



KAHNAWÀ:KE GOVERNANCE PROJECT

ENVISIONING THE TRANSITION TO TRADITIONAL GOVERNANCE

The transition to traditional governance is a long-standing goal of Kahnawa'kehró:non. Traditional governance was mandated by the community in 1979, in 1982 the MCK passed a resolution committing itself to this transition, and in 2020 the MCK Governance Project identified that traditional governance was still a high priority for Kahnawa'kehró:non overall. The question of how we will work together to collectively meet the challenges facing our community and govern ourselves in the future is especially important to our youth.

The Kahnawà:ke Governance Project was formed to work at arms-length from the MCK with the goal of helping the community discover a shared vision for a system of government based on traditional values and principles that serves the interests of all the people of Kahnawà:ke and which ensures that the voices of all Kahnawa'kehró:non are included in decision-making.

HOW CAN KAHNAWA'KEHRÓ:RON GET INVOLVED?

Community members are encouraged to get involved in the Kahnawà:ke Governance Project by:

- Telling us what information or knowledge you want us to provide about governance
- Taking part in information sessions on traditional governance and Kahnawà:ke's history
- Discussing your vision about traditional governance and the future of Kahnawà:ke

PROJECT SCHEDULE (DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS THE WORK PROGRESSES)

Needs Assessment (November 2021 – July 2022):

What information do people need to have to positively engage in discussions on this topic?

Information Sharing (August 2022 – March 2023):

Educational materials and basic information on the history of Kahnawà:ke, traditional values and principles, and the elected system will be shared with the community in various ways.

Community Engagement Sessions (April 2023 – April 2024):

Families, workplace groups and individuals will be engaged in conversations and listening sessions on their vision of traditional governance through Kitchen Table Consultations.

Presentation of Report and Action Plan (May – June 2024):

The community's views and ideas on the transition to traditional governance and all the information collected in this phase will be reported and presented to the community. At the same time, the MCK will be presented with an action plan and set of recommendations for making changes to the elected system to respect the community's vision of governance.

For more information see www.kgov.ca or send an email to: gerald.alfred@mck.ca