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Agreement Breaks Precedent

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(Kahnawá:ke – 12, Onerahtókha/April 2006) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke (MCK) has announced that a new lease agreement for the “CFCF” towers has been reached between the MCK, Metromedia CMR Broadcasting and the private landowners.

The towers are located on Highway 138.

The new lease is the first to be administered completely under Kahnawá:ke's jurisdiction. The MCK did not seek ministerial approval from the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND), as is standard practice. However, DIAND was advised by the MCK that their approval would not be requested.

“We are taking the control of our land base out of the hands of the Department (DIAND) and taking control ourselves,” said Lands Portfolio Chief Marvin Zacharie. “Thanks to the willingness of the parties, including the family who owns the land, we've been able to come up with an agreement that's an important step forward.”

The new lease is for fifteen (15) years, and a seven percent (7%) administration fee is to be paid to the MCK. Aside from that, details regarding the actual monetary compensation are a considered a private matter between the Metromedia CMR Broadcasting and the private landowners.

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