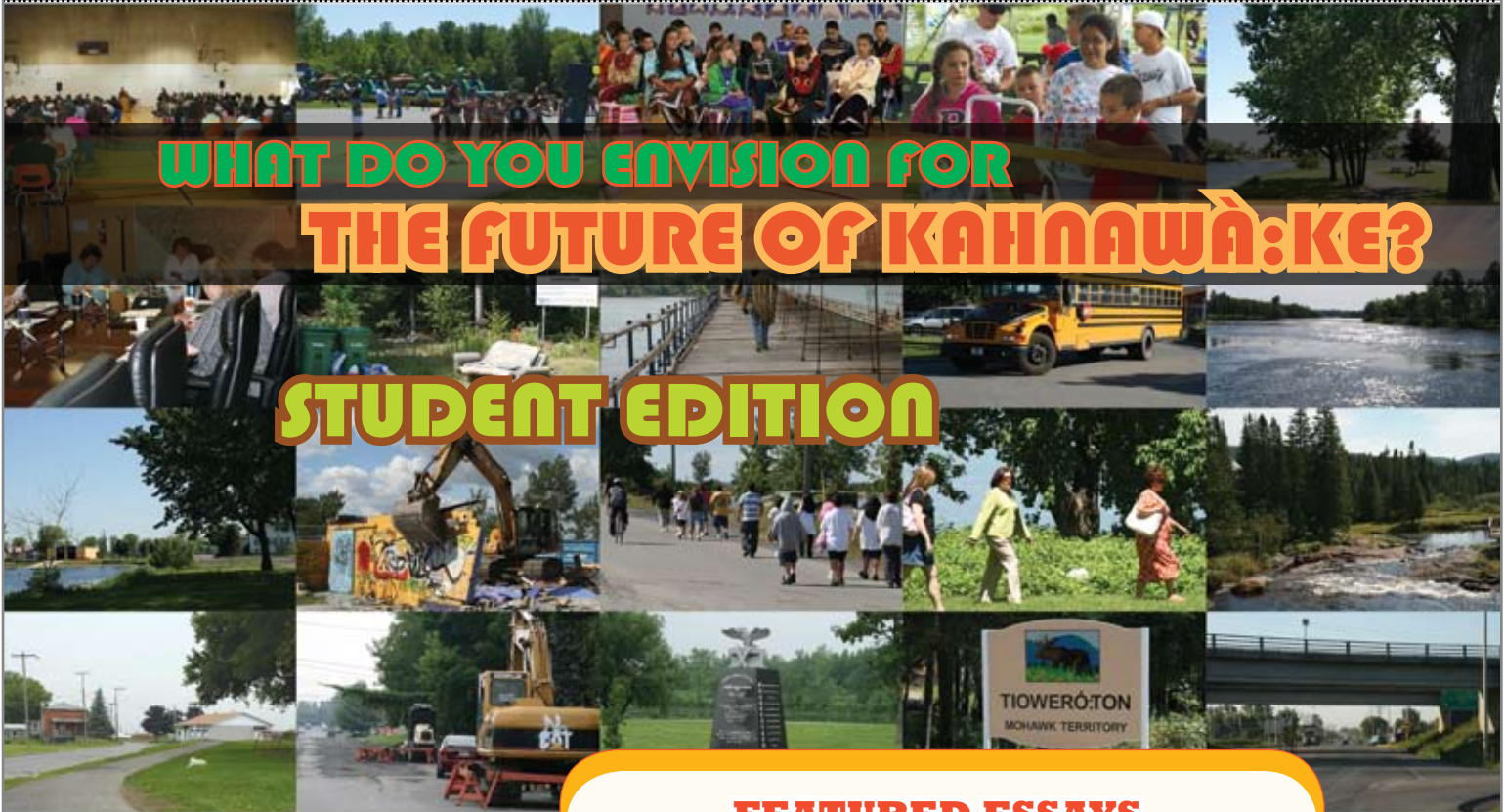


## VISIONING SPECIAL

## NEWSLETTER OF THE MOHAWK COUNCIL OF KAHNAWÀ:KE

# WHAT DO YOU ENVISION FOR THE FUTURE OF KAHNAWÀ:KE?

## STUDENT EDITION



### FEATURED ESSAYS

**Kateri Grade 6a, 6b, 6c**

**Karonhianonhnha 6c**

**Karonhianonhnha 6d**

In May, the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke announced a special project that was designed to gain input in regard to planning the future of Kahnawà:ke.

The project, entitled My Vision of Kahnawà:ke, asked community members to submit essays entailing their vision of Kahnawà:ke in the future. The response was overwhelming, with 79 various submissions from youth, adults and elders.

The next phase of the project sees all submissions being publicized. It is with great pleasure that we present the first of four editions of Onkwariwa'shon:'a dedicated to this project. Beginning with this first one, a new edition will be in your mailbox monthly until all four have been released.

So, pull up a seat, have a coffee, and read on.

## OUR FUTURE VISION OF KAHNAWÀ:KE GRADE 6A, KATERI SCHOOL



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Kahnawà:ke is a good place to live. It is a safe and peaceful place for families to live, work and play. However, we see our community improving in the future. These are some of the areas we can improve on. They are the Environment, Health, Social issues, and our Culture. We are Kahnawà:ke's future leaders and we can make a difference. We would like to share our ideas with the community on ways to improve Kahnawà:ke.

We, as Mohawk people, should have more respect for Mother Earth. To improve our environment we can discourage littering by putting out more garbage cans and recycling bins around the community. We can also get volunteers to clean up the community once a month rather than just once a year. We can give fines for littering and give free recycling bins to every household. To stop pollution of our waters we can increase the number of conservation officers, the boats and other water vehicles should be inspected to make sure they do not have oil or gas leaks. We

would like to see many more trees planted and a community garden with vegetables, as well as flowers, to make Kahnawà:ke beautiful.

Staying healthy is important for everyone. In order to stay healthy it would be great to see people workout, play sports like hockey, lacrosse, football, soccer etc. We can encourage people to

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work out more by giving free yearly passes at the Youth Center. There are many role models in our community and they can talk to kids to encourage them to become more involved in sports and not to drink or smoke. They can also encourage young students to become doctors or nurses so they can take care of the people in our community.

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One of our major social concerns is drinking and driving. There are too many bars, clubs and stores that sell alcohol in Kahnawà:ke and that promotes drinking and driving. The young people who are taking driving lessons should have to take a drinking and driving prevention course. We could ask the Peacekeepers to patrol the streets and put roadblocks, to make sure that people are following the law.

In recent years vandalism has increased in our community. This includes destroying property by spray painting or tagging. It would be nice to see buildings and public areas not covered by graffiti. More cameras should be installed all around the town. Stores owners should only sell spray paint to adults 18 years or older. The Peacekeepers should have foot and bike patrols. People of Kahnawà:ke should join together to start a community watch program.

Last, but most important is our culture. We are in danger of losing our culture and we need to bring it back. We need to learn our language so it is not lost forever. We could ask that Mohawk classes be offered to people of all ages. Signs, such as stop signs, street signs and store signs, can be in Mohawk. We should encourage our elders to speak to us in Mohawk. We can go to the Longhouses so that we can hear our language spoken, learn our ceremonies, and the traditions of our people. It is important for the future generations to respect all of creation and its part in our culture.

As six-graders, these are some of our ideas to improve the community. As we picture the future of Kahnawà:ke we see a bright, beautiful, more peaceful and safer community. Remember that just one person making a positive change can make a big difference.

## OUR FUTURE VISION OF KAHNAWÀ:KE GRADE 6B, KATERI SCHOOL

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As the youth of Kahnawà:ke, we have a vision of what we would like our community to be like in the future. There are lots of things that could be different to make it a better place to live. In this essay we will talk about our visions about the language, the environment, social problems and health.

In the future, it would be great to have more Mohawk speakers. We would hear Mohawk spoken

all around us. People would use Mohawk all the time not just in school. There would be classes for everyone in the community to learn Mohawk and learn about our culture. There could be workshops during the day and evening so even working people could participate. We would hear more Mohawk on the radio.

