



Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe

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RECENT VOTE NOT SANCTIONED BY TRIBAL GOVERNMENT *Informal Vote Completed*

Akwesasne, NY. An informal vote was held recently in the St. Regis Mohawk Community to gauge public opinion regarding the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe's current three-chief system. This vote, however, was not official and not sanctioned by the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Government. The process for official referendums is one that must be recognized by the Tribal government and must follow the referendum process which defines voter eligibility and ensures that the voting is conducted properly.

The informal vote does not have an effect on the operations of the Tribe. Some community members have expressed concern about the continuation of services provided by the Tribe to its members, but the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe will continue to provide services as they have done in the past.

Tribal Council continues to work diligently to reform the tribal governance system by working with the Tribal membership. In the past four years, improvements have been made to the existing three-chief system in meaningful ways. The Ethics Ordinance, separation of judicial powers and a return to staggered terms of office are all part of the process and were achieved through official referendums of the Tribal membership.

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