



The Mohegan Tribal Government

The Mohegan Tribe is a sovereign, federally recognized Indian nation. Its reservation is located on the Thames River near Uncasville, Connecticut. The Mohegan Nation exercises full civil jurisdiction and concurrent criminal jurisdiction over its lands.

The Tribe is governed by a Tribal Constitution, which empowers a nine-member Tribal Council to serve as both the legislative and executive branch, and a seven-member Council of Elders which is responsible for judicial oversight and cultural integrity. The Tribal Council and Council of Elders serve four year, staggered terms. A Tribal Court system exists to adjudicate constitutional as well as civil issues.

Other Tribal leaders include Chief Lynn “Mutáwi Mutáhash” (Many Hearts) Malerba, Medicine Woman and Tribal Historian Melissa Tantaquidgeon Zobel, Pipe Carriers Bruce “Two Dogs” Bozsum and Christopher Harris “Painted Turtle,” Firekeeper Jay Ihloff “Two Trees,” and Lodgekeeper Charlie Strickland “Two Bears.”

The Tribal Government has numerous administrative departments, including Cultural and Community Programs, Education, Library and Archives, Gaming Commission, Health and Human Services, Housing Authority, Public Safety, Utility Authority, Land Preservation and Planning and Environmental Protection.

Current enrollment of the Tribe stands at approximately 2,200 individuals, most of whom reside in Connecticut near ancestral Tribal lands.

Current Tribal Council Members:

James Gessner Jr., Interim Chairman
Cheryl A. Todd, Recording Secretary
Kathy Regan-Pyne, Corresponding Secretary
Thayne D. Hutchins Jr., Treasurer
Mark F. Brown, Ambassador
Kevin Brown "Red Eagle," Ambassador
William Quidgeon, Jr., Councilor
Joseph William Smith, Councilor
Sarah E. Harris, Councilor

Current Council of Elders Members:

Laurence J. Roberge, Chairman and Justice
Charlie Strickland, "Two Bears", Vice Chairman and Justice
Beth (Elizabeth) Regan, "Morning Deer", Secretary and Justice
Marie Pineault, Treasurer and Justice of the Peace
Sharon Maynard, "Accomac", Elder and Justice
Christopher Harris, "Painted Turtle," Elder and Justice
Bruce Bozsum, "Two Dogs," Elder and Justice