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Justice Commission Launches Info Sessions on Proposed *Kahnawà:ke Judicial Act*

(Kahnawà:ke – 22, Kenténha/October 2008) The Justice Commission of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke announced today that it will begin information sessions on a proposed *Kahnawà:ke Judicial Act*.

The purpose of the sessions is to determine whether or not Kahnawà:ke wants a court to be empowered by the people. The process could begin in early 2009.

The sessions will include an historical and current overview of the present Kahnawà:ke court structure, including discussions on its function and limitations.

“Our own *Judicial Act* would be the one piece of legislation that we can use to interpret our own laws,” said Chief Mike Bush. “This would be a giant step in solidifying our jurisdiction outside of the *Indian Act*.”

In effect, a *Kahnawà:ke Judicial Act* would create a better forum to resolve conflicts in Kahnawà:ke.

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