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Mohawk Council of Kanesatake

Community Consultation: Law-Making Process

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Dear Kanehsatakehrónon,

Currently, our community has many urgent and critical priorities. We need to be able to rely on our own laws to find relevant and effective solutions: that is why lawmaking is part of the solution. We are pleased to announce that a community consultation will be held soon to discuss the **creation of a new law-making process** for Kanesatake.

WHY A CONSULTATION?

- To make the law-making process **clear and open** to everyone.
- **To involve the community in governance**, honouring our right and custom to participate in decision-making.
- To set up **workable, standardized steps** for the future to create, change, and repeal laws.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Self-Determination: Updating existing laws, creating new laws, and providing notice to others of our laws demonstrate our sovereignty over our lands.

Independence: This process supports our autonomy while protecting our culture.

Cultural Relevance: Indigenous laws are rooted in our traditions, customs, language, and values. Developing laws under our unique jurisdiction ensures these cultural practices are respected and upheld.

Addressing Needs: Our community faces unique challenges today that are not adequately addressed by other legal systems.

Legal Recognition: Law-making contributes to the recognition of Kanesatake rights and legal systems within national and international frameworks.

NEXT STEPS

- 1- The first step to creating a simple and useful Kanesatake Law-Making Process is to make sure everyone who wants to be involved, can be involved. As part of an inclusive and transparent consultation process, and for future communications, we will initiate a **data collection process** to update the contact information of all members.
- 2- The second step will be to hold **information sessions** with Kanehsatakehrónon.
- 3- The third step will be to get **community input** on what they think the law-making process should look like. Feedback will be collected and used to draft the process.
- 4- The fourth step will be to **present** this collective work to the community **for approval**.

A draft law-making process, the starting point in this initiative, will be available digitally on MCK's website and upon request at the MCK front desk. Stay tuned for more information about the consultation. Your participation is vital to the success of this process. Any questions can be sent to communications@kanesatake.ca We thank you in advance for your attention and look forward to hearing from you.

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