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Request for Legislation to prohibit sale, manufacture and distribution of tobacco in Kahnawà:ke goes to Community Consultation

(Kahnawake – 17, Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2012) The Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission wishes to remind the community that the First Community Consultation for the proposed Legislation to prohibit sale, manufacture and distribution of tobacco in Kahnawà:ke is scheduled for 6 to 8pm on Tuesday, 22 Onerahtohkó:wa/May at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Participants, especially those new to the Community Decision Making Process, are asked to arrive at approximately 5:45pm to ensure the schedule is maintained.

The proposal was submitted to the Commission by a private citizen on 29, Ohiari'kó:wa/ July 2010 and includes the following specific requests:

1. *The distribution and sale of any and all cigarettes within the Kahnawà:ke territory is hereby deemed illegal.*
2. *The mass production of any tobacco that is not strictly intended for personal use, such as medicinal, be deemed illegal.*

The specific question that will be asked of the community will be:

“Do we have a mandate to develop legislation that would prohibit the sale and manufacture of any tobacco and all cigarettes except for ceremonial and/or medicinal use?”

The MCK would like to be clear that the submission of this Request for Legislation follows the Community Decision Making Process guidelines and, as such, does not necessarily reflect the position of the MCK regarding tobacco.

The Phase 1 Summary Report on the Request for Legislation to prohibit sale, manufacture and distribution of tobacco in Kahnawà:ke' is available for viewing online at www.kahnawakemakingdecisions.com .

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