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What Issues Should a Kahnawà:ke Justice System Address?

For immediate release

(Kahnawake – 20, Kenténha / October 2009) The Interim Legislative Coordinating Committee would like to remind all Kahnawà:kehró:non that the hearings for a proposed Kahnawà:ke justice system will continue tomorrow (Wednesday), 21 Kenténha/October, at the Karonhianóhnha School gym from 6 to 9pm.

At the conclusion of the previous hearing on 7 Kenténha/October, consensus had not yet been reached regarding the question, “*What issues or concerns should the justice system address?*” Discussion will continue on this question. Should consensus be reached at a sufficiently early time, the third question (“*Should judgments, orders and decisions from a Kahnawà:ke justice system be recognized outside the Territory?*”) will be addressed.

“We’d like to remind people that they should try to attend at least one session, as increased community participation is needed for the process to be most effective,” said Grand Chief Michael Ahrírhon Delisle, Jr. “For years the people have been asking for direct input into the creation of our laws – and now, that time is upon us.”

Please note that the next session will begin at 6pm, a half-hour earlier than the first two.

The Kahnawà:ke Justice Commission is using the new Community Decision Making Process to ask for a mandate to proceed in the creation of a Kahnawà:ke justice system. A draft report on the 7 Kenténha/October hearing has been posted on the Community Decision Making Process website (www.kahnawakemakingdecisions.com).

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