**“ In our Community there would be no more drugs or alcohol...”**

Our community's environment will hopefully be cleaner, greener and more beautiful. Looking around Kahnawà:ke there will be more trees for birds and bugs to live in. The trees will help make the air cleaner and

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make the community more beautiful. People will plant gardens to grow vegetables like the three sisters, to feed their families. If there was no more dumping of sewage and garbage into the river, we would be able to see the bottom. It would be nice to swim in the river like our elders used to.

In our community there would be no more drugs or alcohol because it separates families. They will spend more time together being a happy family. Mothers and fathers will get along and not separate because of the problems with drugs and alcohol. The only drugs we need here are natural medicines and drugs for medical reasons.

We would like to see a healthy community. Our people would have a healthier lifestyle. There would be healthier choices of restaurants to have a family meal at. The restaurants would offer less fatty food and more salads, fruits and vegetables and healthy drinks like smoothies. In school cafeterias we would have healthier meals that include salads and fruit platters. Schools would have more gym

time for the students to be active. There would be more physical activities for everyone in the community. We want more parks that are safe for kids and toddlers. These parks would be clean and graffiti free. Another thing is to have a town pool for everyone to swim. It would also be nice to have a walking path that goes all around town. On the path there would be benches for elders to rest as they walk. Along the path there would be flowers to look at. Another way to be healthier is to encourage people to stop smoking. This would make healthier people who will live longer. And the kids will not breathe second hand smoke or want to try cigarettes at a young age.

In conclusion, we have given our thoughts on things that need to change in our community. These ideas are what we see as ways to make our community stronger and more powerful for the seven generations to come.

## OUR FUTURE VISION OF KAHNAWÀ:KE GRADE 6C, KATERI SCHOOL



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We are writing this essay in regards to Our Future Vision of Kahnawà:ke. Kahnawà:ke is a beautiful, unique place to live and we would like to preserve it for the next generations to come. Some concerns that we would like to address are about the environment, health, social, and educational issues within our community.

Our education is important to us. We would like our schools to provide the students with new text books because the ones we have now are not in good condition. Books are not offered for every subject. Our classrooms need new novels so we can have a bigger selection to choose from and borrow whenever we want. We would like more advanced classes for enriched students who really want to learn. More advanced language classes are needed for Mohawk and French speakers. Learning

new languages is important for us. After school tutoring should be provided for anyone who needs extra help. Tutoring centers are expensive and not everyone who needs it can afford it. We would like to see more security in and around our school and school yard. Students get hurt a lot in the school yard but the nurse is not always available. We should have a nurse at school every day of the week. The evacuation was pretty scary

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for us and we don't want this to happen again. Maybe we need more cameras and monitors for the students? Computers should all be updated and running properly so we wouldn't have to share them so much in the classroom. We would like a free lunch program so everyone can eat healthy. Some kids don't have lunches because they lose their money. Our lunch time is very short and we

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are always rushed to eat. They throw their food away because they don't want to miss their recess outside. It's important for us to be more physically active. Two gym periods per week is not enough for us to stay in shape. After school gym activities are good but we would like other types too. Not all of us like to participate in physical activities after school. More space in our school is needed so we can have an Art classroom and a Science lab. We love music too! Why couldn't we learn how to play an instrument? It would be nice to do more creative things if we had a special room for it. A newspaper for the kids would be great for us to keep informed of our community's events. We would also like to write for it so everyone can read about what we think and be aware of our thoughts.

**“ The Island is a good place to hang out and go fishing with our families and friends.... It's not nice all the time because it gets used for drinking and using drugs.... ”**

Health is an area that needs some improvement. People living in Kahnawà:ke need to make healthier choices. Fast food restaurants should offer healthier choices. Energy drinks should not be sold to kids because it's not good for us to drink. There should be clean public bathrooms that everyone could use, especially near the parks where the kids play. Now we have to buy bottled water because ours is not safe to drink anymore. There is a lot of alcohol and drugs in our community. A lot of underage people are doing this and they

should not be allowed. We need better role models for them. They need places to go and hang out or just adults to talk to. Some of the adults are doing this too and it hurts their families. Families break up and kids feel sad about this. There should be less smoking in public places and buildings to prevent lung diseases. Our hospital needs better equipment too. Sometimes we have to go out of town to get the care we need. Mothers could have their babies in our hospital. A doctor should be available 24hrs a day and make house calls so we wouldn't have to leave our houses when we're sick. The elderly don't often have cars and they would benefit from this too. People should learn about natural medicines instead of taking pills made out of chemicals.

Social issues exist in Kahnawà:ke. Poverty is one of them. We should try and help more people to live comfortably here. There should be places for people to get financial help when they need it, or maybe discounts at stores. Food stamps and donation centers should be available for anyone who has a hard time to make ends meet sometimes. A lot of things that used to be free for us are not anymore, and this is hard on some families who have a lot of kids. The Council should build more homes for low-income families and take better care of them. Even the seniors have a hard time finding a nice place to live. Our elders don't have any place to go so they stay in the hospital and live in a small room. There's not enough places for them to live. They don't get many visitors. It's not the same as living in a house with a real family. They need activities so they wouldn't be so lonely and depressed all the time. It would be nice if we had a bus that went around town and brought people to different places. More people would visit each other and it would be safe. Kahnawà:ke is

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very big and it's not easy to get around anymore. Kids should be able to ride the bus for free, and seniors too. We need more parks and green space. The Island is a good place to hang out and go fishing with our families and friends. It's not nice all the time because it gets used for drinking and using drugs and it looks dirty. We should turn it into a campground that's safe for everyone. We could have visitors and families stay there in the summer. If the Seaway was clean we could swim there too.

Kahnawà:ke is a nice place to raise a family but there are some environmental issues that are happening which could harm us. We noticed that a lot of trees are getting cut down for no reason. People should plant more trees. We are wasting the land and there's not much left of it. People are building stores and factories and don't realize that it could hurt everyone. We don't want our community to start looking like a city with smog. Our air is not as clean as it used to be. More kids have asthma and allergies these days. The animals are hurting too. They don't have any place to live anymore so they're coming more into our town looking for food.

“ Everyone should try and take better care of Mother Earth because she gives us a lots of things. ”

People are killing them because they're digging in their garbage. They're special and shouldn't be treated this way. Everyone should try and take better care of Mother Earth because she gives us a lot of things. Our town looks dirty sometimes because people don't care where they litter. Our town needs more garbage cans and recycling bins on the roads. We should have a cleanup more than once a year to keep Kahnawà:ke nice and safe to play. Sometimes we find things on the ground that are harmful, especially for young kids. There should be laws for littering. Bike paths are really nice to ride on but we need more of them. Everyone should drive less and ride their bikes more. The streets are not safe because there's too many people driving around. Lights on the bike paths would be safer for us at night too.

In closing, we would like to thank you for taking our thoughts and ideas into consideration for our future. Kahnawà:ke is and should remain one of the best places to live and raise happy and healthy children. We need to start thinking about our future and not forget about the next generations to come.



## OUR FUTURE VISION OF KAHNAWÀ:KE CLASS 6C, KARONHIANONHNHA SCHOOL



Shown above: Writers of the following nine submissions.

### **The Future of Kahnawà:ke**

by Kaia'ti:io Barnes (Karonhianonhnha 6C)

I can see it now 20 years from today. The small town I've come to know and love and always will. The same old town of Kahnawà:ke, where I've lived for all of my life. I can see it 20 years from now being a healthier environment.

As I imagine it as if I am there now, at night it would be quiet, calming, no one stirring just the moon as a night-light to the world. It is silent there are no crimes to be known of. During daylight hours everyone functions in peace, there would be no hate among all of the citizens of Kahnawà:ke, we would all be happier in the future.

There would be no more fights about cigarettes or land. Everyone would be more interested in cultural activities and the children would be more interested in their schooling than video-games and would play outside more, to stay healthy. Everyone

would be healthier then, in 20 years from now.

In 20 years there would be no drugs to influence the people of Kahnawà:ke. No drugs to do any more harm than they have already.

**“ There would be no more fights about cigarettes or land. ”**

Everyone would be well aware of all the harm they have already done to Kahnawà:ke and would be moving forward to help repair and reverse the pollution to the water and land.

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The Mercier Bridge would still be standing tall after it was fixed (it is to be fixed sometime soon hopefully) about 20 years ago.

