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## Tsi Nahóten Karihwanákere No'nenk News Release

## Housing/Land Issue to be Addressed

## For immediate release

(Kahnawá:ke – 4, Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2006) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke (MCK) has announced that it will immediately address an issue that has arisen in recent weeks. The issue has come to light in regard to the announcement of the annual MCK Revolving Loan Fund housing loans, though it also includes loans acquired via the Caisse Populaire Kahnawá:ke.

In the past, those receiving the loans were required to sign over a quarter acre of land, to be returned to the owner when their mortgage was paid in full, as part of the agreement. However, this practice has been temporarily discontinued due to changes in the policies of the Department of Indian Affairs' (DIAND) Land Directorate office whereas the Directorate is no longer sub-dividing properties in these cases. Unfortunately, for those persons who own lots of more than a quarter acre, the new policy requires the owner to sign over the entire piece of land.

The MCK wishes to inform the community that it is working diligently to correct this problem. The community will be informed of developments on a timely basis.

For those people who are affected by the issue, we ask that you contact the MCK Social Development Unit Director Michael O'Brien for information at 638-0500.

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