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Aboriginal Initiatives Fund Submissions MCK Approves Tewatohnni'saktha's Recommended Project Proposals

(Kahnawà:ke –24 Ohiarí:ha/June 2009) Tewatohnni'saktha would like to inform the community of the current status of the Aboriginal Initiatives Fund (AIF) project proposals. At the Chief and Council meeting held June 15th, 2009, the recommendations of Tewatohnni'saktha were accepted and a MCEd was issued in support of the following projects for submission to the AIF:

- **Kahnawà:ke Community Channel** - Entrepreneurship
- **Kahnawà:ke Bio Green** - Entrepreneurship
- **Noah's Arc Golf Range** - Entrepreneurship
- **Bear Claw Machining** - Entrepreneurship
- **The Eastern Door** - Entrepreneurship
- **Kahnawà:ke Youth Center** - Assistance for Local Economic Development
- **Tewatohnni'saktha/Kateri Memorial Hospital Center/ Kahnawà:ke Education Center** - Assistance for Local Economic Development
- **Tewatohnni'saktha** - Assistance for Local Economic Development
- **Step by Step Child & Family Center** - Studies
- **Sports & Recreation Unit** - Studies
- **Kanien'kehaka Onkwawen:na Raotitiokwa** - Community Infrastructure
- **Kahnawà:ke Art Federation** - Community Infrastructure
- **K103** - Community Infrastructure
- **Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke**: Kahnawà:ke Treasury Research Project - Studies

Tewatohnni'saktha received a total of 19 proposals. All proposals were assessed by the AIF Project Committee on a variety of factors, including financial viability, management experience, risk assessment, and risk mitigation strategies. Based upon the Committee's assessment, the proposed projects that were recommended for approval reflect what would be the most beneficial use of the AIF funds and have the most successful chance for implementation.

The funding amount for projects approved by the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke total **\$2,275,969**. The combined projects, upon successful implementation, will create approximately **140** jobs.

The proposed projects must still be assessed and approved by the Secrétariat aux affaires autochtones for final funding approval.

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