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## Tsi Nahóten Karihwanákere No'nenk News Release

### **Next *Membership Law* Community Consultation scheduled for Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

#### **For immediate release**

**(Kahnawake – 20, Kentenhkó:wa/November 2013)** The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke would like to inform the community that the 16<sup>th</sup> Community Consultation on proposed amendments to the *Kahnawà:ke Membership Law* will proceed on Tuesday, 3, Tsothóhrha/ December 2013.

At the last session of 5, Kentenhkó:wa/November, the Membership Registrar reviewed that there is no definition for great-grandparent in the current *Membership Law*. Four options were proposed from 'very strict' to 'lenient' interpretation for the definition of great-grandparent:

- 1) Great-grandparent must be a direct descendant of indigenous parents;
- 2) Great-grandparent must have at least 50% Indigenous blood quantum;
- 3) Great-grandparent who was considered a community member of Kahnawà:ke with Onkwehón:we lineage;
- 4) Great-grandparent who was considered a community member of Kahnawà:ke.

**For the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, these four (4) options and any other options raised will be discussed by the participants to give their direction on the definition that the community wants in the Membership Law.**

"There are differing views in the community about recognizing a great-grandparent of future members to meet the minimum of four of eight great-grandparents," said Membership Portfolio Chief Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. "There was some very good discussion shared at the last session that now needs to come together for a consensus on the key definition of the great-grandparent."

The Consultation will continue at the point where the previous meeting concluded. It will be held from 6 to 8:30pm at the Karonhianónhna School gymnasium. Participants are strongly urged to arrive on time in order for the meeting to begin promptly.

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