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More people than ever show up for CP Holiday Train visit

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(Kahnawake – 28, Kentenhkó:wa/November 2016) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) estimates that more than a thousand spectators made their way to Adirondack Junction for the annual Canadian Pacific Holiday Train visit on Friday, November 25th.

Canadian Pacific once again donated \$4500 to the Kahnawà:ke Christmas Basket, with an additional \$427.61 collected in donations on-site. Two truckloads of non-perishable food items were also collected on behalf of the Kateri Food Bank.

Those in attendance enjoyed live entertainment, free hot chocolate, candy canes, glow sticks and, of course, the brightly-lit Holiday Train itself. 'Veggie Chips' were also distributed in support of CP's Healthy Heart campaign.

The MCK thanks CP, those who came out to the event and all the volunteers from the various Kahnawà:ke organizations who ensured the success of the event. These include the Kahnawà:ke Peacekeepers, the Kahnawà:ke Fire Brigade, MCK Public Works and Daily Transportation and our very own MCK employees, who volunteer their time each and every year. A special hats-off to one of the main organizers, Brandi Meloche, who has volunteered all 12 years.

Though attendance is not recorded, organizer Brandi Meloche said, "There were more people than ever this year! I agree with the estimates, at least a 1000 or more! 500 cups of hot chocolate, 300 glow necklaces, 300 veggie chips & 300 candy canes went quickly! Special thanks to all of the volunteers who assisted and helped pull everything together that night!"

The visit was the 12th consecutive since the Holiday Train made its first appearance in Kahnawà:ke on 28 Kentenhkó:wa/November 2005. Since that time, CP has donated close to \$25,000 to the Kahnawà:ke Christmas Basket.