

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION  
REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION: Anti-Tobacco Law**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL  
22, Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2012  
6:00 – 8:00 PM**

**FACILITATORS:**

Kahente Horn-Miller (Lead -CDMP)  
Orenda Boucher-Curotte (Group 1)  
Dodie Gilbert (Group 2)  
Joe Delaronde (Group 3)

**RESOURCE PEOPLE:**

Akenhnhahse White (Lead – Resource Person)  
Jeffrey Diabo (Technician)  
Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (Group 1)  
Trina C. Diabo (Group 2)  
Jeffrey Diabo (Group 3)

**RECORDERS:**

Leslie Skye (Lead/Logistics)  
Brandi Meloche (Group 1)  
Samantha Montour (Group 2)  
Trina Diabo-Jacobs (Group 3)

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**6:00 P.M. OPENING**

Kanento Patton opened with the Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén.

**6:15 P.M. INTRODUCTION/MEETING GUIDELINES**

Kahente Horn-Miller welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the Anti-Tobacco Community Consultation and gave a brief introduction on the CDMP and the roles of each group's facilitator, resource person, group speaker and recorder.

**6:20 P.M. QUESTION:** "Do we have the Mandate to develop legislation that would prohibit the sale and manufacture of any tobacco and all cigarettes except for ceremonial and/or medicinal use?"

**6:30 P.M. 15-MINUTE DISCUSSIONS**

**7:00 P.M. CLOSING ADDRESS – Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer closed the meeting**

### **Question:**

“Do we have the Mandate to develop legislation that would prohibit the sale and manufacture of any tobacco and all cigarettes except for ceremonial and/or medicinal use?”

### **Group 1**

**Facilitator:** Orenda Boucher-Curotte  
**Resource Person:** Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer  
**Group Speaker:** Sharon Cross  
**Recorder:** Kahentinehshon Brandi Meloche

### **15 MINUTE DISCUSSIONS:**

- Traditionally we use medicine for ceremony
- No, you do not have the mandate to develop legislation that would prohibit the sale and manufacture of any tobacco and all cigarettes except for ceremonial and/or medicinal use.
- This is our way to make our community prosperous again. We take care of each other.
- No means no. This shouldn't be brought up again. This is the number one job in the community. This should never have been brought here.
- Yes and No is dividing people again.
- Education – This is our work our living.
- This is survival, we want to do better.
- Everyone is here for the industry.
- This is another way of trying to get rid of our rights. We have rights!
- Industry is a community staple.

### **QUESTIONS:**

- Why do we have to answer to a kid?
- What alternatives are there? Does anyone have any suggestions, comments to address Akenhnhahse's health and education issues? (Proposed by: Kahente Horn-Miller)

### **CONCLUSION:**

- No, you do not have the Mandate to develop legislation that would prohibit the sale and manufacture of any tobacco and all cigarettes except for ceremonial and/or medicinal use.

**Question:**

**“Do we have the Mandate to develop legislation that would prohibit the sale and manufacture of any tobacco and all cigarettes except for ceremonial and/or medicinal use?”**

**GROUP 2**

**Facilitator:** Dodie Gilbert  
**Resource Person:** Trina C. Diabo  
**Group Speaker:** Evelyn Lahache  
**Recorder:** Samantha Montour

**NOTES FROM 15 MINUTE DISCUSSIONS:**

- If we agree to this proposed legislation, it will be for everything involving tobacco in this industry. We can't agree with this as the Industry has provided a good economy for this community such as jobs, etc. It has brought many other things and helped a lot of people in this community. The local food bank benefits from this industry; as well, organizations such as the Kanienkehaka Funding Association help our community members by donating to sports events, they have even helped build homes for families and have provided monetary contributions to many other requests.
- Cons to this proposed legislation are students quitting school to work in industry.
- This industry provides income in this community that no other industry can provide; this industry has to stay.
- It is felt that most present do not support this mandate. If it's a yes or a no, maybe that should be put out there now rather than discussing other options. It is felt that the MCK has been trying to put regulations in for years. So that is the real question. There are other questions that need to be looked at in terms of regulations.

