

# KAHNAWAKE GAMING COMMISSION

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For immediate release

(Kahnawake - October 5, 2007) The Kahnawake Gaming Commission (KGC) announced today that it has passed the *Regulations Concerning Poker Rooms*.

In effect, it states that, in order to operate, all poker rooms in Kahnawake must obtain a license from the Kahnawake Gaming Commission. By putting into effect these regulations, there is now a mechanism to do so.

The Mohawk Council of Kahnawake recently announced that, due to community concerns, it was important to move forward with the regulation of the industry. The KGC was notified; they completed the task of reviewing the draft regulations, followed by the official passage of the regulations today.

The *Regulations* were created through consultation with and input from Kahnawake poker operators, as well as industry experts. The Regulations have been in development for about two years.

“This is an important day for Kahnawake,” said KGC Chairperson David Montour. “That we have been able to do this in a collaborative manner shows that there is a consensus to provide industry standards that will ensure fairness and accountability,”

Additionally, all parties consulted are in agreement that a percentage of revenues should go to the community. Details on actual percentages and the mechanisms to collect these revenues will be determined in the short term.

Several operators have applied for licenses. It is expected that the first will be issued very shortly. Among many requirements, all applicants must provide full disclosure, pass inspections for health and safety, and provide proof of insurance.

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