

DRAFT - Community Meeting Guidelines

To emphasize the collective responsibility to conduct ourselves with good minds, we open community meetings with the Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén.

The purpose of the quarterly Community Meetings is to provide Kanien'kehá:ka Kahnawa'kehró:non with direct updates and to allow community members to ask questions and engage in respectful dialogue with the Ratitsénhaiénhs, in a safe space.

We kindly ask that you keep the following guidelines at the forefront as we continue this meeting, remembering that we are all gathered here with genuine concern for our community and our future:

- **CELL PHONES:** Please set your cell phones to silent mode or vibrate, and if you need to take a call, please step outside of the meeting space. For the privacy of others, do not record audio or video of any portion of the meeting.
- **RESPECT:** Always be considerate to all individuals and of their opinions:
 - Refrain from interruptions
 - Focus on the speaker's point and seek to understand their perspective
- **WHEN SPEAKING,** we ask that we allow space for one speaker at a time:
 - Raise your hand to join the speaking queue
 - Be concise, stay on topic and be mindful of time so that others may also have an opportunity to speak on the current issue
 - While we recognize that discussions can be passionate, maintain a respectful tone without raising our voices
 - Refrain from using foul or discriminatory language

If there are any instances that these guidelines are not respected, we will first provide a friendly reminder to allow the individual(s) to correct their conduct. Should the behavior persist, we will ask the individual(s) to leave the meeting space. If there is refusal to correct their conduct or leave, the meeting will be adjourned. Issues are important to all community members, and we wish to stress the importance of conducting ourselves with a good mind in order to have dialogue that is both informative and productive for all who are here.

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