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Court of Kahnawá:ke appoints new Electoral Officer

For immediate release

(Kahnawá:ke – 9, Ohiarí:ha/June 2006) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke (MCK) hereby announces that the Court of Kahnawá:ke accepted the MCK's request to appoint an Electoral Officer to replace Angus L. Montour, who resigned that position on 7, Ohiarí:ha/June 2006.

Further to this, the Court hereby announces that Darlene Alfred has been appointed as Electoral Officer for the 2006 Elections.

A *Motion for Review* had been deposited with the Court yesterday (8 Ohiarí:ha/ June). In consideration of the time-sensitive issues, the Court agreed to hear the motion today (Friday).

In its judgment, the Court found the following:

- a) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke may delegate the authority to appoint an Electoral Officer.
- b) The Court of Kahnawá:ke will accept the delegated responsibility to immediately appoint an Electoral Officer for the 2006 Mohawk Council Elections. The Court of its own accord will develop a list of individuals who it feels will best meet the interest of the community of Kahnawá:ke as the Electoral Officer. These individuals will be solicited on a priority-ranking basis. The individual who first accepts shall be appointed as the Electoral Officer for the 2006 elections.

Furthermore, the decision taken by former Electoral Officer Angus L. Montour on 2, Ohiarí:ha/June 2006 is hereby quashed. The appointed Electoral Officer will reconfirm the eligibility criteria of all nominees who had accepted their nominations.

As well, the Court orders that the Election date of 1, Ohiari'kó:wa/July 2006 be maintained. The judgment, in its entirety, will be released to the Kahnawá:ke media next week.