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MCK enacts Disciplinary Measures Regs

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(Kahnawá:ke – 25, Onerahtókha/April 2006) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke has announced that it has passed *Disciplinary Measures Regulations* (MCED #4-2006/2007) for Chief and Council. The new Regulations have been in development since 2000 and will be put into effect immediately following the MCK elections to be held in July of this year.

It sets clear guidelines for disciplinary measures against an elected Council chief for any of the following reasons:

- a) Betraying the public trust;
- b) Acting in bad faith;
- c) Failing to fulfill the responsibilities and duties of their office;
- d) No longer meeting the criteria for their elected office;
- e) Conduct inconsistent with the responsibilities of their office; or
- f) Conviction of a criminal offence

Accordingly, a chief could be subject to two (2) types of disciplinary measures: an act of censure, which shall serve as a warning to that chief by applying certain sanctions, <u>or</u> a vote of non-confidence, in which a chief may be removed from all of his/her official duties and any activities related to his/her public functions.

Appeals processes are included in both instances. In the case of non-confidence, a Tribunal, open to the public, shall be convened within the Territory. The Court of Kahnawá:ke will have the sole and exclusive jurisdiction to hear and resolve any disputes arising out of the application of these Regulations.

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