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# **Grand Chief attending Border Security Working Group meeting in Niagara Falls**

#### For Immediate Release

(Kahnawake – 9, Kentenhkó:wa/November 2016) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) would like to advise the community that Grand Chief Joseph Tokwiro Norton is in Niagara Falls today to attend the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) – sponsored Border Security Working Group meetings.

The meeting is a follow-up to a meeting held at the AFN Annual General Assembly in July, where a consensus emerged to develop a pilot project for a secure Indigenous Border Identification Card. It is hoped that such a card could facilitate passage for Indigenous people, particularly at border posts used by large numbers of Indigenous persons.

Indigenous leaders, U.S. and Canadian border officials, and government representatives have confirmed their attendance at the two-day event.

The Haudenosaunee Confederacy has also been invited to attend. The Confederacy has worked on a secure border identification card designed to meet U.S. requirements.

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