

Wahta Citizenship Code Community Consultation Project

Three Bears Consulting was recently contracted by Wahta to engage in a community consultation process that will guide the creation of a new Wahta Nation Citizenship Code. This Consultation process will be a multi-phased project which will include:

Knowledge Sharing Sessions

1. Indian Act / The Identity Dilemma
2. The Blanket Exercise
3. 3 Aspects to Any Citizenship Code: Citizenship / Membership / Residency
4. Wahta; A Historical Timeline
5. Innovative Solutions: Examples for a Path Forward

Community Consultation

The community consultation will be extensive and as far reaching as possible. This phase will include focus groups with

- Elders,
- Youth,
- Women,
- Men
- Non-Member Residents.

Additionally, there will be a questionnaire sent out to each Wahta Nation Member along with one-on-one interviews with Key Stakeholders within the community. Every effort will be made to collect as many diverse perspectives as possible. Dates for the Focus Groups and Stakeholder interviews are currently being planned to ensure maximum participation. The information collected will be compiled and reported back to the community following the end of the consultation process.

Creation of the New Wahta Nation Citizenship Code

The information collected during the consultation process will guide the writing of the new Wahta Nation Citizenship Code. The code will be written and presented back to the community in early 2017.

Project Reporting

Throughout this process we will be reporting our findings back to the Wahta Nation Governing Council and the Community. We encourage all feedback throughout the process and if you would like to schedule a personal interview to share your opinions and ideas on this subject please contact Three Bears Consulting at 3bearsconsulting@gmail.com

Three Bears Consulting is an Indigenous consultancy firm. This project will be led by Mohawk Olympian Waneek Karawinionta Horn-Miller. Waneek, a mother of three is a bear clan woman who's families hail from Kahnawake and Ohsweken. She

has worked extensively in both the Indigenous and non-Indigenous world in media, program development, motivation and capacity building. Waneek will be leading a team of experts including Carleton associate professor Dr. Kahente Horn-Miller who's work in Indigenous Identity will help inform this process. Three Bears Consulting will be supported by legal council and seasoned facilitators, ensuring the best possible process and outcomes. We are honoured to be working with community of Wahta and we are looking forward to meeting and working with the community members in the coming months.

