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MCK letter re: Highway 30

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(Kahnawá:ke – 30, Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2007) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke (MCK) has sent a letter to the federal and Quebec governments protesting their actions – or inactions – in regard to Highway 30.

"As usual, Canada and Quebec are off-loading their responsibilities on each other," Grand Chief Michael Ahríhrhon Delisle, Jr. states in the letter. "While your finger pointing goes on, the rights and interests of the Mohawks of Kahnawá:ke are not being addressed."

The lands in question are part of the Seigneury of Sault St. Louis land grievance.

In the letter, the federal government is reminded that the Federal Crown must ultimately address these concerns in both portions of the Highway 30 project – and that this responsibility is grounded in treaty and law.

"We take this opportunity to place you on notice that this bad faith strategy and finger-pointing will be vigorously opposed by the Mohawks of Kahnawá:ke by whatever means necessary," Chief Delisle continues in the letter.

He does state, however, that, "should the federal government truly wish to uphold the honor of the Crown, then we would request specific funding and resources so that we may inventory all of our interests over the land in question."

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