

### Tsi Nahò:ten Karihwanákere Nó:nen'k

# **PRESS RELEASE**

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### Council Chiefs pass Regs for Kanienkeháka of Kahnawake Law

#### For Immediate Release

(Kahnawake – 17, Ohiarí:ha/June 2019) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) wishes to inform the community that the Council of Chiefs have unanimously passed a Mohawk Council Executive Directive to accept the Regulations Respecting the Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke Law ("the Regulations").

The Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke Law ("the Law") was passed on July 3, 2018 through Mohawk Council Resolution 01/2018-2019. Following its passage, the Technical Drafting Committee created Regulations, 1) Respecting Hearings, 2) Applications for Recognition; 3) The Community Review Board; 4) The Custom Code; 5) The Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke Commitment; 6) The Registrar and; 7) Confidentiality Agreements.

The purpose of the *Regulations* is to establish the rules and procedures to be followed by the Registrar verifying and deciding an application for recognition as a Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke.

"As stated in the Guiding Principles of the *Regulations*, the Registrar will respect the principles of fairness, dignity of the person, compassion, and consensus consistent with our traditions and customs," said letsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. "We now have a complete Law in place – it is the culmination of several years of work."

Persons wishing to apply must do so at the Office of the Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke Law, located within the MCK's Client-Based Services Unit at the Services Complex. Information will be available on-site, and all questions will be answered.

Copies of the *Regulations* will be made available at Client-Based Services or by viewing <a href="https://www.kahnawakemakingdecisions.com">www.kahnawakemakingdecisions.com</a>.