



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND CHIEF

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## **AKWESASNE IS A PARTNER, NOT A PROBLEM**

Akwesasne has long been a key partner in cross-border collaboration, working alongside governments and agencies to address shared concerns. However, recent discussions about border security in our territory have raised issues regarding decisions being made without our direct involvement.

As a sovereign Mohawk Nation, Akwesasne must be included in any discussions that impact our people. We are not a problem to be “dealt with,” but a partner in finding meaningful solutions. Akwesasne has always been a vital member of joint task forces and remains committed to the safety of our communities.

To ensure that Akwesasne’s leadership is included in these discussions, the Grand Chief has scheduled a meeting with the Deputy Minister of Public Safety Canada to address these concerns and is open to dialogue with agencies on both the U.S. and Canadian sides.

Akwesasne will not be sidelined in discussions about our future. MCA will continue to protect our rights, jurisdiction, and people. Our sovereignty is non-negotiable.