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MCK issues Notice/Advisory

For immediate release

(Kahnawá:ke – 8, Enníska/February 2007) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke (MCK) is advising community members that Passport Canada is experiencing a sharp increase in the volume of passport applications in its offices, by mail and through its receiving agents.

According to their website (<u>www.pptc.gc.ca</u>) they are experiencing delays of up to 25 business days. This is **in addition** to the normal 3 to 5 weeks for passport delivery.

Once again, this information is being issued in the public interest. In no way should this imply that the MCK advocates the use of the passport.

Upon request, the MCK continues to issue letters of declaration/notification that state that Mohawk Nation citizens do not consider themselves to be Canadian citizens when availing themselves of the use of such passports.

Please be advised that, due to matters of scheduling, community members are being asked to make their requests for such letters in person at the MCK Membership Department (located at the Services Complex) between Monday and Thursday. After processing, the letters will be issued on **Fridays only.**

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