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## New Kahnawà:ke Labor Office to officially open May 2

### For Immediate Release

**(Kahnawake – 25, Onerahtókha/April 2016)** The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) is pleased to announce the opening of the new Kahnawà:ke Labor Office on Monday, 2 Onerahtokó:wa/May 2016.

The office is located next to the former Court Building on the Old Malone Highway. Moving and set up work began this past weekend and, although Director Mike O'Brien and the staff have begun working in their new facility, the formal opening will take place next week.

“The Labor Office will include the current Mohawk Self Insurance and Occupational Health & Safety programs, and is intended to define the rules governing construction, compensation for industrial accidents and occupational diseases, and occupational health & safety on the Territory,” said Labor Portfolio Chief Rhonda Kirby. “It is mandated to govern over the direction, development and effectiveness in labor matters by overseeing activities, policies and procedures for the planning and development for all aspects of labor governance within Kahnawà:ke – particularly covering construction.”

It is also the liaison body for the interaction and responsibilities associated with the negotiated Kahnawà:ke/Quebec Labor Agreement

In terms of compensation services (for labor accidents and industrial diseases), the Labor Office will administer programs and regulation; management of premium payments; management of rehabilitation services; pay indemnities; risk management analyses, management of insurance relationship; and safety awareness and advisory services.

The Office will also develop safety standards (including fees and penalties); safety training; safety inspections; and safety awareness and advisory services.

Those dealing with issues related to Labor are asked to be patient this week.

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