## GUIDELINES FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO ATTEND COUNCIL MEETINGS

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## **GUIDELINES**

- 1. <u>To attend a Council Meeting you must be on the Kahnawá:ke Kanien'kehá:ka</u> <u>Registry</u>
- 2. The community member will be asked to put their request in writing addressed to the above-mentioned contact either by mail or email. In their written request, they should indicate the date of the meeting they are requesting to attend as well as their contact information.
  - a. If the intent is to attend regularly (on a weekly or monthly basis), they will be asked to indicate this in their written request.
  - b. They will also be asked to call the Friday before by 12:00 pm to advise the contact that they will be attending the Council Meeting the following Monday. This will give the community member the opportunity to view the agenda items ahead of time.
- 3. A written response will be sent to the community member accepting or denying their request after the internal verification process (ensuring they are on the Mohawk Registry and advising Chief & Council of Request) has been conducted.
- 4. Community members will be asked to keep the following in mind when attending Council Meetings:

## • You are there to observe the Council Meeting and will not be included in any discussions or decisions that take place.

• You may be asked to leave the Council Meeting at any time if an agenda item that is being tabled is of a confidential or sensitive nature eg: (client-attorney privilege, personal information, financial, political strategies, housing etc)