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Moratorium on Hunting in Listuguj territory

For Immediate Release

(Kahnawake – 15, Kentenhkó:wa/November 2017) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) wishes to inform Kahnawa'kehró:non that it has received notice from the Mi'gmaq community of Listuguj in regard to hunting practices on its territory.

According to a letter sent to Grand Chief Joseph Tokwiwo Norton by Listuguj Chief Darcy Gray (attached), respectful hunting practices are not being followed by Kahnawà:ke hunters on Mi'gmaq territory, and that the issue needs to be addressed between the Councils. As a result, the Listuguj Chief and Council has **declared a moratorium** restricting access to their community's hunting territory until a protocol is developed.

In addition to the letter, Chief Gray came to Kahnawà:ke last week to meet with Grand Chief Norton to further inform him of his community's concerns. The issue was discussed at this past Monday's weekly Council meeting, where Grand Chief Norton and Ietsenhaienshah Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer were given the responsibility on behalf of the MCK to address the issue with the Listuguj Council.

"We have had a long and friendly relationship with the Mi'gmaq people – and Listuguj in particular – for a great many years," stated Grand Chief Norton. "We will work diligently to find a workable solution for this problem to ensure our great relationship is maintained."

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November 8, 2017

Grand Chief Joe Norton
Mohawk Council of Kahnawake

RE: Follow-up Discussion on November 6, 2017

Grand Chief Norton,

Following up on our conversation on November 6, 2017, in regards to hunting in our territory by individuals from Kahnawake. We discussed the issue at council and in the future would be open to developing a protocol between Listuguj and Kahnawake with regards to hunting in each other's respective territories. We feel that there is a long standing relationship of respect and reciprocation that we can build upon.

However, as a council and with our members at a public meeting, we have discussed the current situation whereby we've had numerous concerns brought forward about over hunting by people from Kahnawake, and coming into our territory without first speaking with our council. The disrespectful practices are a direct contradiction to the recent article "Hunt with respect, permission and knowledge of rights" published in the Eastern Door, as these practices are not being followed. There is growing discontent in our community over these practices that are viewed as a violation of our principles and of the mutual respect between Listuguj and Kahnawake; and the tension continues to build with our hunters.

The solution proposed through discussion amongst council and at our most recent public meeting is that a moratorium on accessing each community's respective hunting territory be in place until the protocol is completed. The moratorium would provide the time necessary and demonstrate a continued commitment to mutual respect between Listuguj and Kahnawake, while we engage in meaningful discussion towards finding a workable and mutually beneficial solution.

In closing, respectfully, we would ask that this message from our council to your council be shared and supported in the best interest of all.

In Peace and Friendship



Darcy Gray

Chief of Listuguj