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## MCK embarks on project to relocate certain operations

### For Immediate Release

**(Kahnawake – 18, Tsothóhrha/December 2019)** The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) wishes to advise the community that it has begun a project to create a plan to move many of the MCK operations to the Kahnawà:ke Office Complex, located on the St. Lawrence Seaway next to the Mohawk Bridge Consortium offices.

Last month, an agreement was reached between the MCK and Tewatohnhi'saktha to transfer control of the three-floor facility to the MCK. A decision to move forward with a plan was made for several reasons, the major factor being that office space for the MCK and affiliated community organizations is at near capacity. Additionally, the MCK presently maintains ten (10) office buildings throughout the community, with resultant inefficiencies. Some of these are leased properties, while others are old and costly to maintain.

"This is in the preliminary stage and we have informed our staff of our intentions," said Ratséñhaienhs Mike Delisle, Jr., the Chairperson of the MCK's Finance, Administration & Operations Committee, which is sponsoring the project. "We will have to hire a Project Management Consultant early in the New Year. There is plenty to consider, and we will be starting a process early in 2020 to determine which MCK Units would be best suited to move and to determine their needs and requirements."

No specific date has been set for the move(s), however it will likely take place during the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Today's announcement comes less than a week after last week's news that the MCK is planning to create a new 'Blue-Collar Park' in the Clay Mountains area adjacent to the St. Lawrence Seaway. That facility would house the MCK's Public Works and Capital Units and would also include the Bus Depot. Community engagement on the 'Blue-Collar Park' will begin in January.