

**COMMUNITY DECISION-MAKING PROCESS**  
**DRAFT KAHNAWÀ:KE RESIDENCY LAW**  
**CDMP HEARING**  
Golden Age Club  
**2, Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2019**  
6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

**RECORD OF DISCUSSION**

**FACILITATORS:**

Leslie Beauvais-Skye  
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**RESOURCE PEOPLE:**

Ietsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer  
Trina C. Diabo, Technician  
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**RECORDER:**

Brandi Meloche

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- ❖ **Opening Address – Leslie Beauvais-Skye**
- ❖ **Welcome/Respectful Behaviors/Process – Leslie Beauvais-Skye**
- ❖ **Definition of Onkwehón:we Ancestry - Ietsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer**
- ❖ **Closing – Ietsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer**

**MEETING START TIME: 6:23PM**

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FINAL RECORD OF DISCUSSION

## Definition of Onkwehón:we Ancestry

### Discussion:

Proposal to keep the original definition of, “Onkwehón:we Ancestry” which is as follows:

**"Onkwehón:we Ancestry"** means direct descent from at least two (2) great-grandparents who were or are recognized as Ahsén:nen Onkwehón:we lineage verified by proof acceptable to the Registrar and, if necessary, by the Administrative Tribunal, the Court of Kahnawà:ke or the Kahnawà:ke Court of Appeal, as the case may be;

**Question:** Is the definition the same as what is in the Membership Law?

**Answer:** No, it's not the same.

**Question:** Is there a need for it to be consistent with the Membership Law?

**Answer:** No, there is a separation and there is no requirement for them to be the same.

**Additional Response:** If the definition meets the spirit of what everyone had agreed to at the last meeting, it will be acceptable. Consensus was reached on the definition of Onkwehón:we Ancestry at the last meeting, but upon review there were some details that were problematic. We can make the change and post it for two weeks for community review.

**Question posed to the community members in attendance:** *Are there any concerns about the change?*

➤ No objections. No comments. No questions.

Chief Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer informed the community members in attendance that there are still regulations that need to be developed. We are in the process of announcing a Registrar. We can go forth with the law as is for one year and reexamine it when the year is up. We can then make any adjustments at that time if required.

**Question:** Was something passed to have a non-Native apply for residency?

**Answer:** There was a discussion about having a language and culture test for Onkwehón:we from other Nations or non-Natives to pass at a mastery level. It provides protection if challenged in court.

An update was given on the last CDMP Residency Draft Law Hearing to ensure the community members in attendance were informed of what was discussed and decided.

It is noted that through community surveys, it was requested that the Residency Law is not too lax or too strict.

**Question:** If someone is sick and their caregiver doesn't have any lineage, do they get a permit?

**Answer:** It is in the law under *Humanitarian Permit*. They would have to prove they are caring for someone who is ill or terminal. They would then be issued a one-year permit.

**Question:** Who is going to police that? And who will they be appointed by?

**Answer:** We will have a Compliance Officer that will be appointed. There is also a Registrar. This will be passed through Chief and Council and MCK Justice Services .

**Question posed to the community members in attendance:** *Are there any concerns regarding the change back to the original definition of Onkwehón:we Ancestry?*

No further concerns, comments or questions. **Consensus reached.**

**FINAL OUTCOME:**

The Draft Kahnawà:ke Residency Law has been posted online ([www.kahnawakemakingdecisions.com](http://www.kahnawakemakingdecisions.com)) since February 27, 2019. The Final Record of Discussion from this meeting will also be posted online and the Final Kahnawà:ke Residency Law will be posted upon Enactment.

There will be a Formal Reading of the law into the record. Community members and local media will be invited to attend.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:47PM.**

**Approved by:**

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Ietsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer,  
Portfolio Chief

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Date

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Trina C. Diabo, Technician

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Date