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## Tsi Nahóten Karihwanákere No'nenk News Release

### **'Suspension of Membership' on agenda for next Membership Law hearing scheduled for Wednesday, May 14**

#### **For immediate release**

**(Kahnawake – 6, Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2014)** The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) would like to remind the community that the 18<sup>th</sup> Community Consultation on proposed amendments to the *Kahnawà:ke Membership Law* will be held next Wednesday, 14 Onerahtohkó:wa/May, 2014.

This meeting will replace last month's postponed meeting.

The Membership Department will present options to Section 20.1 on the 'Suspension of a Member' for discussion. Participants may suggest additional options on the subject matter and, through consensus, give their direction on suspension of a Member in the Membership Law.

The options for consideration on Suspension of a Member are:

- (a) Married or commenced a common-law relationship with a non-Indigenous person after May 22, 1981, or
- (b) Commences after May 22, 1981 to co-habit, in a conjugal relationship, with a person who has no Kanien'kehá:ka or Indigenous lineage for a period of more than six months ( or another suggested amount of time), or
- (c) Who allows a non-Indigenous person(s) to reside on their property.

"There have been many complaints made by the community implying that the law is not strong enough in addressing the issue of marriages or common-law relationships with non-Indigenous persons," said Membership Portfolio Chief Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. "There is support for additional restrictions in the Membership Law in this regard. So that's what we'll talk about."

The Consultation will be held from 6 to 8:30pm at the Golden Age Club. Participants are strongly urged to arrive on time in order for the meeting to begin promptly.

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