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June 19th *Membership Law Community Consultation recap*

For immediate release

(Kahnawake – 20, Ohiarí:ha/June 2013) The Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission (KLCC) would like to update Kahnawà:kehró:nnon on the results of last evening's 11th Community Consultation for amendments to the *Kahnawà:ke Membership Law*.

Discussion on "Who decides who will be a Member" was conducted with two groups (Groups 1 & 2 combined and Group 3). There was confirmation that the Membership registrar should administer the applications for those who clearly meet all the requirements, and that anyone who is accepted as a Member should have his/her name officially posted in the community for a period of 60 days before receiving final approval.

It was also agreed that there is a need for a body to administer more complicated applications and to handle appeals, and a suggestion that the Court of Kahnawà:ke be explicitly indicated in the law as the 'body of final appeal' gained approval. The newly-proposed body would be smaller than the suspended fifteen-member Council of Elders and would, in effect, disband the Council of Elders. Terms of reference would need to be developed, as well as criteria for the election/selection process and for those who wish to sit on the proposed body. **Consensus was declared** in the above-mentioned areas at the conclusion of the meeting.

'The suspension or revocation of Membership on the *Kahnawà:ke Kanien'kehá:ka Registry*' will be the next topic discussed at Community Consultation (#12), to be held next **Wednesday**, 26 Ohiarí:ha/June at the Karonhianónhnhha School Gym from 6pm to 8:30pm. **Please note that this will be the final Consultation for the summer.** Consultations will resume in the fall.

The official minutes and other information will be posted on Tuesday, 25 Ohiarí:ha/June at www.kahnawakemakingdecisions.com.

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