Back to the topic about pollution, everyone would be driving a lot less and when they were, it would be an Earth friendly car.

Everyone from my class would be happily married 20 years from when they were all 11 years old. They'd all be happily married with a nice little family and a cozy home of their own.

As I imagine more and more, happy thoughts begin to fill my mind. Ones of the future and all that it promises. It promises a healthier community with all kinds of fine hopes and dreams.

I can also imagine Kahnawà:ke being a place where everyone is supportive of each other when they need it and it wouldn't be a place where everyone was judged. Everyone would be accepted. I see the qualities that the small and familiar and cozy town of Kahnawà:ke has to offer and I cherish the idea of being a part of such a wonderful community. So many people take our land and lives for granted. Not knowing how much we have and not even thanking the Creator for what great lives we all live!

I hope for all, and when I say all I mean "all" and I also mean every last bit of hopes, dreams and happiness I mentioned would one day come to be a reality! I believe I have done enough imagining for one day! As I slowly float back to reality, as I am writing this 500 word essay I realize that if we want any of it we all have to work for it!

### Visions of Kahnawà:ke's Future

by Kaharonkwas Jacobs (Karonhianonhnha 6C)

Twenty years from now: Will I have a family? Will I move somewhere far? Or will I still be in the same place I've always been? Home. Will I be doing nothing with my life?

No.

Why? Because I'm not that kind of person. I like adventure and excitement. I have a dream that I believe will come true someday if I keep believing it. I dream of becoming an author and to travel the world. Excuse me for bragging, but I do think I'd make a good one. But as I said, I will not let myself give up and if I do, I'll never achieve that dream. I can imagine ...a town without cigarettes, drugs, and drinking. It's perfect. But we don't have a town without all

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those things. I imagined it. And if I keep working toward that perfect town maybe someday I'll get my wish. Our wish.

If I could grab all the bad stuff and turn it around, I would. But I'm not a superhero so we'll all have to find another way. It doesn't have to be hard, but easy. But that's up to you if you want to help build a better community, a better world, and a better life for everyone.

It's not going to happen overnight you know - if that's what you're thinking. We have to work

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for it if we want it. And I'm not typing this for nothing. I'm trying to make a difference. So please listen to not only my story, but to the other young writers, as well. They all have something important to say.

Sports play a big part in Kahnawà:ke, too. Personally, I think more kids should be involved with a sport they have interest in and not something someone forced them to do. I was never really a big sports person until my mom told me that I had to join something for the summer. I hated my first day of paddling. I'm always scared to join something new because of the people that go and the things that I'll have to do. To my surprise I had cousins and friends that were there doing the same thing I was doing. I loved my second day of paddling. Now it's my fourth year and it's one of

my most favorite things to do. So it just goes to show that you can find something that you really like if you are adventurous.

Sometimes it's hard to imagine things that aren't yet true. I started off this writing without any imagination at all and ended up deleting the first 200 words because it lacked vision. I really think all of the things that I've talked about in this writing will turn into reality someday if we work together to get there. Did you ever ask yourself, why we do things that hurt Kahnawà:ke and ourselves? Did you ever think of all the things you could do to help instead of hurt? Well if you didn't, you should.

Just remember that imagination is a big word and Kahnawà:ke needs more imagination if it's going to be a better town.

### The Future of Kahnawà:ke

Kawisaro:roks Paul (Karonhianonhnha 6C)

In twenty years I hope Kahnawà:ke will be different than it is now. My vision is that every body would be able to speak the language and follow our traditions. I want Kahnawà:ke to change, because there are too many things going on in town that shouldn't be. I like living in Kahnawà:ke but I want things to change for the better. In the future I want to have a family of my own and live somewhere nice. It would also be nice to have fewer cigarette stores and less drinking in Kahnawà:ke.

I want the future to be good and safe. Not have any drugs or alcohol. Kahnawà:ke is my home, and I love living here but sometimes I hate the things that go on. There's too much gossip, rumors, alcohol, drugs, and smoking, I want it to stop!

Sometimes Kahnawà:ke feels like an episode of the O.C. Kahnawà:ke is a great place to live, there's just a couple of things I think really need to change. I think more people should speak the

**“ I think more people should speak the language and go to the longhouse...”**

language and go to the longhouse to follow our traditions. I want the future to be something to look forward to and Kahnawà:ke to be the best it could be. I want to grow up in a nice, safe town

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that will always be here. If all these flaws did change then I think Kahnawà:ke would be the best place to live.

When I think about the future, I think about having a family of my own like I said before, and following our traditions and to have a home in a safe environment. Kahnawà:ke, I've lived here my whole life and I like living here but sometimes I really dislike what goes on in town, I really want things to change before its too late.

I plan to live in Kahnawà:ke for the rest of my life but if these things do not change I don't think I'll want to stay here.

In the future I want things to be the best they could be. I don't want all the negativity. I want people to be more interested with our language and participate in more of our traditional activities.

If everybody spoke our language and followed our traditions it would mean a lot. I really want these sorts of things to happen and to change but if we don't try to help, the future won't be any better.

I want there to be a lot less cigarette stores, and no alcohol and drugs, and to stop cutting all of the trees down. Instead people should be planting more trees; if it continues then it's just a matter of time before Kahnawà:ke becomes another part of Montreal. These are the main things I really want to change.

As a community we should all want better for the town, and be trying to change and make it as good as possible. If we really want things to change I think it could happen if we all work together, and change what really needs to be. The future of Kahnawà:ke is up to us and all depends on whether we really try to change things.

### My Vision of Kahnawà:ke

by Wahsontiihstha Nelson-Jacobs (Karonhianonhnha 6C)

In the future Kahnawà:ke is great because all the people of Kahnawà:ke are speaking the language and the water isn't polluted. Everyone is happy. And everyone is being very kind to each other. There are no more cigarette shops or factories to give Kahnawà:ke's people sickness such as cancer, brain tumors or lung cancer. And there will never be any more drug sellers in the future of Kahnawà:ke.

There will be no more cutting down trees; instead the community will plant more. I see the community being very good because everyone will stop at the stop signs in order not to hit kids, cars or to break the laws. Kahnawà:ke will have many different plants and trees. Kahnawà:ke

would be the best place to live at. There are no more crimes because everyone is living in peace.

Everyone in the community is going to the Long House and participating in the ceremonies and festivals. The community is more involved with bake sales and kids are more interested in reading books and school work rather than playing video games. Children are more active. Classmates would be married or have families. Less of the electronics would be used in order not to waste electricity. The bridge is now fixed so it is not going to fall and kill anyone. The cigarette shops

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and factories would be torn down for things more important. The people of Kahnawà:ke are as traditional as can be and eat cornbread and all the other healthy food we're supposed to eat instead of junk food all the time. There is no more littering around Kahnawà:ke because everyone in the community would be clean. In the future from twenty years from now everyone in the community is healthy and active always walking around town, running or even jogging. Everywhere you go you'll find happiness around every corner of Kahnawà:ke. Everybody is wearing their traditional outfits and their moccasins if necessary. Traditional meals would be served and there will be powwows every weekend. Bikes are being used instead of cars. Bikes are safer in the community

“ ... Kahnawà:ke would be the best place to live. ”

because cars could really damage somebody plus cars can cause green house gases that would be bad for the environment. All the nations would gather up to sing and dance with each other and have ceremonies. Citizens of Kahnawà:ke are participating in any kind of walks and sports like soccer, basketball, track, skating, playing hockey or even playing baseball and paddling. The environment office is continuing to give away trees so that people can plant them.

And Kahnawà:ke would be the very best place to live at. Because Kahnawà:ke would be very clean, the people are more active; the community is traditional and the people are being more involved with things.

### Kahnawà:ke in Twenty Years from Now

Katsitsanoron Gabriel (Karonhianonhnha 6C)

I feel that in twenty years from now, a lot more children will not be as active and more into video games and the computer instead of playing outside at the park or at a friend's house even if there is a back yard. But their parents some times rather spend all their money on a machine for video games. All parents should keep their children active and healthy.

I think that too many trees are getting cut down in Kahnawà:ke all because people are clearing down trees in Kahnawà:ke like there's no tomorrow and that's why each summer, there should be a minimum of one hundred and ninety-five trees replanted.

