

**Mandate and Authority:** The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke Ratitsénhaienhs delegates the responsibility and mandates and authorizes the Gaming Working Group to support the protection, assertion and advancement of Kahnawà:ke's jurisdiction over both land-based and online gaming.

Given that the GWG includes representatives from both the MCK and the Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission (KGC), which are two distinct bodies operating at arm's length, representatives from each member shall be empowered to carry out the responsibilities described below in a manner consistent with their institutional role, subject to their respective internal policies and authorities. Where actions are to be taken on behalf of the MCK or the KGC, such actions must be undertaken by the appropriate member(s) and formally authorized by the relevant body where necessary.

To carry out its mandate, the GWG will collectively, and through its individual members where appropriate:

1. Engage with other First Nations, external governments, regulatory bodies, and other stakeholders to:
  - a. Negotiate agreements, understandings, or legislative carve-outs that recognize and uphold Kahnawà:ke's jurisdiction.
  - b. Ensure the ongoing ability of Kahnawà:ke to conduct, manage, and regulate gaming activities in accordance with its own laws and governance systems.
  - c. Make representations on behalf of MCK to external governments, agencies, and industry stakeholders to advance the MCK's position on all matters related to gaming jurisdiction, regulations, and operations.
2. Develop and recommend long-term strategies to:
  - a. Advance Kahnawà:ke's position as a leader in Indigenous gaming governance.
  - b. Ensure the sustainability, competitiveness, and evolution of Kahnawà:ke's gaming sector in a rapidly changing legal and regulatory environment.
  - c. Identify emerging opportunities and risks to the community's gaming jurisdiction, economy, and regulatory autonomy.
3. Develop and support the legal, structural, and frameworks necessary to:
  - a. Support the creation and implementation of gaming operation partnerships, both within Kahnawà:ke and externally.
4. Support the legal, structural, and regulatory frameworks of the KGC necessary to promote the continued strength and integrity of Kahnawà:ke's gaming regulatory regime, including frameworks for licensing, compliance, anti-money laundering,

and responsible gaming frameworks.

5. Monitor and respond to:
  - a. Existing, proposed, or pending legislation and regulatory frameworks at the federal, provincial, and international levels that may affect Kahnawà:ke's gaming interests.
  - b. Implementation of legislation that could undermine or erode Kahnawà:ke's recognized and asserted jurisdiction.
6. Support and advise on negotiations and partnership development for:
  - a. Land-based and online gaming operations, including commercial agreements, technical cooperation, joint ventures or commercial partnerships.
  - b. The assertion and expansion of Kahnawà:ke's gaming interests and market access, including international partnerships.
7. Coordinate with internal bodies and experts, including legal, financial, and technical advisors, to ensure all initiatives and engagements align with Kahnawà:ke's long-term jurisdictional, economic, and governance objectives.
8. Serve as the initial foundation for the establishment of the Kahnawà:ke-Canada Relations (KCR) Gaming Sectoral Table.

Composition: The Gaming Working Group is composed of:

- Members of the MCK :
  - Ohén:ton Í:iente ne Ratitsénhaïenhs;
  - Regulatory Boards Commissions and Labor - KGC Lead Portfolio Chief;
  - Economic Development – Gaming Lead Portfolio Chief;
  - External Government Relations – KQR Lead Portfolio Chief
- Members of the KGC:
  - KGC Chair and/or Commissioner delegated by the KGC Chair
- The composition may be amended from time to time according to the Council of Chiefs Portfolio Allocations Process.

The Gaming Working Group shall engage the following subject-matter experts (SME), as needed:

- Chief Political Advisor

- An OCC Strategist as designated by the Director of OCC from time to time
- MCK Legal Services representatives
- Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission (KGC) legal representatives and/or personnel
- Any other SME's as may be required from time to time

Governance and Oversight: The respective members of Gaming Working Group shall provide monthly updates, or sooner as needed, on its activities, progress, and engagements to the Council of Chiefs and, as appropriate, to the KGC. Any formal agreements or documents requiring signature on behalf of the MCK must be formally approved by the Council of Chiefs. The Gaming Working Group must seek prior approval from the Council of Chiefs before advancing or communicating any substantive political positions on behalf of the MCK.