



# ANNUAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY

**June 11-12-13, 2024**

Hosted by Six Nations of the Grand River Territory

***Coming Together: Advocating for First Nations Sovereignty***

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## ASSEMBLY NOTICE



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Greetings Leadership,

The Chiefs of Ontario (COO) Annual Chiefs Assembly (ACA) and the Ontario Regional Chief's (ORC) Election is scheduled for June 11-12-13, 2024. The Theme this year is:

***Coming Together: Advocating for First Nations Sovereignty***

The ACA 2024 will be hosted by Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation and it will be an in-person meeting only.

Six Nations of the Grand River Territory is located between Hamilton, Brantford, and Simcoe, Ontario. It is approximately 100 kilometers south of Toronto, and approximately 100 kilometers north of London, Ontario. The closest airports are located in Toronto and London, Ontario.

This ACA is to ensure that you and your community receive updates and current information regarding key policy issues and that resolutions are dealt with based on the direction of the Chiefs-in-Assembly. As well, we will have the traditional stand up election for the Ontario Regional Chief, there will be no electronic voting.

In this package, you will find detailed information regarding the hotels, the ACA Proxy Letter template, the Rules of Procedure and Code of Conduct, the Chiefs of Ontario Resolutions Policy, and the Draft Resolution template. While the Chiefs of Ontario cannot provide any expenses for this meeting, we do offer breakfast and lunch throughout the ACA. Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements by noting them on your registration form. We will do our best to accommodate your needs.

Should you have any questions, please visit <https://www.chiefsmeeting.com/aca2024>, or get in touch with our coordinators for this assembly, Lori Keeshig-Martin at [lori.Keeshig-Martin@coo.org](mailto:lori.Keeshig-Martin@coo.org) or Dianne Simon at [dianne@coo.org](mailto:dianne@coo.org) or by phone: 416-597-1266 / 1-877-517-6527.

We look forward to this gathering and know that you will enjoy the hospitality of the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory.

Tracy Antone  
Chief Operating Officer

# ANNUAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY INFORMATION

## Accommodations:

For your convenience, guestrooms have been blocked in Brantford at the listed hotels. Please quote the Chiefs of Ontario when booking rooms. All rooms will need to be confirmed with a major credit card.

### **Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton Brantford Conference Center**



**(Distance from Conference: 30.5 km)**

Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton Brantford Conference Centre, ON  
20 Fen Ridge Ct, Brantford, ON N3V 1G2

Rate: \$134.00 plus taxes (2 Queen Standard Rooms) (1 King Sofa bed) (1 King Suite Sofa bed)

**Cut-off date: May 10, 2024**

Tel: 519-720-0084

#### **Amenities:**

*Free breakfast offered daily (6:30am to 9:30am)*

*Free high-speed and Wireless Internet access in the lobby and all guestrooms*

*Free Parking*

#### **Cancellation Policy:**

*All reservations are non-amendable and non-cancellable after 21 days prior to arrival. One-night fee will apply if not cancelled 21 days prior to arrival.*

#### **Method of Reservations:**

Booking Link: [Six Nations Conference](#)

Hotel: Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton Brantford Conference Centre, ON

Group Name: Six Nations Conference

## Home 2 Suites by Hilton Brantford



**(Distance from Conference: 30.5 km)**

Home2 Suites by Hilton Brantford

27 Sinclair Blvd, Building 2, Brantford, ON N3S 7X6

Rate: \$142.00 plus taxes (mixture of Studio Suites 1 King Bed Studio Suite OR 2 Queen Bed Studio Suite. 2 adults per room, each additional adult \$10.00 extra)

**Cut-off date: May 15, 2024**

Tel: 1-800-774-1500

### **Amenities:**

*Free breakfast daily in our Oasis; served 6:30 am to 9:30 am (Monday to Friday) and 7:00 am to 10:00 am (Saturday, Sunday and Holidays)*

*Free Wi-Fi everywhere*

*Complimentary parking*

*Full size everything kitchen including: microwave, fridge, dishwasher (induction burners available on request at the front desk)*

