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Mohawk Tribe to Form Drug Task Force *Developing Plans to Combat Drug Abuse*

Akwesasne Territory. In an effort to make Akwesasne a safe and healthy place for its residents, the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe is forming a Tribal Task Force. The purpose of the task force is to combat drug abuse and addiction, drug smuggling and dealing with drug use and its trade, as well as any violent crime associated with drugs. Tribal Council has directed Tribal Administration to convene a Tribal Task Force to address this issue and develop a plan of action. In a memo dated October 25, 2010, Tribal Council committed itself to being in consultation with the community in order to adopt tribal laws to combat the epidemic problems of drug abuse.

As part of the Tribal Task Force, Tribal Administration along with the assistance of division directors, staff, and elected officials will begin developing short term and long-term plans of action. Members of the task force will be responsible for coordinating their efforts with our counterparts within the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and other outside agencies. Review of the progress of the task force and will be done on a quarterly basis through publicized reports on their initiatives.

“Tribal Council recognizes the toll that drug and alcohol abuse are taking on our community and are looking to our Program staff to collaborate on a plan to make our community healthy again. We commend and support our service providers; the work they do for our people is an essential component for a healthy future,” said Stacy Skidders, Tribal Sub-Chief.

Tribal Council remains committed to a zero-tolerance drug policy for all tribal staff.

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