

The Constitution of the Kanatawi Confederation

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Preamble

We, the Sovereign Indigenous Nations of Turtle Island, united in the spirit of self-determination, justice, and ecological stewardship, do hereby establish the Kanatawi Confederation.

Recognizing that:

- Canada is a racist imperial construct imposed through Crown sovereignty, the Indian Act, and the theft of Indigenous lands.
- Over 90% of this land is wrongfully held as "Crown land" under the authority of a foreign monarchy, denying Indigenous nations their inherent rights.
- The Crown and its governments have perpetuated colonial rule, dispossession, and systemic racism.
- Indigenous sovereignty, governance, and stewardship existed long before colonization and cannot be extinguished.

We declare the end of Crown rule, the abolition of colonial land claims, and the restoration of rightful Indigenous jurisdiction. We establish this Constitution to guide the Kanatawi Confederation in justice, unity, and harmony with the natural world.

Article I – Sovereignty and Jurisdiction

1.1 All Indigenous nations within the Confederation are sovereign and self-determining, retaining full authority over their peoples, lands, waters, and governance.

1.2 The Confederation exists as a union of sovereign nations, not as a replacement for nationhood.

1.3 Jurisdiction over all lands and waters wrongfully claimed as "Crown land" is hereby restored to the rightful Indigenous nations, effective upon the ratification of this Constitution.

1.4 No foreign monarch, Crown authority, or colonial government shall claim ownership, title, or jurisdiction over Kanatawi territories.

Article II – Confederation Structure

2.1 The Kanatawi Confederation Council (KCC) shall be the principal coordinating body, composed of delegates chosen by each sovereign nation.

2.2 The KCC shall operate by consensus where possible. If consensus is not reached after two (2) rounds of formal deliberation, a supermajority vote (75%) of all member nations shall be

required for an action to be approved.

2.3 The Confederation shall respect the principle of subsidiarity: decisions are taken at the most local level possible, except where collective action is demonstrably required for the common good of all member nations.

2.4 The Confederation shall not interfere in the internal governance of any member nation.

Article III – Land and Resources

3.1 All lands currently designated as Crown land are recognized as territories of the Indigenous nations, to be returned under Confederation stewardship.

3.2 Lands shall not be commodified, sold, or permanently privatized, including through foreign or corporate ownership.

3.3 Natural resources are to be managed sustainably under Indigenous stewardship, with revenues directed to community benefit and ecological restoration. The KCC shall establish a Kanatawi Land and Resource Trust to oversee the equitable distribution of these revenues.

3.4 Extractive projects shall require the Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) of the nations whose lands are affected.

Article IV – Governance and Justice

4.1 Each nation retains its own laws, legal systems, and governance traditions.

4.2 The Confederation shall establish a Kanatawi Court of Sovereignty to adjudicate disputes between nations and between nations and the Confederation Council.

4.3 Restorative justice, not punitive colonial models, shall guide all conflict resolution. This principle shall prioritize victim-offender reconciliation, community healing, and the direct redress of harm.

4.4 The Confederation shall uphold the Universal Declaration of Organic Rights and protect the sovereignty of all living beings.

Article V – Rights and Freedoms

5.1 All peoples of Kanatawi shall enjoy fundamental rights to dignity, safety, equality, and cultural integrity.

5.2 The rights of Indigenous women, Two-Spirit, LGBTQ+, and marginalized peoples shall be explicitly protected from discrimination and violence. The KCC shall be responsible for establishing a Charter of Rights and Freedoms within two (2) years of this Constitution's ratification to define and guarantee these rights.

5.3 Languages, traditions, and spiritual practices of each nation shall be preserved and revitalized.

5.4 Children shall have the right to education rooted in Indigenous knowledge, culture, and land-based learning.

Article VI – International Relations

6.1 The Confederation shall engage in treaties, diplomacy, and international relations as a

collective of sovereign nations.

6.2 The Confederation shall seek recognition at the United Nations and other multilateral bodies.

6.3 The Confederation affirms alignment with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

6.4 Foreign governments and corporations operating within Confederation territory shall be subject to Confederation law.

Article VII – Economic and Ecological Order

7.1 The economy of the Confederation shall be rooted in sustainability, reciprocity, and ecological balance.

7.2 Community-owned enterprises and cooperatives shall be prioritized over extractive capitalist systems.

7.3 Hemp, renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, and ecological restoration shall form the foundation of Kanatawi's economic future.

7.4 No economic model may override the sovereignty of the land or the rights of future generations.

Article VIII – Transition and Implementation

8.1 The Confederation declares the abolition of Crown authority over Indigenous lands and calls for the dismantling of the Indian Act.

8.2 A phased land-back program shall be implemented to reclaim all Crown lands under Indigenous jurisdiction. This process shall be managed by a Transitional Commission on Land and Governance, with the authority to establish clear, equitable criteria for the return of lands based on historical claims and ecological stewardship.

8.3 Transitional institutions shall ensure service continuity in housing, healthcare, education, and justice during the shift from colonial governance.

8.4 A Kanatawi Reparations and Reconciliation Commission shall be established to formally pursue reparations from Canada and its provinces for centuries of theft, exploitation, and harm.

Article IX – Amendment and Review

9.1 Amendments to this Constitution may only be made by consensus of all member nations.

9.2 Every 10 years, a Confederation-wide review shall be conducted to ensure the Constitution reflects the evolving needs and sovereignty of its nations.

Article X – Ratification

10.1 This Constitution comes into force upon ratification by a founding quorum of Indigenous nations and shall be recognized as the governing framework of the Kanatawi Confederation.