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Progress but no consensus at Membership Law Hearing

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(Kahnawake – 18, Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2016) The Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission (KLCC) would like to advise the community on the results of last evening's meeting on proposed amendments to the *Kahnawà:ke Membership Law*.

The Definition of 'Great Grand Parent' came closer to conclusion after a pair of motions came from two participants. After about ninety minutes, one motion was withdrawn in support of the second one, which was well-received by the approximately 25 participants.

While consensus was **not** reached, it should be noted that at several points in the meeting it seemed the group was on the verge of a decision. There are still certain details that will need further discussion at the next meeting in order for this definition to be finalized.

A noteworthy development was the proposal to remove the earlier-proposed '50% blood quantum requirement' and replace it with the term *Sha'tehatinekwensí:hen*, which roughly translated means a person who comes from two cultures in approximately equal measures.

The proposal to include a requirement to hold a clan was deemed unworkable at this time, though it was recommended to include a reference to the importance of clans to our culture in the preamble.

The **next meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, 7 Ohiarí:ha/June** 2016 from 6pm to 8:30pm at the Golden Age Club. This will be the 13th meeting in this First Hearing phase of the Community Decision Making Process.

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