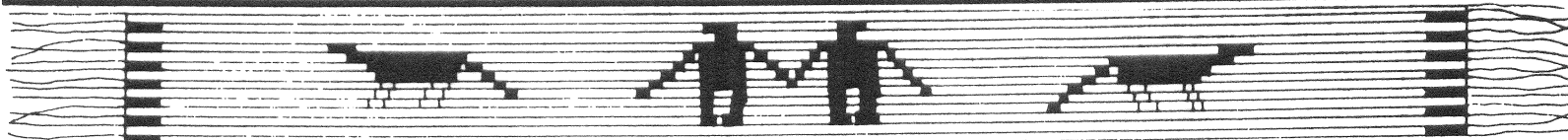


## AKWESASNE MOHAWK COUNCIL RESOLUTION

2007/2008 - #318



THE	MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE		THIS MEETING TOOK PLACE IN THE TERRITORY OF AKWESASNE, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE AKWESASNE MOHAWK COUNCIL PRESIDING.
AGENCY	SOUTHERN ONTARIO DISTRICT		
PROVINCE	ONTARIO / QUEBEC		
PLACE	KANATAKON SCHOOL - MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM		RECORDED VOTE:  FOR: 11 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTION: 0
DATE	28 DAY	FEBRUARY MONTH	

DO HEREBY RESOLVE:

MOVED:

Wesley Benedict

SECONDED:

Cheryl Jacobs

**Re: MCA Protests the Arming of Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) Officers  
at the Port of Entry at Kawehnoke**

*Whereas, the Mohawks of Akwesasne have the existing and inherent right of self-determination, which includes the inherent jurisdiction over their lands, peoples and territory; and,*

*Whereas, the Mohawks of Akwesasne have aboriginal and treaty rights, and other rights and freedoms that are recognized and affirmed in the Constitution of Canada, which include the inherent right of self-determination and jurisdiction over their lands, peoples and territory; and,*

*Whereas, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is the Community government within the Territory of Akwesasne and has inherent jurisdiction to make laws, regulations, and policies to meet the needs and concerns of the Mohawks of Akwesasne; and,*

*Whereas, the Mohawk Council intends to preserve the cultural, political and economic integrity of the Mohawk Territory and Community of Akwesasne, and,*

*Whereas, the Canada Customs Border Services Agency (CBSA) Port of Entry is located on Kawehnoke at 90 Akwesasne International Road, Akwesasne, Ontario, K6H 5R7; and*

*Whereas, this is the only Canadian Port of Entry situated on a First Nations Territory; and*

*Whereas, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has promoted a safe border crossing, whereby the CBSA has employed Mohawk Security Officers, at the Kawehnoke Port of Entry, through a positive working arrangement between the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and the CBSA, which has produced a safe and secure environment at this facility for more than 25 years; and*

*Whereas, the CBSA has also had the benefit of reinforced security through the support of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service, on an as-needed-basis, which is memorialized in a protocol agreement between the parties; and*

*Whereas, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and the Akwesasne Community are furious with the resolution of issues regarding the abuse of authority by certain CBSA officers, which have lead to voluminous community complaints asserting human rights violations, culminating with an intervention by the Canadian Human Rights Commission, which remains unresolved to this day; and*

