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MCK Governance Project Community Engagement Report released

For immediate release

(Kahnawake – 1, Tsothóhrha/December 2020) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) wishes to inform Kahnawa'kehró:non that the *Governance Project Community Engagement Report* ('the Report') has been completed and is now available for public viewing.

The Governance Project is an initiative that was created to review and strengthen the effectiveness and accountability of the elected Council of Chiefs. It focuses on the current policies, regulations, legislation, and other governance documents. The main goal is to provide new and enhanced systems and structures for the functioning of the Council of Chiefs and to assist in rebuilding relations between the leadership of the MCK and community members that ensure accountable, sound, and responsible government.

The Report contains information gathered from engagement sessions that took place from December 2019 to this past September. These included family group, workgroup, and public information sessions, along with individual conversations.

The Report has been presented to the Council of Chiefs and is available to the public. The <u>full Report</u>, as well as a <u>summarized version</u>, are available on the public documents page of <u>Kahnawake.com</u>. The project team (Taiaiake Gerald Alfred and Jessica Lazare) will discuss the Report on the Tetewathà:ren Talk Show on K1037 on Thursday, 3 Tsothóhrha/December at 12:10pm.

"We'd like to thank Taiaiake, Jessica, and the Advisory Group for their diligence and hard work on this important project," said letsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky Deer, who, along with letsénhaienhs Tonya Perron, is responsible for the Governance Portfolio for the MCK. "Building better and more accountable governance structures can't be accomplished without input from the main stakeholders – the people of Kahnawà:ke."