

KAHNAWÀ:KE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW

K.R.L. c. P-5

[Passed by the Indians in Council on June 10, 1885, and approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on July 8, 1885, under the provisions of the Indian Act, 1880, subsection 2 and 8 of section 74.]

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WHEREAS it is thought by many medical men that this country may be visited by an epidemic known as Cholera during the coming summer, the Chiefs consider it their duty to see that the village of Caughnawaga is put in a sanitary condition, and that all the streets, yards, houses and lanes be cleaned and kept clean, in order to protect our families from the epidemic.

RESOLVED by the Chiefs that the following regulations be enforced under authority of section seventy-four (74) subsection two (2) of the Indian Act and the approval of the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs; and,

1. APPLICATION & PENALTIES

- 1.1 Every owner or occupant shall clean or cause to be cleaned, their houses, yards, lanes and alleys, and remove all rubbish and debris, bones, offal, or other organic and putrefying matter, and all persons failing to comply with this regulation will be notified by the Sanitary Committee through the Police Officer of the village to have the same attended to without delay, and all persons failing or refusing to comply with said order within twenty-four hours, will be subject to a fine of five dollars (\$5) for each offence with costs of prosecution, or ten days’ imprisonment in the common gaol in default of payment.

2. ENFORCEMENT

- 2.1 That a Health Committee is hereby appointed, viz: chiefs Attonwa, Ascunase and Wishesakoentineta to assist the Indian Agent to carry out the provisions of this by-law.

3. COURT

- 3.1 The Court of Kahnawà:ke has jurisdiction over all matters related to this law.