



COMMUNITY NOTICE:
59th Elected Council Updates – September 14, 2026
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OHSWEKEN, ON – Six Nations of the Grand River 59th Elected Council (SNGREC) shares the following updates with community from their September 14, 2026 meeting.

Bill S-2 (Second Generation)

- SNGREC has approved and will submit its official response to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and the *“Options to Support Broader First Nation Jurisdiction: Collaborative Process on the Second-Generation Cut-off Section 10 Voting Thresholds Bill S-2 An Act to amend the Indian Act (new registration entitlements)”* regarding proposed changes to the Indian Act registration rules under Bill S-2. Bill S-2, like its predecessors Bill C-31 and Bill S-3, aims to address historical inequities in registration entitlements under the Indian Act. Proposed amendments include:
- Restore status eligibility for descendants of individuals who voluntarily enfranchised.
- Allow women to transfer back to their natal band if they were married to a man with status from another First Nation prior to 1985.
- Create a voluntary process for individuals to deregister their Indian status.
- Remove outdated and offensive language from the Indian Act.
- Introduce the "One-Parent Rule," allowing status to be passed on to future generations regardless of non-Indigenous parentage.

The submission reflects community feedback gathered through the 2026 Summer Engagement Session and supports ongoing discussions about First Nations jurisdiction over membership and citizenship matters. SNGREC's submission supports removing discriminatory provisions from the *Indian Act* but does not support a one-size-fits-all implementation of the proposed One-Parent Rule. Instead, it calls for a Six Nations of the Grand River (SNGR)-specific approach that recognizes SNGREC jurisdiction over citizenship and ensures changes are developed in direct partnership with SNGR.

Six Nations Language Commission

SNGREC has approved the Chief Executive Officer, Debra Jonathan to sign a funding agreement for a \$60,000 grant awarded to the Six Nations Language Commission through the Future Generations Fund for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Under the agreement, Six Nations of the Grand River will act as the funding recipient and flow-through organization, while the Six Nations Language Commission will receive and use the funds to support its language revitalization work.

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