I also think that we should only be speaking our

language so that we don't start to lose it and so that we can keep passing it on to the younger generations.

“ ... people are clearing down trees in Kahnawà:ke like there's no tomorrow. ”

Also, I see a lot of teenagers drinking and smoking at a very young age. I think they should stop smoking and drinking because they could either get lung cancer, diabetes or get really sick from drinking alcohol.

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I hope that in twenty years from now there will be no more cigarette stores on the highway. I also hope that there will be not a lot of cigarette factories in Kahnawà:ke. I hope that all the children, teenagers and adults are speaking the language like nothing in twenty years from now.

I also see a lot of garbage in Kahnawà:ke and that makes it look like that we don't take good care of our town and I think that we should start cleaning up all over Kahnawà:ke so that it does not look so messy.

I also think that for all the sports that the children are in, the parents should not get so mad at their kid just because they might not get a goal or landed a jump. I think that they should just be happy that their children are doing a sport because some people can't afford to put their

child in a sport.

I also think that all the kids in Kahnawà:ke should not be putting down one another because it's not right. Every one in Kahnawà:ke should be nice to one another but if that person is always stuck up and mean then let them be that way, they could stay that way all their life.

I hope that in twenty years from now that Kahnawà:ke will be a nice place to live and that there will be not a lot of cigarette factories and stores and no more garbage on the road or bushes and side walks. And there will be no more fighting and all the children will be active and not just be playing video games. And I also hope that all the teenagers will stop drinking and smoking also stop having babies at a young age.

**The Future of Kahnawà:ke**

by Kanionwarishon Marquis (Karonhianonhnha 6C)

My vision of Kahnawà:ke in the next 20 years will be a beautiful place to live in and especially knowing that you live in a place where the people there welcome you and let you feel welcomed.

In the future Kahnawà:ke Mohawk language will be spoken and Kahnawà:ke will be a nice town without any garbage on the grounds, streets, or lawns of Kahnawà:ke.

In the future people are going see houses with bright colored flowers, really big trees, and a beautiful backyard.

In 20 years Kahnawà:ke will be a beautiful town where people can walk and say "oh my goodness this town is so beautiful and there's not even a

**“ Prejudiced Behavior; Discrimination against other people will be no more...”**

single pile of garbage here”. There will be more beauty in the town, more of our customs and traditional activities will be done. There will be more KSDPP activities for elders, young adults, children and families.

There will be less junk food and more healthier food. Our language will be stronger and used more in our homes, schools, and community. In Kahnawà:ke we are going to have peace. **Prejudiced Behavior; Discrimination** against other people will be no more in Kahnawà:ke.

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There will be more Mohawk speaking that is used within the community.

In the future Kahnawà:kero:non will be more active.

The people of Kahnawà:ke will cherish and respect our customs and traditions just like everybody else in the community. In the future the people are going to be kind to one another.

There will be more sport teams that represent Kahnawà:ke. There will be no more cigarette stores opening up. In Kahnawà:ke more trees have been planted to beautify our community.

There will be more outsiders visiting Kahnawà:ke. There will be new cars driven in Kahnawà:ke such

as hovercrafts. There will be beautiful homes with colorful roses, tulips, and sunflowers.

There will be more outdoor activities within the community like paddling, soccer, softball, lacrosse, walking, running, football, and basketball.

In 20 years from now Kahnawà:ke will not have anymore vandalism. I know Kahnawà:ke will not be polluted by anybody. In 20 years the community will not knock down any of the schools in Kahnawà:ke.

And that's what will happen in the next 20 years of Kahnawà:ke. And to make all this happen we, the people of Kahnawà:ke, will have to work together in order for this to happen.

### The Future of Kahnawà:ke

by Atsenharónkwás Deere (Karonhianonhnha 6C)

#### **1st Thought**

I think in the future there is going to be people respecting each other and people will be speaking more of their language. There wouldn't be as much pollution in our community and there wouldn't be any littering. There wouldn't be people saying bad words to each other. Our town would be a friendlier place. The people would be more into doing the dancing at the Long Houses, and there would be more people participating in the Traditional dancing at the Pow Wow.

The town of Kahnawà:ke would be cleaner, because there wouldn't be much garbage on the streets. Everybody would be recycling; more people would be cleaning up of what they had littered. People wouldn't be wasting electricity,

especially the water. I think that people waste a lot of water.

I see in Kahnawà:ke that people will stop cutting down trees and they would plant more trees to

**“ We need to tell people to stop littering on the streets and stop cutting down all the trees in Kahnawà:ke. ”**

help the environment and making our town a better and safer place. People in Kahnawà:ke think that littering is okay to them, because there is litter on the streets all the time.

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### **2nd Thought**

I think there wouldn't be enough room for all the new houses to be built and there would be more cigarettes stores than before and there wouldn't be as much medicine for the people who are sick and hurt. I see in the future of Kahnawà:ke there is going to be people cutting down trees and there would be more trash on the streets. I also think that there is going to be more cigarettes, drugs, alcohol and a lot more pollution than before. There would be a lot of cigarette stores in Kahnawà:ke, there wouldn't be a lot of trees around in the community, there wouldn't be a lot of healthy foods around to eat – people would stop exercising.

Kahnawà:ke wouldn't be as safe as before. All of the prices of the food and gas would be higher prices than before.

That's why we need to tell people to stop littering on the streets and stop cutting down all the trees in Kahnawà:ke. People have to stop littering,

wasting electricity, and we need to stop what we are doing and start helping the community before it turns into a waste land where people could just litter and do whatever they want. That's why we have to change our ways and start helping the environment and stop wasting water and all kinds of stuff that we need to survive in this world.

The Creator did not put us here just to waste and wreck everything and there wouldn't be a lot of food for us to eat. We would be causing more pollution and it hurts the animals. And if we don't stop polluting Kahnawà:ke all of the animals here will be extinct and people would be sick and then they might die. Our town wouldn't be safe any more and there wouldn't be any bees to pollinate the flowers or pollinate anything.

The people of Kahnawà:ke would be saying bad words to each other. There would be more discrimination in the town.

### **My Vision of Kahnawà:ke in Twenty Years Time**

by Kahteri:io Goodleaf (Karonhianonhnha 6C)

If we keep doing what we are doing, Kahnawà:ke is going to be polluted and filled with trash.

People will lose their language because people don't often speak it and we will be very fat and sick because they don't exercise or eat healthy, its always junk food like energy drinks, soda, candy, chips, cake. We got to stop eating and drinking this junk food and start eating good and healthy.

We need to be more active run, jump, skip, play a sport lacrosse, hockey, football, soccer, paddling

or even base ball, as long as you're active and not watching TV or playing video games. Do any thing to be active go for a bike ride roller skate, run, swim, jump, play a sport hockey, Lacrosse, foot ball, soccer or even rafting as long as you're active - none of this video games, TV or computers. Don't be a couch potato when you could be fit, strong, healthy and happy or would you be rather be fat, sick, weak or having diabetes. And another important thing is to eat healthy fruit and vegetables. None of this

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energy drinks, soda and candy - all of this junk food. Sure its good to have it once in a while but still you should always eat right and healthy.

In the future, I presume there are more doctors and nurses because when you or someone else

**“ People would lose their language because people don’t often speak it...”**

in your family gets hurt you rush to the hospital and you have to stay there for hours for a nurse to be free just for you to get checked. If you are all right, I mean you’re waiting there for hours just to know if you are ok, what if you are hurt really bad.

Speak our language more often and teach the young children to speak it in twenty years, fifty years or even one hundred years.

And another thing in the future people are more kind to animals because there is a lot of people that hurt their pets. They hit them, they don’t feed them, don’t bring them for walks. They just keep them tied up all the time and do not play with them. They never play with their animals, like dogs, cats, birds, fish and all animals around the world are being hurt, hit, abused and neglected by their owners.

Anyways in twenty years or even in 50 years, it is perfect. And I hope that Kahnawà:ke is a strong, fit, and healthy community. Not just Kahnawà:ke, I hope all around the world is fit, strong and a healthy planet.

