



## Tewatohnni'saktha

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# NEWS RELEASE

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**Kahnawake (Wednesday, May 16, 2007)** - Tewatohnni'saktha would like to respond to misleading statements made by Stuart Myiow, Jr. on the May 7, 2007 K103 Noon Hour Show regarding the tobacco industry and Tewatohnni'saktha.

During the show, Mr. Myiow made the following statements: *“Last year the people had this opportunity but what I seen was it was by sabotaged by Band Council and it was sabotaged by the representative that was there from Tewatohnni'saktha and it was sabotaged by the other representatives from the other houses when they were asked by the KTA to work with them and to sanction them as the... everybody backed out.” “the representative [from Tewatohnni'saktha] that was there stated they cannot support anything like this until everyone else is on board so you know what that tells me that tells me that if everyone comes to a meeting to talk about how we are going to get together to fix things but then somebody says I won't get involved until everyone gets involved then the process does not start anywhere...”*

Tewatohnni'saktha Board of Directors Chairperson Wayne Delormier was representing one of nine organizations invited to the meeting being referred to. Seven organizations did not attend. The first meeting was for information purposes only. When asked if Tewatohnni'saktha would support the initiative, Mr. Delormier indicated he would bring the information back to the Board. At the second meeting, and after consulting with the Tewatohnni'saktha Board, he stated that Tewatohnni'saktha could not support the initiative on its own due to the need for corroboration from the other organizations.

Tewatohnni'saktha has always supported the regulation of the Tobacco industry by the community but it does not have the role of creating community mandates to regulate. The current situation in the Tobacco industry is not the result of any decision that Tewatohnni'saktha has or has not taken. It exists in large part because the Tobacco industry has been unable to collectively work together and find the means to agree with Council's proposals on a regulatory regime.

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