

# The Iron Alliance Children's Commission Update



## Overview:

The Lawmaking Forum was established through a signed Declaration by the Lawmaking Member Nation Chiefs, December 16, 2023. The Lawmaking Member Nation Chief's Mandate led to the establishment of the The Iron Alliance Children's Commission ("Commission"), which is moving forward in developing Nation-led laws in Child and Family wellbeing, through *An Act Respecting First Nation, Inuit, and Metis children, youth and families* ("Bill C-92"). This work is being done through the Lawmaking Forum. The Lawmaking Forum is a way to bring our Nations together in ceremony and dialogue to ensure our lawmaking is guided by the experiential knowledge of our Elders and Knowledge Keepers.

The Law Keepers Council, made up of a male and female knowledge keeper appointed by their respective Member Nation Chief, meets seasonally to share knowledge and ensure that every part of our Lawmaking Forum is in our ways. Building on the research of Collin Rope, The Commission is building the structure and tools to carry this work forward.

## This includes working on:

Lawmaking  
Resource Binder

Member Nation  
Engagements

Governing  
Protocol

In early November 2025, we gathered for joint strategic planning to align these efforts and strengthen how the Lawmaking Forum and the Commission work together. The Lawmaking Forum continues to restore a shared space for guidance and reflection, ensuring that laws and practices come from our Inherent Rights and Natural Laws.

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