

COMMUNICATIONS FRAMEWORK
BETWEEN THE
SIX NATIONS "IROQUOIS" CONFEDERACY
GRAND RIVER COUNTRY
(HAUDENOSAUNEE CONFEDERACY CHIEFS COUNCIL)
AND THE
ONTARIO MINISTRY OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS:

The Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council (HCCC) and the Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs (MAA) want to begin a relationship.

The improved relationship between the HCCC and MAA shall be guided by the principles of Peace, Friendship, and Respect as embodied in the Two Row Wampum and the Silver Covenant Chain.

A Communications Framework is a first step towards a relationship.

A Communications Framework will help the HCCC and MAA understand each other's processes and positions, and prevent misunderstandings during engagement on matters of mutual interest.

THEREFORE, THE HCCC AND MAA WILL UNDERTAKE THE FOLLOWING:

1. The HCCC and the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs will meet annually to review how the relationship is developing and identify ways of improving the relationship.
2. The HCCC and MAA will establish a Planning Committee that will prepare terms of reference, an annual work plan, and identify capacity funding needs for the Planning Committee work. MAA will contact other provincial ministries about the Planning Committee work, as appropriate.
3. If, in the course of its work, the Planning Committee determines that a facilitator could assist with the process, it will make this recommendation to the HCCC and MAA for consideration, along with the reasons why a facilitator could be useful and suggestions about a facilitator-selection process.

4. This Communications Framework is intended to state general principles and record the intentions of the HCCC and MAA. It is not intended to create any legal rights or responsibilities or legally binding obligations.
5. This Communications Framework will be in effect for two years from the date of signing, unless terminated in writing by either party upon 60 days notice or extended by the written agreement of the HCCC and MAA.
6. If the HCCC and MAA agree, this Communications Framework may be amended in writing.
7. Any notice or written communication given pursuant to this Communications Framework shall be sent to the following contacts. As well, if an issue arises outside of the Planning Committee process that either the HCCC or MAA views as urgent, the following contacts are appointed by the HCCC and MAA to collect information and begin the discussion about the issue:

HCCC representative and contact information:

Haudenosaunee Development Institute
Suite 417-16 Sunrise Court
PO Box 714
Ohsweken, Ontario N0A 1M0
519-445-4222 (b) 519-445-2389 (f)

MAA representative and contact information

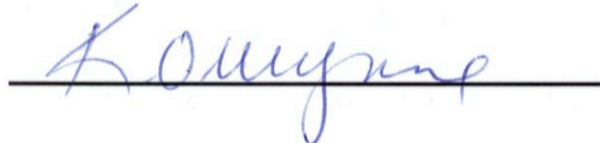
Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs
Negotiations and Reconciliation Division
Community Initiatives Branch
17 Corporate Place
Brantford, Ontario N3R 8A6
519-720-6815 (b) 519-720-9763 (f)

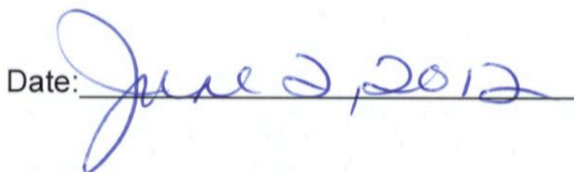
Signatures:

Six Nations "Iroquois" Confederacy
Grand River Country

Minister of Aboriginal Affairs





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