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MCK issues update re: Quebec Health Contribution Plan fee

(Kahnawake – 10, Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2012) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) would like to update Kahnawa'kehró:non regarding new information on Quebec's Health Contribution Plan (a \$100 annual fee to help the province cover provincial Medicare costs).

The MCK has clarified and confirmed that community members who derive their income entirely from within the Territory do <u>not</u> have to pay the \$100 fee. Further, those who earn less than \$14,000 off-reserve annually or have less than that amount in off-reserve holdings will not be affected. Community members who meet the above criteria and have already paid the fee are being assured that Revenue Quebec is expected to announce a refund process shortly.

The MCK has also learned that, at this time, the Plan **will affect** those who earn over \$14,000 annually <u>off-reserve</u> or who may have money that is being held off-reserve.

The MCK is continuing to address this issue with Revenue Quebec. So far, these efforts have been unsuccessful in combatting the province's position that such off-reserve income is taxable. The province believes that this allows them to assess the fee to those in the above positions.

Those affected are most likely to receive a letter from Revenue Quebec.

For more information on this matter, please contact MCK Tax Consultant John Latour at 450-632-7500 Monday to Wednesday.

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