

24 hr / 7 day a week Fire Watch ceases at the Kahnawà:ke Business Complex

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Kahnawà:ke (Enniskó:wa / March 2, 2021) Tawatohni'saktha is pleased to announce that a new Fire Pump has been installed in the Kahnawà:ke Business Complex as of Friday, February 26, 2021; concluding the need for 24 hr / 7 day a week fire watch put in place since December 19th.

On December 19, 2020, the Business Complex's Fire Pump failed leaving the building and its tenants vulnerable until a replacement pump could be installed; the supplier confirmed significant delays for equipment delivery due to the pandemic. Tawatohni'saktha's Facilities Manager, Marissa Leblanc, secured 15 fire watch workers to inspect all floors of the building around the clock in accordance with the directive from the Kahnawà:ke Fire Brigade.

Tawatohni'saktha deemed it essential to give community access to the Post Office and allow the first-floor businesses to remain operational, particularly during the busy holiday season. Fire watch shifts began on Dec. 19, 2020 and ended February 26, 2021 at an expense of \$44,660.16. Tawatohni'saktha hopes to recuperate some of these expenses through the building insurance, however, have yet received any news on whether the application is successful.

"I wish to personally thank all the individuals who came and gave their time and efforts to make sure the building was safe for the community. This allowed the Post Office to stay open during the busiest time of the year and I am sure the community appreciates this as well." said Marissa Leblanc, Facilities Manager.

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