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# **PRESS RELEASE**

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### MCK announces departure of Executive Director

#### For Immediate Release

(Kahnawake – 29, Onerahtókha/April 2020) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) wishes to announce the departure of Ms. Alana Goodleaf-Rice as Executive Director. Alana has been with the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke for 34 years, with the last 24 at the helm as the Executive Director. She has been through many changes with the MCK and has facilitated the growth of the organization in many ways. When she began her role, the MCK was an organization with less than 100 employees and was operating with a budget of approximately \$8 million. Under her lead, the organization has grown to employ up to nearly 400 employees with an overall operating budget of \$60 million.

After these many years, Alana has decided to step away from this role to shift priorities and focus on herself, her family and other interests.

The MCK acknowledges and appreciates the loyalty and dedication Alana has shown to the organization over the years and wishes her all the best in her future endeavors.

The MCK will be seeking out a new Executive Director to fill the large role Alana has left. In the interim period, the duties will be shared jointly with the Executive Team within the organization. These Officers include Kevin Kennedy, Executive Operations Officer; Richard Basque, Executive Strategic Officer; and Erica Delisle, Executive Finance and Administration Officer.