None of this pollution stuff or global warming. So if you listen to what I am trying to tell you, just like the elders had tried to tell you, Kahnawà:ke and all the other reserves around the world will be fit, strong, healthy and safe from global warming. This is how I hope Kahnawà:ke is going to be like in twenty years.

**Future of Kahnawà:ke**

by Teiowisontion Rice (Karonhianonhnha 6C)

I think there will be a lot more houses in Kahnawà:ke. I think there will be enough land at South Texas, and on the Old Chateaugay road. There will also be a lot more cigarette stores in Kahnawà:ke. I know there will be more factories. I think there will be more trees cut down to make more room for houses to be built in the future.

In the future, I would like to see more lacrosse teams in Kahnawà:ke. For this, more people would have to volunteer to be coaches, and lacrosse players. I think there will also be a strong intermediate lacrosse team for Kahnawà:ke. For hockey, there

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will be strong teams in Kahnawà:ke. I am hoping that Kahnawà:ke will make a double letter team. The Chief should invent a new sport called field hockey. That would be cool. I would try that

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sport. Even the Kahnawà:ke Football Steelers will have a strong team. Also, the Kahnawà:ke baseball team will have good players. And I hope that the basketball team will get better players for the girls team and make a basketball team for the boys.

I think more people will go to the Longhouse to attend the ceremonies. I also hope they build a bigger and longer Longhouse. I know our language will survive because we have Mohawk in our schools in Kahnawà:ke. Also more people will know how to speak our language.

I think there could be more vandalism and spray painting, as teenagers get their friends to help them spray paint in Kahnawà:ke. In the future, I think pollution will get worse and I see a lot of garbage on the ground, and I think people won't stop.

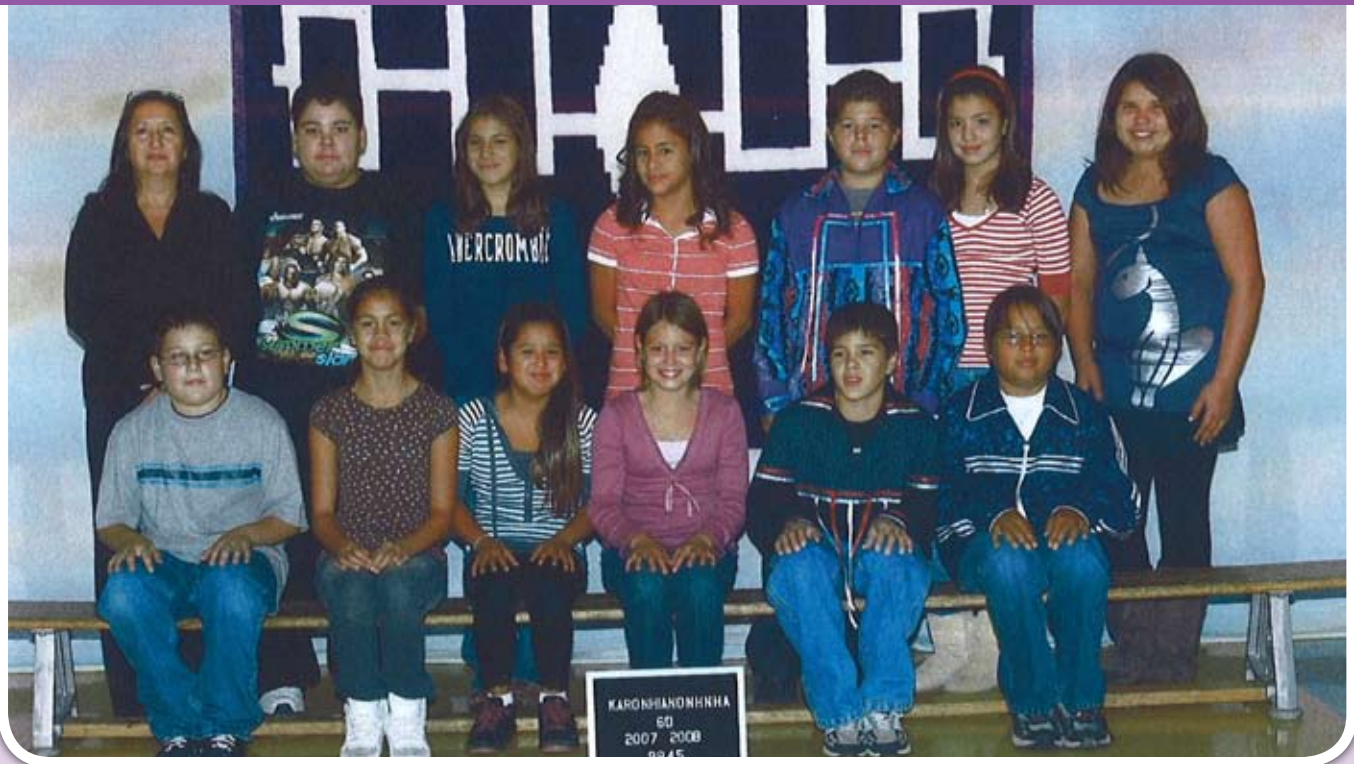
In the future, the workers of Kahnawà:ke are going to build a bigger Youth Center. On one floor they should have a game room. They

should have a room to do your home work in. They should have a lacrosse rink in the summer, and in the winter they should make an ice rink to skate on. The workers should build a bigger gym for the kids to have fun.

In the future of Kahnawà:ke, the spray painting and the vandalism will stop. I wish the people in the stores wouldn't sell spray paint to kids, and to adults. Spray-painting makes the town rink, and under the bridge look nasty. I don't like our community full of spray paint and vandalism.

In twenty years our Mohawk language will get stronger because we have good schools that speak a lot of Mohawk. Then have an hour of French so that you learn some French when you go to grade seven. I am hoping that they build new schools that just have Mohawk all the way up to grade six. I am also hoping that they're going to knock down the two schools except for the Kahnawà:ke Survival School because the workers of Kahnawà:ke had just build a new school for the teenagers.

## OUR FUTURE VISION OF KAHNAWÀ:KE CLASS 6D, KARONHIANONHNHA SCHOOL



Shown above: Writers of the following eleven submissions.

### **The Future of Kahnawà:ke**

by Kahentaronkwas Delisle (Karonhianonhnha 6D)

This is what I would want to see in Kahnawà:ke. A cleaner town so no one would think we don't take care about Kahnawà:ke, Only Mohawks (because the white people are always speeding and going through the stop signs and some live here now and they didn't let them live there before and I'm not trying to be racist it's just that you know they break the rules. Most of our land was and is gone from white people). I want to see my children grow up in a good community and make rules around this town. Not dealing with drugs and I don't want my kids to be doing that behind my back with their friends. And no bomb threats and the way people treat women and beat them up when they feel like it (I want it to stop now before it gets worse).

My wishes are to have a safer place for my children and other kids, to not have speeding around town.

No people trying to take our children, stealing them. And no Drinking and Driving. And stop the so many factories and cigarettes and drugs people

**“ Most of our land was  
and is gone...”**

sell and the factories that keep on coming and making in our town. And all the time I wish I could just buy all the cigarettes and burn them up and no one can smoke again and no more people dying from cancer and the other stuff people do.

One last wish I would want to have is flying cars someday but I don't think that would happen. No

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one knows yet until some one would want to make them like in 80 million years when our kids, kids, kids are alive. I want to have our animals free and not to be treated bad. I would let them all out of where they are and get a better place for them.

I don't really believe that people will try to benefit the community some people don't really care. They throw their garbage on the ground, riding around and putting more pollution in our town and everywhere else. OK maybe it's ok to go for a 101-minute ride, but come on, 30 to 1 hour ride - nope bad to hear. I would like to help stop everything sooner or later. People should think about when

they are riding around and they say "there's nothing to do" think, clean up, don't just keep on putting pollution in our town. It just makes it worse every second and day. We already have half of our forest gone from the man we don't want no more. Then all our animals will be gone and insects that are annoying but we need them some how and so do every thing else in the world. They come in handy.

I feel sad because of all of this happening in our town. I think that if we try we would be really good and we could keep it going for a long time until it's time to go to heaven but our children can keep it going for us.

