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Rec Path Survey Results now available

For immediate release

(Kahnawake – 21, Kenténha/October 2020) The Capital Unit of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake (MCK) is pleased to release the results of the recent Kahnawà:ke Recreation Paths survey, which took place in September 2020. 167 people participated, and the results will be used to plan the development of the Network.

Overall, 87% use the paths at least once per month, demonstrating that those who participated in the survey generally use the paths. However, the 13% who rarely or never use the paths had similar results when it came to safety and expansion.

Motorized vehicles on the paths cause the most concern in what makes people feel unsafe (81% feel unsafe due to vehicles) with animals also a major cause for concern (69% feel unsafe due to animals). In the comments, the only animals mentioned were dogs, while ATV's were the most concerning vehicle. Despite that, 82.5% feel safe or somewhat safe on the paths. Many had suggestions for improved safety, such as more lighting and barriers to prevent ATV's.

Where people would like to see the Recreation Path extended will require more research, as the results were close (32% want to see an extension to Kahnawà:ke Survival School on the Seaway Road, while 27% want one from Adirondack Junction to OCR along the abandoned railway). Other choices included Village to Lot 106 (14.65%) or adjusting the Island Path (19.75%).

"The people who participated in the survey were very much engaged in the process," said Ratsénhaienhs Lindsay LeBorgne, portfolio lead for Infrastructure, Transport & Operations. "It is obvious that Kahnawa'kehró:non are passionate about their recreation paths, which is something that pleases us all."

The <u>survey results</u> will be used as a guide for future reference and development. The MCK Capital Unit thanks those who took the time to participate.

All survey results are posted at <u>www.kahnawake.com/surveys</u>.