**QUESTIONS:**

- Who developed the proposed question for tonight?
  - Answer provided by KLCC Rep: The questioned was created by the KLCC.

For clarity, the Technician and Proponent are supposed to develop the question together. The question should reflect the Proponent's request. The question was developed by the Technician and did not reflect the Proponent's request. It was too vague and the members of the KLCC felt more clarity was needed in the question in order to facilitate a smooth Community Consultation. The KLCC revised the question to reflect the Proponent's initial request. The Proponent reviewed the question and was satisfied. – Kahente Horn-Miller, Coordinator

- Does this proposed legislation also include the purchase of tobacco products off reserve for the purpose of selling them in Kahnawà:ke? If we can buy off the reserve it defeats the purpose. The non-natives will prosper and not Kahnawakehron:non.
- Would the proposed legislation mean that all stores in Kahnawà:ke will not be able to sell tobacco products?
  - Answer by KLCC Resource Person: Yes it means that all stores would not be able to sell tobacco products in Kahnawà:ke. This legislation would also mean that there would be no manufacturing of tobacco products either; the only exemption would be for medicinal purposes.

**RESPONSE/POSITION:**

- Consensus at this group. The group is not in support of the proposed legislation.

**CONCLUSION:**

- Group 2 came to the conclusion unanimously that they could not support the proposed legislation that would prohibit the sale and manufacture of any tobacco and all cigarettes except for ceremonial and/or medicinal use.

**Question:**

**“Do we have the Mandate to develop legislation that would prohibit the sale and manufacture of any tobacco and all cigarettes except for ceremonial and/or medicinal use?”**

**Group 3**

**Facilitator:** Tekanetontie Joe Delaronde  
**Resource Person:** Jeffrey Diabo  
**Group Speaker:** Jeremy White  
**Recorder:** Trina Diabo-Jacobs

**15 MINUTE DISCUSSIONS:**

- The answer to the question is: Group 3 says **“NO”**  
(With 2 abstentions)
  - There was a concern with the age of Akenhnhahse White when he proposed this
  - Tobacco – there are different types.
  - The industry helps people put food on their table.
  - One person said that she felt there was no health problems related to workers in the tobacco industry.

**QUESTIONS:**

- Was Akenhnhahse White of legal age when he proposed this?  
**Response:** “Yes he was of age.”

**CONCLUSION:**


- Group 3 have all agreed that the answer to the question is **NO**.  
(2 people abstained)

**CONCLUSION:**

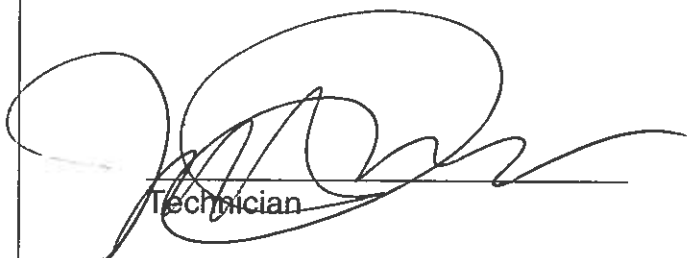
The Anti-Tobacco proposal for legislation to ban tobacco manufacturing and sales in Kahnawà:ke was unanimously rejected.

**NEXT STEPS:**

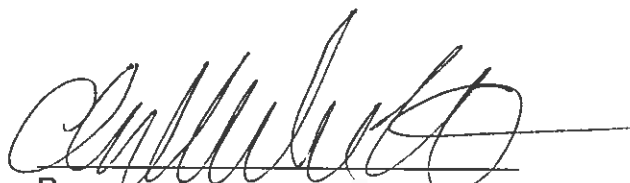
The Anti-Tobacco file will be closed and the Technician, Proponent, KLCC Coordinator and Chiefs Advisory will sign off on the Anti-Tobacco Legislative Tracker.

  
Chiefs Advisory


20 June 2012  
Date

  
Technician

12 June 12  
Date

  
Proponent

20 June 2012  
Date

  
KLCC Coordinator

June. 11 2012  
Date