

# Press Release

## Tewatohnni'saktha and Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke work collaboratively to provide economic relief through the Economic Relief Measures Fund

**For Immediate Release (Kahnawake – 25, Enniskó:wa/March 2020)** In response to the COVID 19 emergency measures within the community Tewatohnni'saktha and the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) will work collaboratively to provide economic relief to the community of which a \$9 Million Economic Relief Measures (ERM) Fund was approved by Chief and Council this morning, March 25<sup>th</sup> 2020 of this \$9 Million, a portion of these funds will be allocated towards the Business Interruption Fund.

Distribution of the funds will be administered by a band empowered Board of Representatives. Gina Deer, Barbara McComber, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Alexis Shackleton, and Mike Delisle have been appointed to the Board.

Tewatohnni'saktha's role is to help mitigate the financial impact of the businesses by gathering the necessary data to evaluate and process claims through the Board of Representatives as quickly as possible. If your business is closed/suspended services as a result of COVID-19 please contact the main office Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 3:00 pm by telephone at 450-638-4280.

### **Steps to follow:**

- Leave your business contact information, include phone numbers and email addresses if possible
- A Business Services Team member will contact you to gather data as to the financial impact on your business. Please be prepared to have your fixed operating cost information on hand to speed the process.
- Businesses will be assessed on a case by case basis and the level of financial relief will be determined by a preset financial package framework.
- Financial Aid maybe available as early as April 1st.

***“Our team is here to help our businesses survive the COVID-19 emergency and to access the financial relief programs available.” said Barbara McComber, Interim CEO. “We please ask you to continue to social distance and self-isolate for the health of our community, we will get through this together”***

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