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Relations between Roussillon and Kahnawake

Steps toward reconciliation

“Building a friendly and mutually beneficial relationship with our neighbours in Kahnawake is a priority for the Roussillon RCM. That’s why we’re commemorating the second National Day for Truth and Reconciliation,” said Christian Ouellette, Mayor of Delson and Prefect of the Roussillon MRC.

The mayors of Roussillon wore “orange shirt” pins at the latest council meeting as a symbol of their solidarity with the Mohawk people and their desire to continue building bridges with the First Nation.

“We must continue to express our solidarity with our Indigenous neighbours in the spirit of friendship, fellowship, and reconciliation. We are delighted that they share the same desire for mutual understanding. We have established a constructive dialogue that will help us understand the Mohawk people and empower all our residents,” said Jocelyne Bates, Mayor of Sainte-Catherine.

An initial meeting was held between Chief Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer and Roussillon’s prefect last spring. A friendly meeting with all the mayors of Roussillon was held last June. It was an opportunity to lay the groundwork for collaboration between the communities. Another meeting is scheduled in the coming weeks.

The resolution was adopted at the public council meeting the 28th of September, on the second National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.