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## MCK seeking input from community members on important project

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**(Kahnawake – 9, Seskéha/August, 2021)** The Mohawk Council of Kahnawake (MCK) wishes to invite Kahnawa'kehró:non to participate in a land-use study taking place until October 2021.

As announced on June 14, 2021, the MCK signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Hydro-Québec to partner on the Hertel-NY Interconnection Project, which involves supplying energy to New York City through the construction of an approximately 60-kilometer underground transmission line between a Hertel substation in Laprairie and an interconnection point located at the Canada-United States Border.

Part of the process is the conducting of a study, formally titled "*Hertel – New York Interconnection: an MCK/Hydro-Québec Collaborative Land Use Study of the Kanien'kehá:ka on the Richelieu/Lake Champlain River.*" The study includes a data collection phase from August 9, 2021, to September 3, 2021, where Kahnawa'kehró:non will be asked for input on the potential impacts of the project in the study area ([click here to see map](#)).

Because the study area along the shore of the Richelieu River is part of our traditional territory, we wish to gather information from Kahnawa'kehró:non who frequent the shoreline and waterway to hunt, fish, trap, boat, pick medicine, camp, etc., and/or have historical knowledge of the study area. Information gathered during this study will also provide baseline data for a larger land-use study that the MCK is currently developing.

An online presentation (via Zoom) will be made by Hydro-Québec and land-use researchers on Thursday, August 12, 2021, from 3pm-4pm. Time will be allotted for questions. You are welcome to join the presentation using this link: <https://concordia-ca.zoom.us/j/89021825499?pwd=WkVOMVVUblVRUjZxcEVwRHRxZ1lIUUT09>

If you wish to participate in an interview, join the online presentation, or have any questions concerning this study, please contact Morgan Phillips at 450-638-4377 or [kahentonni@gmail.com](mailto:kahentonni@gmail.com), Nafisa Sarwath at [nsarwath@gmail.com](mailto:nsarwath@gmail.com), or Dennis Diabo at [dennis.diabo@mck.ca](mailto:dennis.diabo@mck.ca).

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