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## MCK approved electronic 'slots' in pilot project

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The Mohawk Council of Kahnawake announced that it approved a pilot project that will see Electronic Gaming Devices installed in two local poker houses. The proposal was originally brought to the MCK separately by both Playground Poker and Poker Palace in 2016 to look at the possibility of having these systems installed.

The MCK stated that after a period of research, the MCK mandated the Kahnawake Gaming Commission to develop regulations for the use of EGDs. The proposal was passed through a Mohawk Council Executive Directive signed by eight Chiefs, with Carl Horn and Arlene Jacobs voting against the proposed project and Clinton Phillips abstaining.

The MCED was passed at this past Monday's Council Meeting.

"There was no unanimity at the Council Table," MCK Grand Chief Joe Norton told Iori:wase. "It wasn't unanimous, as many things are, but at the same time a majority of Council members said 'we agree, we support, let's move ahead.'"

The MCK stated that the project's proponents – Playground Poker and Poker Palace – must conduct a public presentation before proceeding with the project. This presentation is expected to take place in mid-April, the MCK said.

Under this proposal there will be a limit of



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Students from the Encore! Sistema program put on a concert last Friday at KSS. For more see Page 8.

two operators with exclusivity for three years for Playground and Poker Palace. The MCK also said that once all necessary due diligence and testing have been successfully completed, the KGC will issue both operators a conditional license for an initial term of six months. Following the initial six

months, the KGC will conduct a comprehensive review of the project to assist in the next steps for the EGD operations. The MCK also said that as the impacts of this pilot project are evaluated, additional license classes may be considered.

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**K**ahnawake students taking part in the Encore! Sistema program in the local schools got to show off what they've learned this past year in a special concert held at the Kahnawake Survival School last Friday afternoon.

The students from Kateri, Karonhianónhnha and KSS were joined in concert by multidisciplinary Metis artist Moe Clark and the New Generation Orchestra. The concert began at 2 p.m. and lasted about an hour.

The show started with Clark performing her song Coyote, which

was followed up by Clark with the Sistema students performing Askiy Gifts Honour Song. Clark was then joined on stage by the New Generation Orchestra for the song Niki Pawatin. The New Generation Orchestra then performed the Mozart's Divertimento in F Major.

The KSS Band, then performed Herbie Hancock's Chameleon and then they were joined on stage by Clark for their rendition of the Bill Withers classic Lean on Me. The younger kids then took to the stage for Soldiers Joy and then Allegro.

The show was closed out by a joint performance of West Side Story's Mambo by the Sistema students and the New Generation Orchestra.

Since 2012 more than 200 students from Kahnawake have participated in the Encore! Sistema program.



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