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Sky-Deer attending CHPE event in Queens NY

For Immediate Release

(Kahnawake – 19, Seskehkó:wa/September 2023) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) would like to inform the community that Ohén:ton Í:iente ne Ratitsénhaienhs (Grand Chief) Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer is in Queens, New York, attending a groundbreaking ceremony for the Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE) Project, which is part of the Hydro-Québec/Kahnawà:ke Hertel Project.

"I am proud to attend this construction kickoff to represent the important role that my Mohawk community of Kahnawà:ke has played in this project as co-owners of the transmission line on the northern side of the border that will transport clean renewable electricity to the people of New York," said Ohén:ton Í:iente ne Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. "Over the past century, our Mohawk ironworkers have helped build up the New York City skyline. And now we have an opportunity to contribute in a different manner as stewards of the environment. As such, Kahnawà:ke is grateful to contribute to New York's continuing transition towards green energy."

The first groundbreaking event was held in Whitehall, NY in November of 2022, and kicked off the start of the construction phase for this historic project.

Background

Announced in May of 2021, a new partnership between the MCK and Hydro-Québec will see the construction and joint ownership of the Hertel Line, a 58-kilometer, underground transmission line that will run from the Hertel Substation in La Prairie, Québec to the U.S. Border, where it will connect to the CHPE via a new 339 mile underground transmission line between Champlain and Astoria, NY.

For more information on the Hertel Line/CHPE Project please <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.