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MCK receives Court decision re: 2006 Elections

For immediate release

(Kahnawá:ke – 21, Ohiarí:ha/June 2006) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke (MCK) wishes to inform the community that it has received a response from the Court of Kahnawá:ke to a Motion for Review requested by the MCK in regard to whether Electoral Officer Darlene Alfred has followed the current *Regulations Governing the Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke Elections*.

The motion was heard on 20 Ohiarí:ha/June and the decision rendered the same day. The decision is reprinted here:

“1. It is deemed that within the “Regulations Governing the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake Elections” the Electoral Officer must follow the criteria as contained in *Section 15.1(a-g)* for all nominees.

“2. That as soon as practical the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake shall commence a thorough review of the Election Regulations and the Membership Law to ensure conformity. This must include consultation with the community as stakeholders in this decision.

“3. Finally, the Court wishes to acknowledge the individuals that accepted the nominations and unfortunately do not meet the present eligibility criteria. We offer our apology to you and your family for the uncertainty you have endured.”

The MCK acknowledges that there are problems with the existing election regulations and Membership Law. It will be up to the Council table elected on 1 Ohiarí'kó:wa/July to address these issues.

There has been no formal announcement/response by the Electoral Officer as of this release.

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