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MCK sets the record straight on erroneous K103 report

For Immediate Release

(Kahnawake – 8, Seskéha/August 2018) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke wishes to address erroneous information broadcast on the K103 news reports from noon through 6pm on Tuesday, August 7, 2018.

News announcer Paul Graif stated that "even though Chief Financial Officer Paul Rice said that nobody would be evicted, it appears that clients will be on the hook for the cash payments that were made... if the clients can't produce the non-official receipts..."

This has not been stated by Mr. Paul Rice, nor did Mr. Graif make any attempt to verify the accuracy of the information. While Paul Rice did not consent to an interview on-air, he did offer to answer any written questions in this regard. The MCK was never provided the opportunity to respond to this type of speculation. The result of the erroneous reporting only serves to create panic and further delays to the Housing Review process.

"I can say with confidence that Chief and Council are happy with the job Paul Rice is doing and the steps that are being taken to ensure that, number one, it gets rectified, and number two, that it never happens again in any part of the operations of the MCK," said Ratsénhaienhs Mike Delisle Jr.

The MCK fully appreciates the function of journalists and understands the necessary role they play in the interests of a free and democratic society. We also understand that this role should be one of providing accurate, timely and unbiased information to the public and not be a role that is serving only to sensationalize an issue without regard for the individuals involved, especially community members who were affected.

A formal complaint has been submitted to the Management and Board of Directors of K103. The MCK has also asked for a retraction.