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Sanitary Conditions Law Third Reading completed

(Kahnawake – 11, Tsothohrkó:wa/January 2012) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) would like to inform the community that the Third Reading of the draft amendments to the *Sanitary Conditions Law* was conducted and completed last evening at the Golden Age Club. Lands Portfolio Chief John Dee Delormier read the law into the minutes. The event was filmed and will be broadcast at a later date.

The amendments are strictly limited to the ability to create regulations to protect the environment. Other areas of the law were not affected by this process. The amendments will now go to Chief & Council for final passage, which is considered a formality. A date will be announced shortly.

The Sanitary Conditions Law amendments were designated as a "Type 2" law (those that are regulatory in nature). No objections to the actual proposed amendments were raised in either of the two 30-day Reviews or the two official Readings, though there were some concerns raised by certain community members about other areas of the law; participants at the hearings were reminded that they have the right to propose other amendments to this (or any other) law by contacting the Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission (KLCC).

"The Third Reading of the *Sanitary Conditions Law* is an historic event in the evolution of the Community Decision Making Process," said KLCC Coordinator Kahente Horn-Miller. "It's the first amendment to an existing law to go through the process in its entirety. As other pieces of legislation make their way through the system I hope the community will see the process as a legitimate one and an avenue for their participation in the growth and development of the community. Well done, Kahnawà:ke!"

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