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REMINDER - Membership Law meeting Tomorrow Wednesday May 21st as amendments near completion

For immediate release

(Kahnawake – 20, Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2014) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) would like to remind the community that the 18th Community Consultation on proposed amendments to the Kahnawà:ke Membership Law will take place Wednesday, 21 Onerahtohkó:wa/May, 2014.

The Membership Department will present options to Section 20.1 on the 'Suspension of a Member' for discussion. Participants may suggest additional options on the subject matter and, through consensus, give their direction on suspension of a Member in the Membership Law.

The options for consideration on Suspension of a Member are:

- a) Married or commenced a common-law relationship with a non-Indigenous person after May 22, 1981, or
- b) Commences after May 22, 1981 to co-habit, in a conjugal relationship, with a person who has no Kanien'kehá:ka or Indigenous lineage for a period of more than six months (or another suggested amount of time), or
- c) Who allows a non-Indigenous person(s) to reside on their property?

Important: Once this portion of the meeting is completed, the Membership Department will ask for the mandate to proceed with the selection of three community representatives to assist in the oversight of the drafting of the amendments.

The meeting will be held from 6 to 8:30pm at the <u>Karonhianónhnha School gymnasium</u>. Participants are strongly urged to arrive on time in order for the meeting to begin promptly. Anyone who has questions is also encouraged to visit the kiosk that will be open from 11am to 3pm at the Services Complex on the day of the hearing.

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