### Visions of Kahnawà:ke's Future

by Katitsenhawe Deer (Karonhianonhnha 6D)

In the future I hope that our town will be safer because right now it's not really safe because there are always people trying to take kids and do bad things to them. There shouldn't be any white people because this is a Mohawk town, not French, or white town. They already took almost all of our land and they're not taking this one. I'm not trying to be racist but I don't like them here. If I have kids I don't want them in an unsafe town. I would want them in the safest town they could be in.

I hope they will try and stop the drugs in town because right now there's a lot of people doing drugs and we don't want that. When my friends and I walk around, we see teenagers doing drugs. And it scares us sometimes because they can try to stop us and make us do that too. I don't want the bridge to be blocked but I would really want all the cigarettes to be gone because all the cigarettes are making our town worse. We don't need to see a war. We're too young to be in something like that.

**“ ... right now there's a lot of people doing drugs and we don't want that ”**

I would like to see a cleaner town. People should not be littering. When I see one of my friends littering, I tell them to pick it up and if they don't, I do. It was good that we had a spring clean up but we should have gone more into town. When we go to the quarry with our school it's all full of garbage and beer bottles. It's nasty to see all over our town. We need a cleaner town so I hope in the future there will be a cleaner town.

People should stop speeding and drinking and driving because it's not safe at all when they're drinking and driving. They sometimes kill someone in their car or themselves.

I think the town should have more things like a town pool for people who can't afford it. We use to have a town pool but you wanted it gone.

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People use to go there all the time in the summer when it was really hot. I think we should have something like La Ronde so that we don't have to go 30 minutes away just to go all the way there. And we should have an ice cream place, a better one and we should get a water park.

And we should have more restaurants in town not just two or three more. We need more things in

our town because some people don't have cars to get all over the place and if there were all these kinds of things in town, people who don't have cars could just walk or ride their bikes.

So this is what I'm hoping to see in our town! Safer, cleaner, and more activities for all the people in town to do to make it better and more fun.

### My Vision for the Future

Kahentokwas Montour (Karonhianonhnha 6D)

In the future, I would want a safer community and a cleaner town and only Mohawks and no white people, black people, or any other people because when they drive through here they don't stop at the stop signs they don't pay attention when they are driving they speed and they stole half of our land. They call us down they are racist and they have no manners for others.

We have to stop pollution and stop littering. People think it is ok to litter but it's just killing the world and making it polluted. But some people don't even care about the world or anything they just throw their garbage on the ground and they just think like oh it's just garbage it's not going to do anything. You should recycle because that's the right thing to do, so stop now and don't pollute the town.

I think that the town should get a new town pool with water slides and other stuff. They should get a little mini putt and a laser tag and other fun stuff for all of the kids and if we do get any stuff like that people should not spray paint on it or do anything to wreck it because they would pay a lot of money for all that new stuff.

I hope in the future there are no tornados, earthquakes, tsunamis and other stuff that can ruin the town and cause death. Today, we don't have any of those here in Kahnawà:ke, actually we never did. The worst storms we have are like a bad lightning storm or a strong wind and other things like that.

**“ You should recycle because that's the right thing to do, so stop now and don't pollute the town. ”**

In town people should be nicer to others and stop fighting and making rumors about other people and calling them down and other stuff, because we all live in the same town. We're all Mohawks and we shouldn't be fighting with one another. It's almost like we're all family. We live in the same town we have the same culture and people should be nicer to little kids and stop hurting them and making them feel bad. They are little kids and they are way younger than you.

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And they should stop the vandalism and no one should spray paint it's just wrecking the buildings. If anyone gets caught spraying any where, whoever catches them should call the Peacekeepers or do something and they pay a lot of money for the stuff and people just ruin it and wreck it.

They should ban cigarettes, drugs, and anything with alcohol because nowadays all little kids are drinking and smoking and doing other bad things like that. Everywhere you go in town you see

someone drinking or smoking and no one should be doing that. It can kill them and make them sick and it makes you get drunk or high and stuff like that. It makes you do dumb stuff like you get into fights and it's not good for you. Who ever does it should stop.

In the future we shouldn't have all kinds of bad people in this town because they might kill or steal or rape kids and teenagers or even adults and that is not right. No one should be doing anything like that to anyone.

**My Wish for the Community**

by Wenhnitatoron Norton (Karonhianonhnha 6D)

I am hoping that Kahnawà:ke can become a better place by doing things different not the same as now. By not having so many cigarette stores all over town!!!! And maybe it will be better not to sell any more beer or drugs that go around almost every day. I hope it will change in the future! I believe that maybe it will all happen. Maybe and maybe not, perhaps if there were no more beer or drugs Kahnawà:ke can become a better place. Not just for me but for everyone!!! I would really like that all the cigarette stores in town and beer and drugs would be gone in the future because of what drugs do to people - it makes families start to fall apart

I would like it if people didn't have to be bad to kids. In the future, when I have kids, and I don't want people to be like that, not just to the kids I may have, but to everyone. I wish it could happen and maybe Kahnawà:ke can be a better place. People in this world can be bad but I am hoping

**“ I would like it if people didn't have to be bad to kids. ”**

that people are not bad and I hope that people are kind. That's what I am hoping Kahnawà:ke would be. A different place, not like now. I am not just saying this to be mean, but there are too many bad people here. Drugs and alcohol ruins families and make them go apart, then the kids don't need to feel this way, it's not right. People know that it's not right so if we stop now it would make Kahnawà:ke a better place, so me and other people could be happy not sad because that really hurts everything and everyone.

I would really like it if Kahnawà:ke can become a cleaner place, not with all kinds of garbage in this town. I would really like is to happen.

I am hoping that there will not be that much

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gas used in the future because it's making global warming even worse in the world. If this town was a free, clean town maybe it will be a better place because the more gas going around causes that more global warming.

One more thing I would like to happen is if people can really change polluting because maybe this world would end and Kahnawà:ke will be a wreck. So maybe if we all work together, this town can become a better town. I would stop everything I can.

**“ ... if you're not treating this town right why don't you just leave.”**

I feel very sad, I know some people think cigarette stores help people make money. But it's wrong so people say they will destroy their stores because it is not nice. People think its ok to make this world a wreck so if you're not treating this town right why don't you just leave. That is what I really like to happen to this town.

Thank you for letting us do this project. I really hope it happens!

**My Future Vision of Kahnawà:ke**

Shakohawi Kirby (Karonhianonhnha 6D)

My vision of Kahnawà:ke is to clean up all of the garbage in all of the bushes next to the sidewalk and take out the bottles, cans and wrappers out of the seaway. Also, all of the garbage near the fences next to the schools. We should not let anyone litter or spray paint on anything. If all of that happens to the town, it would look a lot nicer than it is now. When people are done with any food or wrapper they should put it in the right place. If I had kids I would not want them to be living in a dirty town. It pollutes our town and air. At school, near the fences anywhere near the fences there is so much garbage it's not funny because it looks bad.

I wish the town was cleaner because the bushes look bad with all of the bags, wrappers, bottles, and paper cups and all of that trash is all over the grass, bushes, and fences. Also when workers are building a building the boxes and wrappers on the supplies they should throw it out. Because once I passed by in my car and there was garbage

everywhere around the building, in the seaway and on the road. It was not clean. It looked very dirty and not nice, it's bad. Everybody should clean up all the garbage in town and throw it in the trash. If they don't, the town should do something because there is litter everywhere and it looks bad. If we did clean up the town, the environment would be cleaner and look ten times better.

**“ ... a lot of kids from our town call each other down and fight against each other...”**

Also a lot of kids from our town call each other down and fight against each other and it's really bad for us.

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The cigarettes and the drugs in this town are bad. A lot of people do these things and we should be able to stop it if we try. If we do not stop what is going on in the town it will get worse and worse by the minute. If the town still does nothing almost every teenager will be on drugs. If we change the town, we won't have anybody on drugs or anything.

Also, how many people drink and drive if it does not change there will be many more accidents to come. If this changes, the town will be better than it is.

A lot of people in our town spray paint and this is one of the things in the piece I am writing could be easily stopped. Because almost everywhere you look you see peoples' clan tags and things on walls in tunnels that say bad things or good things, either way it's wrong.

All of these reasons why I am writing this piece is because I want this town to be less dirty and less fighting because it's bad for us and the environment. We can change if we try and that's what we need to do - we have to work together!

