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Grand Chief sends letter re: alcohol

For immediate release

(Kahnawá:ke – 12, Tsothóhrha/December 2007) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke announced that Grand Chief Michael Ahrírhon Delisle, Jr. has sent letters to all establishments who serve or sell alcohol in the community.

The letter was written and distributed in response to concerns and questions about alcohol raised at the Community Meeting of 27, Kentenhkó:wa/November.

The establishments are being reminded that the safety of community members is paramount and that all establishments should see to it that their employees are provided with the opportunity to take the appropriate courses to ensure that they are able to deal with the environment of a social club or store that sells and/or serves alcohol.

(Letter is attached).

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**COMMUNITY NOTICE TO ALL ESTABLISHMENTS WHO SERVE OR SELL
ALCOHOL**

I am writing to you today concerning an issue that needs to be addressed **immediately** surrounding the issue of Alcohol in our community and the many problems it creates for our families and future generations.

During the last Community Meeting the issue of Alcohol came up by many in attendance. Many concerns and questions were raised surrounding drinking and driving, over serving, and the most important, "who is accountable" for ensuring the safety of community members when they frequent local clubs or the establishments that serve or sell alcohol.

With that being said, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you and the establishment in which you represent that Kahnawá:ke Laws should be upheld accordingly. It should be the priority of the establishment to ensure that all employees (bartenders, barmaids, bus boys, cashiers etc) are provided the opportunity to take appropriate courses to ensure they are capable to deal with the environment of a social club or store that serves or sells alcohol, and the different scenarios that come with it. If your employees have not had any courses, Kahnawake Shakotíia'takénhas Community Services offers them and should be contacted immediately.

We all have a responsibility to ensure that safety is a top priority for our community. With the recent and past events that have transpired due to Alcohol, this should be our number one priority.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, or if you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

In Peace and Friendship,

**MOHAWK COUNCIL OF KAHNAWÁ:KE
OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF CHIEFS**

Grand Chief Michael Ahrírhon Delisle Jr.

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CC: ABC Board