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MCK issues message on changes to Hydro Québec billing notices

For immediate release

(20 Tiothohrhkó:wa/January 2005) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke has received several inquiries by Kahnawa'kehró:non regarding notices from Hydro Québec. Community members are being asked to provide band numbers in order for Hydro to bill them with taxes removed.

"We've had several people contact us in the past couple of days, both by phone and in person," said portfolio chief Martin Leborgne. "The elders, especially, are concerned whenever they notice something different – and this is something that Hydro has never done before."

The MCK is in the process of contacting both Hydro and Québec's revenue department to try to find out the reasons for the change in policy. Chief Leborgne says the issue has been added to the agenda for Council's weekly meeting on Monday.

The MCK wishes to assure community members that Kahnawá:ke is not being "singled out" but, rather, this seems to be a new policy from Revenue Québec that is being applied to all Native communities in the province.

The issue will be discussed on K103's Partyline talk show this Friday, 21 Tiothohrhkó:wa/January, beginning at approximately 12:05pm. The MCK wishes to assure the community that they will be informed on a timely basis.

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