**We Can Make A Difference**

by Katsi 'tsehawe Thomas (Karonhianonhnha 6D)

When I am older, I am planning on moving to Manhattan. If I come back to Kahnawà:ke and see changes. Bad ones! I will be disappointed.

The changes I would love to see in Kahnawà:ke if Global Warming gets worse or if anything gets worse. Less big trucks and cars; because if someone lives one block away from the Pharmacy they take their car/truck there and that just makes Global Warming ten times worse. And it wouldn't hurt just to walk one block, because some people need to get fresh air and exercise.

So many people get stopped on the side of the road or arrested for drinking and driving or getting high on the island, and that's just wrong. If I can see no cops or hear about people being arrested for drinking and driving or for doing drugs for one month that would make me feel proud, because my kind of people, Onkwéhonwe from Kahnawà:ke, did something good.

And you know! I'm tired of hearing young kids

and adults talking about white people. There is nothing wrong with them. I know some of them make fun of us because of where we come from or what we speak. But remember we're the ones that brought them to this earth from the creation story. Yes they have their beliefs but that doesn't

**“ ... my kind of people, Onkwéhonwe from Kahnawà:ke, did something good.”**

mean you can't believe in yours. I have many friends who are from Chateauguay and they're not mean. You want to know why? It's because they can accept the fact that we're all people and the only differences between us is our people. Yes, I've seen a lot of people give me dirty looks just because of where I come from and what I

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speak. They can say what ever they want about me but I know that it's not true.

This summer I would like to see less cars and trucks. Yes, I see people walking but majority of them drive most of the time. Whenever I ask my mom if I can ride some where she says "no walk, roller blade, or ride your bike". I always ask her why? And she says it's going to take too long. But the only reason why she says that is because it's nice out and it's just a waste of gas and causes Global warming.

When kids go to the quarry they go without any parent supervision. And that's very bad - some people even let their kids go there when they're 7 and with no parent supervision. My mom didn't even let me go to the quarry last year when I was 11 and with my cousin who was 18. But she only did that for my safety. And I can deal with that!

You can believe in what you want and other people can too but remember we're all the same. And we can make a change in racism and pollution but we cannot change who we are.

### My Future Vision of Kahnawà:ke

by Karonhiakeron E. Jacobs (Karonhianonhnha 6D)

My future wish is everyone would clean the town up and those who litter should be in jail and there should be no smoking or drinking. If the person litters they should do community service to the town.

Dogs should be chained up. If they get loose, they should be taken away from their owner and they should learn not to bite anyone or attack anyone. They should have a shocking thing to make them stop barking.

A lot of the trains that pass by should not pass at night. We want a safe place for our children.

We should have laws for what people do and what they say and people should be nicer to other people and not let anyone spray paint on the walls and if they spray paint on something they should clean it up.

People should work and gather all the garbage and people should welcome other people to our town and they should take all the garbage out of

the water. There should be no fires and no more smoking and there should be no one killing dogs and cats. There should be no one drinking and driving, and everyone should not drive over 40 miles and if we don't clean or change anything the

**“ ... trains that pass by should not pass at night. We want a safe place for our children.”**

place of Kahnawà:ke will be dirty and everything. We are dirty people and no one wants to be called a dirty people.

And no one should wear black at night, if they do, they will get hit by a car or a truck and they should wear lighter colors to walk at night. Everyone should respect everyone and don't be racist to each other - it's bad to make fun of your own people.

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I wish they make a cool new game that you can go anywhere in the game and I wish they made a cool game that will scare you. They should put a game that you can go anywhere in the world and where I always want to have live for the rest of my life. They should make XBOX live for free because it cost so much for XBOX live. I wish they would make new stuff like new cars that can fly and they should make a teleport that you can go anywhere in the world.

They should make robots that can do anything to help people, like help people to find stuff - they can even help the police, swat, and the FBI and to have a robot as a friend. They should make a toy that is life size that you can drive anywhere. They should make a new fast PC that can download faster stuff and when you click something it will come up faster then the old PC. One more thing I wish for is that they should make a cool new bike that can go really fast.

### My Vision of Kahnawà:ke in Twenty Years Time

by Tehawehni'tathe Cross (Karonhianonhnha 6D)

My future vision of Kahnawà:ke is to clean up all the garbage around Kahnawà:ke so that it will look cleaner and also clean the water so that we can swim and eat the fish.

My wishes for the town is that we find a cure for people with cancer and diabetes so that they can get better and do a whole bunch of things. I hope all the sick could get better and that we can help each other and not fight because it's bad. I wish everybody could stay in school so that they can get a good job and help the town.

I wish that everybody could start a big clean up around town so that when other people come here they will think that Kahnawà:ke is nice and clean. We should have nice fresh air and I hope they dispose of their garbage and recycle properly.

We should make a big town park with slides and everything and a big town dump so that we don't have to go all the way on the seaway road.

Don't throw your garbage on the ground because it's bad for the environment and not to drive big trucks because it pollutes the air and it makes us cough. Make more play grounds in town and on Clay Mountains so that we can play. When it's windy everybody's garbage flies into my yard and I always have to clean it up. When I cut the grass in the summer, I always cut up garbage and it wrecks the lawn mower. We should not let boats come through the seaway because they pollute the water and it makes it all green and dirty and we should not shoot any animals because it's bad and we should not kill them for fun.

We should not buy fast cars because it takes more gas and even that pollutes the air and big trucks pollute the air even more because they have a big pipe that shoots out smoke. It even smells bad and even in the bush there is garbage everywhere.

There should be a law against littering. If you get caught littering then you should get a ticket or

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something and there shouldn't be any cigarette stores because cigarettes cause lung cancer and it is very bad for your health. Cigarette stores are everywhere and we should have a drug free town because even that can cause bad things to

**“ We should not let boats come through the seaway because they pollute the water...”**

your health.

No more tree cutting because it is bad for the environment and trees give us oxygen and without trees we could suffocate and don't waste paper because that is just cutting down trees for nothing and there are also cigarette factories all around and cigarettes smell bad too. It makes you get a headache and I hope everyone quits and I hope every one could stop littering and start caring for the town and the animals and the trees and everything in the town and in the world.

### My Future Vision of Kahnawà:ke

by Iakothahonni Delormier (Karonhianonhnha 6D)

My future vision of Kahnawà:ke is to have a clean environment and everyone to get along and stop throwing garbage on the ground because it's polluting our town and our air.

My wish for Kahnawà:ke is that one day the whole town will come together and clean Kahnawà:ke so when people from different places or reserves come here we don't want them to think that Kahnawà:ke is just a big dump. We want them to think that Kahnawà:ke is a very clean town, but we're not going to clean just for them; we are going to clean for us, for everyone. So it will be a better environment for all of us.

I hope that Kahnawà:ke becomes better and everyone starts eating healthier so that you can be stronger and more active. I know that a lot of people have diabetes, and now is the day to start eating healthier and exercising more. Stores in Kahnawà:ke have a lot of junk food and a lot of people buy

junk and very unhealthy foods. People should start buying vegetables and fruits, not chips and soda.

**“ Kahnawà:ke is our town and it's time that we take care of it...”**

Instead of getting a soda, get a water or juice, and don't sit inside your house playing video games all day when it's hot and sunny outside and you could be riding your bike or be swimming with your friends having a good time. There are a lot of fun things you can do outside and while you're having fun and at the same time you're exercising.

Kahnawà:ke is our town and it's time that we take care of it and start cleaning up and recycling. When I go for a walk around town or for a run I see a lot of garbage on the ground and on the grass and that's what is polluting our ground and that's

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not good for us. And its not good for the insects that live on the ground and in the grass, so today is the day we all start cleaning our town. I know every year there is a clean up day for the town, but the clean up day shouldn't be every year it should be every day! I hope that Kahnawà:ke becomes a better place for everyone and for everyone to live a healthier life style.

And all the people in Kahnawà:ke that have the money to buy nice cars, buy the cars you need that are important, don't just buy a car to show off

because it's polluting the air and making the birds and the bees sick. So next time you go to buy a car think responsibly and buy the cars that you really need.

And people in Kahnawà:ke please do not throw garbage on the ground. A lot of people have parties on the island and near the canoe club and other places but please when you're done, please clean up after yourselves because it's making the whole area look dirty and it's making everything a mess.

