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## Tsi Nahóten Karihwanákere No'nenk News Release

### Delisle offers statement on resignation of AFN National Chief

#### For immediate release

**(Kahnawake – 2, Onerahthokó:wa/May 2014)** The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) has been informed that Shawn A-in-chut Atleo has resigned as National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations.

Atleo's resignation comes at a crucial time as the contentious *First Nations Control of First Nations Education Act (C-33)* legislation is in debate with the AFN and its regional counterparts.

"I am not surprised at the announcement, given the rejection of the proposed C-33 legislation since the announcement on February 7<sup>th</sup>," said Grand Chief Michael Ahríhron Delisle, Jr. "There is growing opposition by First Nations across Canada including, of course, Kahnawà:ke. We believe he miscalculated the impact his alliance with the Harper government would cause on the education issue. Atleo was left with little choice but to resign."

The MCK has consistently stated their opposition to the C-33 federal legislation. Last week, Quebec and Labrador Chiefs passed a resolution rejecting the C-33 legislation. Grand Chief Delisle also participated in a press conference with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and re-iterated this same message. ([Watch online here](#))

"The resignation of Atleo should serve as notice to the federal government, that Kahnawà:ke, and other supporting communities are working together to ensure our rights are not up for negotiation," added Grand Chief Delisle.

More information on Kahnawà:ke's position can be found online at [kahnawake.com](http://kahnawake.com).

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