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## Tewatohnhi'saktha to facilitate the process of accessing relief funds to Kahnawà:ke Businesses

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Kahnawà:ke (April 3, 2020) Tewatohnhi'saktha's role is to facilitate the processing of business applications for relief funds through the Business Interruption Fund; a fund set aside through the Kahnawà:ke Economic Relief Measures (ERM) Fund. As of today, approximately 120 business owners have registered with Tewatohnhi'saktha.

The Business Services Team will be contacting those business owners who have applied to complete the application process. To further relieve the financial stress on business owners, Tewatohnhi'saktha has deferred loan payments and waived loan interest for April 2020. We will be addressing the need for further deferrals and waiving of interest as the situation regarding the pandemic evolves.

If your business has closed or has suspended operations as a result of COVID-19, and you have no personal income as a result, please contact Mohawk Council Client Based Services at (450) 638-0500 to make an application as soon as possible. You may be eligible to apply for one of the following:

- **COVID-19 (ERM) Kahnawa'kehró:non Benefit Fund**
- **Social Assistance (S.A.)**
- **Employment Insurance**
- **Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB), paid through the Canada Revenue Agency.**

"The Tewatohnhi'saktha Team is working diligently to assist the Council with facilitation of business applications to access Business Interruption Relief funds; your patience and cooperation are sincerely appreciated at this time," said Barbara McComber, Interim CEO.

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