*55" HDTV*

*Spin2 Cycle – combined 24 hour fitness room and coin operated laundry*

*Indoor saline pool*

*Pet-friendly (additional fees apply)*

### **Cancellation Policy:**

*Individual reservations may be cancelled without penalty up to 24 hours before arrival. If less than 24 hours, they are subject to 1 night charge plus taxes.*

### **Method of Reservations:**

*Directly by the individual attendee via Reservation Link/Telephone – 1-800-774-1500 or Booking Link:*

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=XFVBRHT&groupCode=CHTCHF&arrivaldate=2024-06-10&departuredate=2024-06-17&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

## Towne Place Suites by Marriott



**(Distance from Conference: 30.6 km)**

TownePlace Suites by Marriot Brantford

30 Fen Ridge Court • Brantford, Ontario N3V 1G2

Rate:\$149.00 per night + taxes (2 Queen Suite Suite, One King Studio Suite + sofa bed)

**Cut-off date: May 10, 2024**

*Tel: 519-720-2777*

### **Amenities:**

Free Breakfast M-F: 6:30AM-9:00AM Saturday & Sunday: 7:00AM-9:30AM

Two outdoor patios (weather Permitting) with BBQ grills, fire pit and lounge area

Indoor heated salt water pool with adjoining outdoor patio

Guest printing facility and fitness centre

On site guest laundry and valet laundry

In-a-Pinch Market©

Free WIFI and Free Parking

Guest rooms:

55' LED HD T.Vs\*

Full Kitchens with stove top, full-size refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker, toaster, & dishwasher

Elfa© closet organizer

Functional office space

Marriott BonVoy Points & select Airline Miles

### **Cancellation Policy:**

All reservations are non-amendable & non-cancellable after May 10th, 2024.

A one-night fee will apply to cancellations or amendments after the cutoff date.

Any changes after the cutoff date will be subject to rate change

**Method of Reservations:** [Book your group rate for SIX NATIONS CONFERENCE](#)



## **Chiefswood Park Cabins – Six Nations of the Grand River**

If you wish to book a Cabin/Glamping at Chiefswood Park, please visit this link, this is a five minute drive to ACA June 2024 at the Six Nations Sportsplex.

[Home Page - Chiefswood Park](#)

Cabins are fully equipped, you just need to purchase your groceries and maybe bring along a cooler.

Rates: Est. \$100.00 / night

## **Other Hotels**

Chiefs of Ontario did not block any guestrooms for the hotels listed below, but feel free to contact the hotel(s) directly and reserve a guestroom

### **Hamilton Hotels:**

**(Distance to Six Nations of the Grand River: Approx. 30 minutes)**

*Homewood Suites by Hilton Hamilton*

40 Bay St S, Hamilton, ON L8P 0B3

(905) 667-1200

*Courtyard by Marriott Hamilton*

1224 Upper James St, Hamilton, ON L9C 3B1

(905) 383-7772

Sheraton Hamilton Hotel

116 King St W, Hamilton, ON L8P 4V3

(905) 529-5515

*Four Points by Sheraton Hamilton - Stoney Creek*

49 Goderich Rd, Hamilton, ON L8E 4W8

(905) 578-1212

### **Shuttle Service:**

We are currently looking into Shuttle Service from the Brantford Hotels to the Six Nations Sports Complex for the ACA. Confirmation and more details to follow.

### **Airports:**

**Toronto Pearson International Airport** is located in Mississauga, Ontario. Toronto Pearson International Airport is also the primary hub for Air Canada and WestJet.

**Airports Billy Bishop Airport** is the closest airport to Brantford, ON. Billy Bishop Airport is also the primary hub for Porter Airlines.

## **Trains:**

**UP Express Trains** between downtown Toronto and Pearson Airport take 25 minutes to Union Station and run every 15 minutes (Between 4:55 a.m.-11:00 p.m. on weekdays, and between 6:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. on weekends).  
Ticket prices: \$12.25 one way for adults; and \$6.20 one way for seniors.

