



Kahnawà:ke Ratitsénhaiens

Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

P.O. Box 720 Kahnawà:ke Mohawk Territory JOL 1B0

Phone: (450) 632-7500 Fax: (450) 638-5958

Web Site: www.Kahnawake.com E-mail: communications@mck.ca

Enhsakotò:kénhte Nitiotié:ren Tsi Ietsenhaientákhwa

Tsi Nahóten Karihwanákere No'nenk News Release

Chiefs Approve Membership Action Plan

Media Release

(Kahnawà:ke – 25, Seskéha/August 2008) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke agreed this morning to support an action plan to establish the *Kahnawà:ke Membership Law's* future development using the new Community Decision Making Process.

“Since the suspension of the Council of Elders last year, it is important to re-establish the *Law* and to develop amendments that will allow for the improved functioning of the Council of Elders,” said portfolio chief Rhonda Kirby. “The independently-prepared *Operational Review of the Council of Elders* came up with several recommendations. These recommendations will be the basis for improvements.”

The plan includes the official placement of the issue onto the Legislative Calendar; the hiring of a project coordinator; the research and preparation of options and alterations for changes to the *Law*; and the actual Community Decision Making Process.

Implementation of the plan is expected to begin within a month.

“In a nutshell, we need to amend this *Law*, Chief Kirby added. “And, in order to do that, we’ll need the community to participate directly.”

-30-

For further information, please contact:
Joe Delaronde, Political Press Attaché
Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke
450-632-7500
joe.delaronde@mck.ca