



PRESS RELEASE

Tewatohnhi'saktha purchases land for commercial community-owned projects

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Kahnawà:ke (September 6, 2013) Tewatohnhi'saktha announced today that a Mohawk Council Executive Decision is being pursued to designate newly purchased lands for commercial use. Tewatohnhi'saktha purchased Reserve Lot 168 Block "F" measuring 17 acres, which is located at the junction of Highway 30 and the west side of Route 207. The purchase from brothers Terrence Diabo and Peter Diabo took place in July 2013, at a rate of \$80,000 per acre (see attached aerial map).

The land was purchased to provide access to the lands returning to the reserve along Highway 30, and will potentially be the site for a portion of the community-owned truck stop and fuel station project. Tewatohnhi'saktha and the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke are engaged in discussions with the provincial government for reimbursement of the cost of the land acquisition, as part of Quebec's commitment to provide adequate commercial access to the returning lands. The development of any community projects on the returning lands can only take place once the Federal Government accepts Quebec's transfer of the lands and designates it as part of the reserve.

The land purchase included two land leases, one to the owners of the Wild Wild West bar, and one for the lease of lands to house a billboard with Patterson Media. Tewatohnhi'saktha agreed to honour the existing leases as part of the land acquisition agreement.

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