



Roles and Responsibilities of Members of Council

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1. Overview

- 1.1 The Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council (Council) is comprised of thirteen (13) Members of Council consisting of twelve (12) Councillors and the Elected Chief. Collectively these individuals are responsible for governing the Territory in the best interests of the Six Nations of the Grand River membership.
- 1.2 While the responsibilities of Council as a whole are outlined in the policy *Roles and Responsibilities of Council*, this document is designed to provide an outline of the authority and responsibilities of individual Members of Council. Any additional responsibilities of the Elected Chief are outlined in the policy *Roles and Responsibilities of the Elected Chief*.

2. Representation

- 2.1 A Member of Council shall:
 - (a) Regularly solicit community input regarding Council plans, priorities and issues.
 - (b) Encourage the public to become involved in the political process.
 - (c) Ensure that the public is provided with opportunities to provide informed comment on issues of importance.

3. Relationship with Council

- 3.1 A Member of Council shall report to and take direction from the Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council as a whole.
- 3.2 A Member of Council shall, in a timely manner, table a written report to Council after attending an external meeting.

4. Relationship with the CEO and the Administration

- 4.1 A Member of Council shall focus on political matters and allow the administration to address operational issues.

5. Council Meetings

- 5.1 A Member of Council shall:
- (a) Actively participate in Council meetings.
 - (b) Be prepared for all meetings.
 - (c) Work for the benefit and betterment of the community by working collaboratively with other Members of Council.

6. General Duties

- 6.1 A Member of Council shall:
- (a) Respect Council decisions when interacting with the community. This does not require a Member of Council to publicly agree with every decision that Council makes, but they must demonstrate respect for and abide by Council decisions.
 - (b) Consider and promote the issues of Six Nations as a whole and bring these to Council.
 - (c) Participate in the evaluation and revision of policies and programs.
 - (d) Act in a professional manner at all times.
 - (e) Serve as a liaison with external committees to which a Member of Council is appointed.
 - (f) Perform any other duties or functions as directed by a Six Nations of the Grand River Council Resolution.
 - (g) Actively participate on all internal Council committees to which a Member of Council has been appointed.

7. Authorization

- 7.1 This policy was approved by Six Nations Elected Council at the General Council meeting held on April 11, 2017 by GC#332/04/11/2017 to be effective on April 12, 2017.
- 7.2 Amendments to this policy must be approved by a Council Resolution.
- 7.3 This policy repeals and replaces the previously approved version approved by SNCR No. GC#683/08/03/2010.
- 7.4 This policy was amended and approved by the Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council at the Political Liaison meeting held on December 9, 2024, by resolution ICPL#420/12/09/2024 to be effective on December 10, 2024.