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MCK to reduce truck traffic on Highway 207 & OCR

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(Kahnawake – 29, Ohiarí:ha/June 2016) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) wishes to inform the community that Chief and Council unanimously passed a Mohawk Council Executive Directive on Monday, June 27th to restrict Heavy Vehicle (truck) traffic on Route 207 and the Old Chateaugay Road (OCR).

The Directive was brought forth to address public safety concerns on the two highways.

As an additional safety measure, stop signs will also be temporarily installed on Route 207 at Peter Foxy's intersection and at Patton's Glen. The stop signs will be installed by Public Works within the next two weeks and will remain in effect until October 2016. Prior to their removal, residents who live along the 207 will be consulted on these stop signs and other aspects of general traffic on this route (tentatively in September).

Access for Heavy Truck use to both Rte. 207 and OCR will be restricted to vehicles with authorization for Landfill purposes and businesses and residents receiving deliveries. All trucks not authorized will be required to show proof of delivery to Kahnawà:ke. Existing Permit systems will be modified and will be in place shortly – an announcement will be made when this system is ready.

The Public Works Unit will be working with Public Safety to ensure that appropriate signage will be installed. Once the signage restricting Heavy Truck use is installed, there will be a 30 day notification and monitoring period to ensure compliance. After the 30 day period, Heavy Trucks using these routes will be in contravention of the Directive and enforcement will be done by the Kahnawake Peacekeepers.

Please note that, for the purposes of this Directive, Heavy Vehicle is defined as *"a road vehicle or combination of road vehicles, having a gross vehicle rating of or gross combination weight rating of 4,500 kg, and/or any other class of vehicle specifically identified by the Public Safety Commissioner as being the subject to the present directive."*