## **VIA RAIL:**

VIA Rail travels from Toronto, London, Windsor to Brantford.  
<https://www.viarail.ca/en>

## **Car Rental:**

The following link is for the car rental companies located within the Toronto Pearson International Airport:

<https://www.torontopearson.com/en/transportation-and-parking/car-rentals>

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## **Meeting Materials:**

### **Provisional Agenda**

The Provision Agenda will be distributed to Leadership and posted on <https://www.chiefsmeeting.com/ACA2024> in the coming weeks.

For more information, please contact [meetingsupport@coo.org](mailto:meetingsupport@coo.org).

### **Flag/Eagle Staff**

First Nations and PTO's are encouraged to bring their First Nation flags. If your First Nation is bringing a flag, we ask that you notify Dianne Simon at 1-877-517-6527 or email at [dianne@coo.org](mailto:dianne@coo.org).

### **Annual Chiefs Assembly (ACA) Meeting Kit**

The Chiefs of Ontario will electronically distribute the meeting kit, which includes all assembly information and materials, to First Nation Leadership, prior to the assembly.

The meeting kit and all relevant information can be found by accessing the website here: [Annual Chiefs Assembly & Regional Chief Election \(chiefsmeeting.com\)](https://www.chiefsmeeting.com)

## Proxy Letter

In the event that your community sends a proxy, please provide the Chiefs of Ontario Secretariat with your 'Letter of Proxy' (template attached) in advance of the assembly. This must be received prior to registering for the assembly. Please send your letter to [COOAssemblyProxy@coo.org](mailto:COOAssemblyProxy@coo.org). The proxy letter template can be found by accessing the Chiefs of Ontario website here: [Annual Chiefs Assembly & Regional Chief Election \(chiefsmeeting.com\)](http://chiefsmeeting.com)

## Resolutions

To facilitate a more efficient and effective resolution process, resolutions for consideration at an Assembly must be received 5 working days in advance as set out in a Call for Resolutions to all Ontario First Nations.

### **THE RESOLUTION DEADLINE IS JUNE 3, 2024.**

Advance resolutions should be sent in electronic format to Katherine Tippeneskum via email at [Katharine.Tippeneskum@coo.org](mailto:Katharine.Tippeneskum@coo.org).

If you are unable to send the draft resolution in an electronic format, a copy can be faxed to the Chiefs of Ontario Secretariat Office at 416-597-8365.

For more information, please find attached Resolution Notice, Resolutions Template, and Rules of Procedure. These documents can also be found by accessing the Chiefs of Ontario website here: [Annual Chiefs Assembly & Regional Chief Election \(chiefsmeeting.com\)](http://chiefsmeeting.com)

## Registration

On Line Registration will open in the near future (est. April 15, 2024).

The registration link will be distributed to First Nations Leadership and can be found by accessing the Chiefs of Ontario website here: <https://www.chiefsmeeting.com/aca2024>

*Early registration is encouraged.*

*Registration will also be available on-site for the full three days.*





## Proxy Letter

In the event that your community sends a proxy (from the First Nation Governance), please provide the secretariat with your “Letter of Proxy” (template below) in advance. This must be received prior to attending the Annual Chiefs Assembly on June 11-12-13, 2024. Please send your proxy letter to [COOAssemblyProxy@coo.org](mailto:COOAssemblyProxy@coo.org). For more information, please contact [meetingsupport@coo.org](mailto:meetingsupport@coo.org).

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**(INSERT YOUR LETTERHEAD HERE)**

### DRAFT PROXY LETTER

To be placed on First Nation Letterhead  
Please send your letter to [COOAssemblyProxy@coo.org](mailto:COOAssemblyProxy@coo.org).  
or fax to 416 597-8365.

Date:

RE: Proxy Letter – Annual Chiefs Assembly  
June 11-12-13, 2024

This will serve to inform you that I, Chief \_\_\_\_\_ (insert your name) will not be able to participate in the Annual Chiefs Assembly, hosted by Six Nations of the Grand River Territory on June 11-12-13, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_ (insert name of the designated proxy from the First Nation Governance) will participate as the official proxy for \_\_\_\_\_ First Nation.

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Chiefs Name (Please Print)

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Chief's Signature