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## Tsi Nahóten Karihwanákere No'nenk - News Release

## **Notice to the Community**

## For immediate release

(Kahnawá:ke – 18, Enniskó:wa/March 2005) Over the past several days, the Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke (MCK) has received several calls by community members regarding their Hydro bills. Hydro Québec has been requesting Kahnawa'kehró:non use their Social Insurance numbers as a means to verify residency/identification.

Some people are uncomfortable giving this information and have asked the MCK for direction/intervention in the matter.

As a matter of background: under federal law, you are not required to present your social insurance card/ number unless it for employment purposes. However, Québec law allows for this information to be requested.

If you are uncomfortable giving out this information, the MCK suggests you use an acceptable alternative form of identification such as a driver's license or Québec Medicare card. This can be presented in person at the Hydro Québec customer service office at the Services Complex.

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