

FOUNDING DECLARATION AND PROCLAMATION OF KANATAWI

Preamble

We, the people of this land, united in our commitment to justice, equality, peace, reconciliation, environmental stewardship, and democratic self-government, declare our aspiration to establish a new nation known as **Kanatawi**.

Kanatawi is founded upon the conviction that political institutions must serve human dignity, protect fundamental rights, respect Indigenous peoples and their inherent sovereignty, safeguard the natural world, and provide every person with a meaningful opportunity to participate in public life.

We recognize the historical harms associated with colonialism, systemic discrimination, environmental exploitation, and failures of governance. We therefore commit ourselves to a peaceful and democratic transformation.

This Declaration is an expression of political and constitutional purpose. The transition contemplated herein shall occur only through lawful, democratic, peaceful, and participatory processes, including consultation with Indigenous nations and the people of the territories concerned.

Article I — The New Nation

1. The proposed new nation shall be known as **Kanatawi**.
2. Kanatawi shall be a democratic republic.
3. Sovereign authority shall ultimately derive from the people, exercised subject to constitutional rights and the inherent rights of Indigenous peoples.
4. Kanatawi shall reject discrimination, political violence, intimidation, and collective punishment.
5. Every person shall be treated with dignity and equality before the law.

Article II — Peaceful Constitutional Transformation

1. The transformation from the existing Canadian constitutional order to Kanatawi shall occur through democratic consent and negotiated constitutional processes.

2. Existing public institutions shall continue performing essential public functions during the transition unless and until replaced or reorganized through lawful authority.
3. Public servants, courts, emergency services, healthcare systems, utilities, and essential infrastructure shall remain operational throughout the transition.
4. No person shall lose citizenship, property, employment, benefits, or legal protection merely because of the constitutional transformation.
5. Existing rights and lawful obligations shall remain protected during the transition except where altered by constitutionally valid democratic processes.

Article III — End of Monarchical Government

Kanatawi shall establish itself as a democratic republic and shall conduct the constitutional and diplomatic processes necessary to end the former constitutional relationship with the British monarchy.

Article IV — Indigenous Sovereignty and Reconciliation

1. Indigenous nations shall participate as equal constitutional partners in the formation of Kanatawi.
2. Indigenous self-government and territorial authority shall be recognized and protected.
3. The disposition of lands historically classified as Crown lands shall be determined through nation-to-nation processes with affected Indigenous peoples rather than unilateral administrative action.
4. Kanatawi shall establish mechanisms for land restitution, compensation, restoration, cultural protection, and reconciliation.
5. Indigenous representation shall be integral to national governance.

Article V — Fundamental Principles

Kanatawi shall be founded upon:

- equality and human dignity;
- freedom from discrimination;
- freedom of conscience, expression, association, and peaceful assembly;
- democratic participation;
- Indigenous reconciliation and self-government;
- environmental stewardship;
- social justice;
- accountable government;
- transparent institutions;
- peaceful resolution of disputes.

Article VI — Environmental Stewardship

Kanatawi shall pursue a transition away from fossil-fuel dependence, expand renewable energy, protect ecosystems, and require economic development to respect ecological integrity.

Article VII — Economic Justice

Kanatawi shall combat predatory lending, exploitative financial practices, and monopolistic control while encouraging equitable economic development, cooperative enterprises, local economies, and sustainable production.

Article VIII — Provinces and Regions

Existing provinces and regional governments may continue operating during the transition. Their identities and legitimate democratic institutions shall be preserved while their governments participate in developing the federal constitutional structure of Kanatawi.

Article IX — Provisional Government

A Provisional Government shall administer the transition.

Its membership shall include:

- Indigenous representatives;
- elected representatives;
- representatives of affected communities;
- civil-society representatives; and
- other participants selected through transparent democratic procedures.

The Provisional Government shall be temporary and accountable.

It shall not become a permanent substitute for democratic government.

Article X — Constitutional Assembly

A representative Constitutional Assembly shall be convened to prepare the Constitution of Kanatawi.

The Assembly shall:

1. consult Indigenous nations;
2. consult provincial and regional governments;

3. conduct public hearings;
4. publish proposed constitutional text;
5. receive public submissions;
6. establish transparent voting procedures; and
7. submit the completed Constitution to the people for democratic approval.

Article XI — Continuity and Protection

During the transition:

- essential services shall continue;
- courts and due process shall remain available;
- public safety shall be maintained through lawful civilian institutions;
- property rights shall receive legal protection;
- existing contractual obligations shall be reviewed through orderly legal processes;
- pensions and social benefits shall not simply disappear;
- borders and international relationships shall be addressed through peaceful diplomacy.

Article XII — Commitment to Peace

Kanatawi shall pursue its constitutional transformation without violence.

No political objective contained in this Declaration authorizes assault, intimidation, destruction of property, sabotage, vigilantism, or coercion.

Political disagreements shall be resolved through dialogue, elections, courts, referenda, negotiation, and other peaceful democratic mechanisms.

Conclusion

We dedicate ourselves to building Kanatawi as a nation of dignity, equality, reconciliation, ecological responsibility, democratic participation, and peace.

The creation of Kanatawi shall not be an act of revenge against Canadians. It shall be an effort to create a constitutional order in which every person—Indigenous and non-Indigenous, newcomer and long-established resident, urban and rural—is entitled to justice, security, dignity, and a voice in the future.

For Kanatawi: peacefully, democratically, and together.