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# **PRESS RELEASE**

# SplashPad work to begin on Wednesday

## For immediate release

**(Kahnawake – 1, Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2017)** The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) is pleased to inform the Community that a special groundbreaking ceremony will take place Wednesday (May 3<sup>rd</sup>) at the former K103 site to officially begin the construction phase of the Splash-Pad Outdoor Recreation Park.

The announcement follows the April 20<sup>th</sup> decision by the Land Use Committee officially designating the area for this purpose.

**Community members are invited to the ceremony**, which will begin at 8:30am sharp. Final details of the project will be revealed and the sponsors formally introduced. At the end of the ceremony work crews will immediately begin the task of building the facility.

"The youth of Kahnawà:ke can thank those responsible for making the SplashPad project possible: Lee Thompson and Family on behalf of Thompson Distillery, Mohawk Online, and Onkwata'karitáhtshera (the 'One Health' commission) and Tewateiáhsata'karí:tat (the indoor pool project committee)," said Grand Chief Joseph Tokwiro Norton. "Additionally, we are happy to announce that a basketball court will also be built on-site courtesy of Kennikaienta:a Cross & Family on behalf of Dynamic Fitness."

"We'd like to thank the team that put this ambitious project together, especially Mackenzie Whyte and Lois Williams," added Ratsénhaienhs Carl Horn. "We're pleased and excited those community organizations and individuals stepped up to make this a reality. Without the sponsors, this project would not exist."

The SplashPad Outdoor Recreation Park is expected to be ready for operation in mid to late June.

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