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Chiefs attending conference on Canada's S-2 Matrimonial Real Interests law

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(Kahnawake – 17, Ohiarí:ha/June 2014) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) would like to inform the community that Chiefs Lloyd Phillips and Clinton Phillips will be attending a three-day conference on Canada's S-2 *Matrimonial Real Interests* legislation. The conference takes place from today (Tuesday) through Thursday, 17-19 Ohiarí:ha/June in Toronto.

The two chiefs are the leading the 'S-2 file' on behalf of the MCK.

S-2, which was passed in Canada's Parliament in 2013, will come into effect this December. The law stipulates that First Nations who pass their own legislation beforehand will be exempted. Kahnawà:ke is in the midst of creating the *Kahnawà:ke Family Homes Law* to counter S-2. The first draft of the Kahnawà:ke law was approved at the 27, Onerahtohkó:wa/May hearing using the Community Decision Making Process.

"We're pleased with the progress we're making on this complicated file," said Chief Clinton Phillips. "The community has been very supportive of the work done so far, and we're hoping that this conference will help us to ensure that we're covering every base necessary for our law to be most effective in protecting Kahnawà:ke's interests."

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