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# Mohawk Council of Kanesatake

CHRONOLOGICAL NO. NUMERO  
CHRONOLOGIQUE

FILE REFERENCE. NUMERO DE DOSSIER  
**0070.2425.00069**

THE MOHAWK COUNCIL OF KANESATAKE CONSEIL MOHAWK DE KANESATAKE			
PROVINCE OF	QUEBEC		
PLACE ENDROIT	KANESATAKE MOHAWK TERRITORY		
DATE	19	FEBRUARY	2025
	DAY-JOUR	MONTH-MOIS	YEAR-ANNEE

DO HEREBY RESOLVE:  
DECIDE, PAR LES PRESENTES:

## Kanesatake Law-Making Process

**WHEREAS:** The Mohawk Council of Kanesatake (MCK) is the legal governing body of the Mohawks of Kanesatake and their Territory;

**WHEREAS:** the Mohawks of Kanesatake are a community of the Mohawk Nation;

**WHEREAS:** the Mohawks of Kanesatake have inherent rights and jurisdiction over their Territory;

**WHEREAS:** the Mohawks of Kanesatake assert that it is one of their guiding principles to consider the consequences of actions for the next seven generations and beyond, and the Mohawks of Kanesatake intend to protect and preserve Kanesatake Mohawk Lands for the benefit of the next seven generations and beyond;

**WHEREAS:** the Mohawks of Kanesatake have Aboriginal rights and title and treaty rights, protected by the Royal Proclamation of 1763, in and to the lands which make up the Seigneury of the Lake of Two Mountains;

**WHEREAS:** the rights of the Mohawks of Kanesatake are recognized and affirmed by section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*;

**WHEREAS:** the rights of the Mohawks of Kanesatake are included in the *United Nations Declarations on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (hereinafter "UNDRIP"), and as ratified and implemented in the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* (hereinafter "UNDRIPA");

Quorum for Council  
Pour ce Conseil le  
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Council Members  
Membres du Conseil

Grand Chief Akwirente Bonspille

Chief Amy Beauvais

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**WHEREAS:** the Mohawks of Kanesatake, as represented by the Mohawk Council of Kanesatake (hereinafter "MCK"), may exercise authority under the *Kanesatake Interim Land Base Governance Act*, SC 2001, c 8, passed on May 14, 2001 (hereinafter "*Governance Act*");

**WHEREAS:** Section 7 of the *Governance Act* specifically states that the Mohawks of Kanesatake have jurisdiction to make laws in relation to the use and development of the lands in the Kanesatake Mohawk Interim Land base and in relation to:

- a) The health and quality of life of residents.
- b) The protection and management of wildlife and fish.
- c) The observance of law and order to the prevention of disorderly conduct and nuisances.
- d) The prevention of trespass, including entry onto, or occupation of, the lands without lawful authority.
- e) Residency.
- f) The construction, maintenance, management, and use of local works, including water supplies.
- g) The construction or alteration of buildings, including inspection in connection with the construction or alteration.
- h) Zoning.
- i) Waste management and public sanitation.
- j) Traffic regulation.

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**WHEREAS:** the MCK may also exercise its authority to make laws concerning the protection, management, and administration of Kanesatake Mohawks Lands under the Mohawks of Kanesatake *Interim Land Governance Code* passed on October 14, 2000 (hereinafter "*Governance Code*"), including under section 1;

**WHEREAS:** the MCK operates in accordance with the *Mohawks of Kanesatake Custom Electoral Code* (hereinafter "*Electoral Code*"), ratified June 20, 2015;

**WHEREAS:** the MCK may exercise its authority under the *Indian Act*.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

that the Mohawks of Kanesatake enact this Kanesatake Law-Making Process (hereinafter "KLMP") for the purposes of law making under the authority of its inherent rights, the *Constitution Act, 1982*, *UNDRIP*, *UNDRIPA*, the *Governance Act*, and the *Indian Act*, on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of the month of February in the year of 20 25.

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Grand Chief Akwirente Bonspille

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