### My Future Vision of Kahnawà:ke

by Katsi'tsohronkwaw Boyer (Karonhianonhnha 6D)

My wishes for the community are that maybe once a month we should clean up the community. All the schools and all the people who are free should come and join us to clean up. We don't have to have an award. It's up to the people who participated to clean up.

We should have more events in town because kids are in their houses and playing on the computer. There are so many events that can be played during the summer like; eat the most pie, who catches the most fish, racing and fastest at canoeing. Or in the middle of the winter there is like; a giant snowball war, a fun hockey exhibition game and who can build a snowman the fastest. Because when I get older I want to see kids outside mostly everyday because kids like us are always in the house and playing on the computer or playing video games and I don't want to see kids like my age have diabetes.

I'm trying to pick up as much garbage as I can and stop polluting this community because it's hard. Because when I do something right and

then all of a sudden I see someone else throw something else in the water and it makes me so mad because I'm trying to save our community!! I want the people of Kahnawà:ke to stop polluting this town. I want to live in this WORLD like everyone else did. That's what I want changed for people to stop polluting now before it's too late!

**“ I'm trying to save our community!! ”**

I want a cleaner community because what you see all around Kahnawà:ke is graffiti. What I would do is to go to a hardware store and buy a bucket of paint that I like and paint over it! But if that doesn't work do a second coat! I want to make a report because I live on Mohawk Trail and it's disgusting because I look on signs and there are improper drawings on them. Because if someone not from town comes on Mohawk Trail

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I would like people to say “Wow Kahnawà:ke is a clean place” because it would not be nice if

**“ Wow this Kahnawà:ke place is a pig sty...”**

someone says “Wow this Kahnawà:ke place is a pig sty! !” and that would hurt people who really care about Kahnawà:ke and try their hardest!

For the future of Kahnawà:ke, I would like a cleaner community because I find the place needs to be cleaner because one day I saw something that wasn't supposed to be there and I went there and took some people. I don't really know what's happening to our one and only world! I would like to see kids helping elders for something they

can't do. Or Kids playing outside because a lot of kids like to play on the computer and the only time I see kids outside the house is when they're playing with their friends! If their friends are not with them I bet they'll be in the house doing the same thing and that's being a lazy couch potato! Just because you're not with your friends think of your health and say “I can do this, I don't need my friends!” and yeah, it is fun when you're with your friends but it's not like they're always going to be at your house and then more people will be making better choices for themselves! They will think that you can be a role model for them if you can stay active, watch for everybody and keep this community clean!

What I would really appreciate and what I would like to change and what I wish for and everything for the Kahnawà:ke Community!

## My Future Vision of Kahnawà:ke

by Kanenhriio Stacey (Karonhianonhnha 6D)

My vision is a big dump, a giant garbage dump. I'm telling you, if things keep going the way they are going, Kahnawà:ke is going to be a garbage dump like the streets of New York. It's already half way there and you listen to this because I live out on the farm and the garbage is everywhere and nobody lives there. Well, I mean, people live there but not much. I'd hate to see what it looks like in town. It's so dirty that not even one yard is safe from the garbage. Here's something ten times worse, when I go for a walk deep in the forest, I mean deep in the forest, I find garbage everywhere!!!

Another thing is that if you think this town is safe, forget about it. You should see the people flying

**“ You should see the people flying down the back roads, they look like jets.”**

down the back roads, they look like jets. The worst part is that those people are from town!!!

Here's another vision, Kahnawà:ke as a giant cigarette store. Hanio, there's even cigarette stores in the middle of town, they're everywhere, even near Clay Mountains.

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I wish, actually, I hope for the sake of Kahnawà:ke, people start cleaning up where they live at least. If they have garbage in their yard all they do is complain and they never do anything about it. I can understand if some of those people are HANDICAPPED but it doesn't mean they can't get someone to do it for them!!! I'm not talking about raking up the leaves in your yard, I'm talking about the garbage!! !

Now here's a wish. I wish those stupid people would get that no good bridge off of our land and put it on their own. I don't even know why they put it there or maybe it's just because they're too lazy to get their big butts out of bed and move it! !!!

I have one more thing to complain about. All the dang houses down near South Texas! Stop building or we won't have any forest left. Our town is always complaining about Global-warming and you people are the ones helping it. So don't you

dare complain about the white people.

Why don't you stand up to that rotten no good government and get some things done around here. While our town is rotting away, he's walking around making millions of dollars by just taking a bath.

What about the land behind the arena. Why are you cutting down all the trees? So you can make more money to spend on paper for bills? So you can make even more money?

I still haven't talked to you about the seaway. We need to get those people off of our land, again there's another land trespassing, and it's all because, I'll say it again, they're too lazy!!! They have those stupid ships using the seaway because they don't want to make the bridge higher. Now we can't even eat the fish in there.

That's what I had to say, so I said it, happy?



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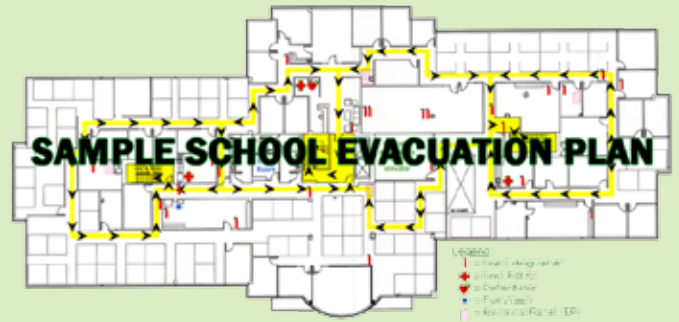
School season is once again upon us. All of our future doctors and lawyers will be working hard at their studies, whether they are in grade 1, grade 11, or second year university. They will each be hard at work in the classrooms of their schools.

As parents and guardians of these young students, you need to make sure that each and every school is prepared for the worst. The teachers and administration always have the safety of each and every student as a top priority. It is everyone's responsibility to make sure that the school has an updated emergency plan and that it is exercised regularly.

The beginning of the school year is still fresh in our minds and once again is the opportune time to approach your child (ren)'s school principal or administrator and make sure they have a plan ready and that it is exercised. Make sure you know the school plan and what will happen. When and how you will be informed and when and where

For more tips on how you can protect yourself in case of an emergency, call the Community Protection Unit at (450) 632-0635 or online at:

[www.kahnawake.com/beprepared](http://www.kahnawake.com/beprepared)



you can pick up your child (ren)?

You also need to trust the teachers. If the worst does happen, do not panic. Don't run to the school and take your child. Please wait and let the teachers notify you. As hard as it may be, they have the children's safety as priority one.



## OFFICE CLOSURE

The offices of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke will be closed on

**Monday, October 13th, 2008**  
for  
**Kaienthokwen**  
**(Harvest Day/Thanksgiving)**

All essential services will remain operational.

## READY TO OWN YOUR FIRST HOME?

The first Phase of construction of the Semi-Detached Units is now complete, with 8 units remaining for Phase II.

The Housing Department is still taking applications for those who are interested in owning one of these starter homes.

If you are interested, contact the Housing Administrator, Leah Horn of the Social Development Unit at (450) 638-0500.



## IT'S RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

Are you a vendor of hand made crafts or home-cooked goods? If so, get yourself a spot at the:

# Annual Health & Harvest Fair

It's coming to the Knights of Columbus Hall on Sunday, November 2nd.

Single tables are \$20, or \$40 for a double.



Contact Alana Kane at (450) 635-0600 by Friday, October 24th to reserve your table!

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 Hunting  
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**Please remember...**

- No hunting at night.
- Report all hunted game to the Caretakers.
- Do not spoil your hunted game.
- NO Moose Cows! (Female Moose)
- One moose, two deer per household.

**For more information, contact a Tioweró:ton  
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**NOTICE**

**CORRECTION NOTICE**

In the 2007-2008 Annual Report of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke, there was a misprint on page 20 that states "Last year, MIT once again transferred a dividend of \$1.7 million..."

Onkwawista Holdings Limited was the company that transferred the \$1.7 million dividend, not Mohawk Internet Technologies. On behalf of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke, we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.