

## KANESATAKE SPECIFIC ISSUES

### 4. Mohawk Government Issues

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs recognizes that one of the challenges faced by the Kanestake community is that of a leadership process. It will be very difficult, if not impossible, to deal with conflicts between Kanestake and other communities and governments, unless the question of internal governance is resolved. As noted by some witnesses, the responsibility for resolving this circumstance rests primarily with the residents of Kanestake. The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs recommends that the Government of Canada ensure that the Six Nations "Iroquois" Confederacy be involved and consulted in the process of seeking a resolution of governance issues.

### 5. Independent Judicial Inquiry Into Certain Native Issues In Quebec

There are different perceptions regarding the administration of justice in the Province of Quebec as it affects indigenous people.

Therefore the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs recommends that the Government of Canada establish an independent judicial inquiry under Part I of the Inquiries Act, inviting the participation of the Province of Quebec, and charged primarily but not exclusively, with looking into:

- (i) the events of the summer of 1990;
- (ii) all other policing and justice issues affecting aboriginal people;
- (iii) other areas of conflict affecting native and non-native communities in the Province of Quebec.

### 6. Land Use Conflict Resolution at Kanestake

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs recommends that the Government approach the parties regarding the advisability of putting in place a process to deal with conflicts between municipalities and Mohawk authorities over land use issues affecting both communities, without prejudice to land claims. The Committee recommends the appointment of a mediator, upon the joint approval of the parties concerned, to facilitate discussions over land use matters such as zoning and other municipal concerns. The Committee also recommends the appointment of an arbitrator, jointly agreed upon, to make binding decisions where negotiations and mediation do not resolve the conflict.

### 7. Healing and Compensation

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs recommends that urgent steps be taken to provide healing and compensation measures for the communities involved, and particularly to deal with the effect of the summer's events on young people.

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs will monitor government action on these recommendations and may review these issues.