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## MCK to participate in welcoming new City Indigenous Commissioner

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(Kahnawake – 8, Enníska/February 2018) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) wishes to inform Kahnawa'kehró:non that letsénhaienhs Christine-Zachary-Deom will represent the community at a ceremony to officially welcome Marie-Eve Bordeleau as the first Indigenous Commissioner of the City of Montreal.

The event will take place at City Hall at noon tomorrow (Friday). Ietsénhaienhs Zachary-Deom will provide the Welcoming and Opening Remarks along with Montreal's new Mairesse Valérie Plante.

"We are proud to have been asked to be part of the selection of this new and important position," said letsénhaienhs Zachary-Deom. "We congratulate the city's representatives and, particularly, Mairesse Plante for following the City of Montreal's path forward in the plans for reconciliation."

Maître Bordeleau, a lawyer whose father is Cree, has been on the job since the beginning of this month. She is responsible for developing Montreal's reconciliation strategy, as well as helping the City implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

"I wish Marie-Eve continued success in her career as she takes on this challenging task," she concluded. "We'll be here whenever she may need our input – and we certainly have lots to say."

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