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TRIBE CANCELS FIREWORKS THIS YEAR

Financial Needs in Community Being Prioritized

AKWESASNE TERRITORY – St. Regis Mohawk Tribe has cancelled this year's Fourth of July fireworks and has decided that meeting financial needs is more important and that meeting these needs could be better met if spending is reduced elsewhere.

“Currently the tribe feels that supplementing Tribal programs to expand and enhance services to the community is more important,” explained Tribal Chief James Ransom. “We feel that meeting community members’ needs take priority over a fireworks show.”

Current economic conditions are the reason for the decision to spend money on necessities. “We must continue to be good stewards of the tribe’s resources,” noted Tribal Chief Barbara Lazore. “Entertainment is important, but we need to invest in programs and meet community needs first. So sometimes we have to make difficult decisions, and this is one of those times.”

Tribal officials are thinking that community members would have time to make alternative plans for viewing Fourth of July fireworks show elsewhere if they have sufficient notification. “We wanted to make sure that people can find other places to go, or things to do over the Fourth of July holiday and we thought it would be important to get some notification out as early as possible,” said Monica Jacobs, Tribal Chief.

The popular Fourth of July fireworks show has attracted people from around the region and has usually been held at Cook’s Campground on Cook Road in the Akwesasne Territory.

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