

Executive Summary
Seigneurie Update and Settlement Requests
Ratirhiwaro:roks – Seigneurie Community Group
October 2007 to April 2008

The Ratirhiwaro:roks Seigneurie Community Group was contracted in October 2007 to provide an update to Kahnawa'kehró:non concerning the recent progress of the Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis Land Grievance and to ask community members what type of settlement they would like to receive as compensation for the land grievance. The Community Group was requested to meet with as many Kahnawa'kehró:non as possible, with a target number of 1000 people.

Initially, the length of the project was 16-weeks but the Group was granted an extension of 6-weeks, which brought the length of the project to 22-weeks. Despite the project end date of March 2008, the Community Group continued to meet with Community Members as a sign of our commitment to the project. So, in fact the project continued until April 2008, and the Group was successful in reaching more community members.

The Community Group consisted of 5 Researchers and 1 Coordinator. The members of the Group were Trina Skye Norton, Coordinator, and Researchers Melvin Diabo, Peter Taylor, Valerie Delisle, Karlie Goodleaf, and Terri Thomas. Unfortunately, 2 Researchers (Valerie Delisle and Terri Thomas) were unable to fulfill their mandate so the Group was made up of only 4 researchers for a period of 10-weeks. At this time, it was determined that another researcher was needed so Shereen Meloche was hired to fill the void.

The Community Group experienced other setbacks such as 2 Researchers became ill during the project, the Christmas Holiday Season, and the March Break season. Despite, these setbacks the Community Group was able to reach 661 Kahnawa'kehró:non. This number represents the total number of people that participated (462) in an interview and those that declined (199) to participate.

The Community Group held various functions to acquire as much community participation as possible. The Group held 2 Open Houses, spent numerous days at the Services Complex, and held call-in shows on K103 Radio. The Group also used various methods to contact community members such as; personal contact/interviews, on-line surveys, telephone surveys, group meetings, family meetings, and meetings with community groups. As an incentive to gain more community participation, the Group purchased prizes to be drawn at random times throughout the project but in order to be eligible to win a prize, a Community Member had to participate in an interview.