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## Tsi Nahóten Karihwanákere No'nenk News Release

# MCK responds to Court of Kahnawá:ke judgment

### For immediate release

**(Kahnawá:ke – 22, Ohiarí:ha/June 2006)** The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke (MCK) wishes to respond to the Court of Kahnawá:ke's judgment of 20, Ohiarí:ha/June 2006. The judgment was rendered by the Court in relation to a Motion of Review presented by the MCK asking whether the Electoral Officer (Darlene Alfred) correctly applied the eligibility requirements set out in the Electoral Regulations. The decision included three sections, including a directive from the Court for the MCK to "commence a thorough review on the Election Regulations and the Membership Law to ensure conformity."

The MCK wishes to assure the Court of Kahnawá:ke and the community that Chief and Council are committed to addressing this issue immediately following the election. Further, it is agreed that the issue of electoral reform is one that must involve the community at large. We are recommending the creation of an electoral forum to be entrusted with the task of moving the process forward as a top priority.

The issue of whether or not those standing for MCK elections should have to meet the 50% Mohawk blood quantum requirement as is currently stipulated in the Regulations is one that must be addressed beyond the Council table and, as such, will be brought before the community. If the community's direction on this issue changes, we must be ready to embrace that change. However, if the community continues to support the current regulations, then we must be prepared to amend the current Kahnawá:ke Membership Law.

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