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## Tsi Nahóten Karihwanákere No'nenk News Release

### Legislative Coordinating Commission to address community concerns

**(Kahnawake – 27, Onerahtokó:wa/May 2011)** The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) wishes to inform the community that the Legislative Coordinating Commission has agreed to address concerns brought forth in regard to the First Reading of the proposed amendments to the *Sanitary Conditions Law*.

The First Reading was held on 9, Onerahtokó:wa/May, using the Community Decision Making Process. It was the first 'Type II' piece of legislation to go through the process, which is different from 'Type I' legislation (laws that affect the entire community). 'Type II' laws are normally regulatory in nature and do not affect the entire population.

"Community members were absolutely correct in pointing out that the process needs to be clarified," said Chief Clinton Phillips, who participates as a member of the Commission's Chiefs Oversight Committee. "Instead of getting upset, we need to remind ourselves that this is a new process – we're all learning together, to create laws together. We (the Legislative Coordinating Commission) need to work harder to ensure that everyone is comfortable with and trusting of the process."

Therefore, the Legislative Coordinating Commission would like to **assure** community members that the proposed amendments will go through **three** readings, in accordance with the existing Type II process. This will ensure more adequate opportunity for community input.

"A good thing that has come out of this is that it shows that the process works," said Chief Martin Leborgne, who is also a member of the Chiefs Oversight Committee. "It was community members who told us they weren't satisfied. So we're working to make improvements."

The Legislative Coordinating Commission is responsible for administering the Community Decision Making Process. For more information, community members are asked to visit the Community Decision Making Process website at [www.kahnawakemakingdecisions.com](http://www.kahnawakemakingdecisions.com).

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