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Request for Applications: Ontario First Nations 2SLGBTQQIA+ Council

You are invited to submit an application to represent **Mohawk Council of Akwesasne** on the Ontario First Nations regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Council ("2S+ Council"). ***This is a volunteer position.***

The 2S+ Council is a new permanent Entity within the Charter of the Chiefs of Ontario. The Council incorporates 2SLGBTQQIA+ voices and perspectives at the regional decision-making level on issues affecting First Nations communities in Ontario. The Council will work to promote community awareness and acceptance of diversity in gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, and spiritual identity.

The 2S+ Council is to be comprised of one official representative from each Political Territorial Organization (Anishinabek Nation, the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, and Grand Council Treaty #3) and from the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, Mushkegowuk Tribal Council, Six Nations of the Grand River, and Independent First Nations. Representatives can be community members, Chiefs, Councillors, or Technicians. ***Selection is not based on holding an elected position.***

In addition to the official representative, a secondary representative may be selected to act as an alternate or may attend in support of the official representative.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Submission deadline: **Thursday, April 17, 2025.**

Please fill out the application below and submit it to **Kuyra Chaussi**, Mohawk Government, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne at **kuyra.chaussi@akwesasne.ca**.

All applicants will hear back, regardless of successful selection.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is this a paid position?

No, it is a volunteer position, but any relevant travel expenses and accommodation will be covered. Honorariums may be available, subject to funding availability.

What is the time commitment like?

The Council will likely meet once per quarter (i.e., every 3 months), but may meet more frequently in advance of Chiefs Assemblies, which take place twice per year. There is no time limit to your appointment to the Council. Meetings will predominantly be virtual, with in-person attendance at Assemblies being optional.

Who will read my application?

Chief Tesha Rourke and Chief Lisa Francis-Benedict, COO Women's Council

APPLICATION

Name:

Preferred pronouns:

Do you identify as a member of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community? Yes/No

First Nation community:

Please identify whether you are a Chief, Councillor, Technician, or community member:

Email address:

Phone number:

Do you commit to reporting back to **Mohawk Council of Akwesasne** on the progress of the Council, to the best of your ability? Yes/No

Do you consent to **Mohawk Council of Akwesasne** holding onto your contact information, so that you may be contacted for future opportunities related to 2SLGBTQQIA+ advocacy? Yes/No

REQUIRED: Please include a letter of support provided by another First Nations community member.

OPTIONAL: You may submit a short video (maximum 5 minutes) outlining your answers to the questions below, instead of submitting a written response.

Why are you interested in joining the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Council?

Describe any of your relevant experiences that you think may contribute to the success of the Council, including but not limited to: in the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community; in a First Nations community; and/or on a First Nations or other relevant Council or Board.

What are your aspirations for what the Council could achieve in the next year? Three years?

Anything else you want us to know when considering your application?