

## Peoples of the Salmon Sunday Meeting Protocols

Welcome! We, the Original Peoples of Kanat'an, proudly keep our cultural traditions alive. This is most important and guides the way we conduct our ceremonies, meetings, and gatherings. We ask all who enter our House to respect our collective privacy, meaning no personal photos taken, no personal videos are to be recorded while you are inside our House. As a welcome guest, we invite you to learn about our honoured traditions, and act in a respectful manner.

**Entering Our House** – as you enter, you will be greeted by one of us. Please turn around in a circle, counter clockwise direction, to cleanse yourself. We ask every man and woman to read, update, and autograph our attendance instrument (document).

**Seating** – Guests and members sit on benches lengthwise. Tribunal, Wolverines and Matriarchs sit in the front benches. Wolverines are members that have attended at least four of our meetings, and wish to join Peoples of the Salmon.

**Potlatch** – Our tradition as Original Peoples is to make sure all guests and members are fed well with a feast, before beginning our meeting. Our Grandfather, Maathlaatlaa, will give guidance for our prayer and feast.

**Business Meeting Protocol. Once our business meeting begins do not walk in front of the man or woman speaking!** Our traditional ways are that when the Speaker speaks, no one else should speak, interrupt, or hold side conversations. Recording on cell phones is not permitted and they should be on Silent mode. Respect for the Speaker is very important. We thank you for this respect!

When the Speaker is finished speaking, they will say: “**G’wathina**”, meaning “I am finished speaking” in Taatawsuums Baaqvaanum speak. You may now raise your hand to ask a question.

Check out our frequently asked questions on our Website: [www.peoplesofthesalmon.net](http://www.peoplesofthesalmon.net)

For more inquiries email: [admin@peoplesofthesalmon.net](mailto:admin@peoplesofthesalmon.net)

Our Sunday Meeting is guided by our **Grandfather Maathlaatlaa (Taatawsuums Baaqvaanum = People of the Rock)** Maathlaatlaa opens and closes our meeting, or will honour and invite a respected member to do this.

**Popois is our Headsman (Shishalh = Coast Salish People) and guides the Business meeting agenda.**

**Hemajolas is our Wolverine Clan Hemas. Our new Wolverines are adopted and guided by Hemajolas.**

**Hummingbird and Dayna are our Moosmoosglesleas, our Princesses, Matriarchs in training.** Hummingbird is our record keeper, as well as an artist for PotS. Dayna guides the flow of each Sunday meeting agenda, and provides all required services, links, updates, instruments, and communications within each meeting.

**Sunday Business Meetings, a brief overview of our agenda for your learning**

We gather at our longhouse, physically and via video link, start time 1 pm

- 1. Prayer and Potlatch luncheon 1:15pm**
- 2. Business Meeting begins at 2 pm and continues until agenda is fulfilled. A short break to clean up dishes, food, (Wolverines please!) and attend to personal needs, is provided during our Business Meeting.**  
It is difficult to determine exactly how long each meeting will take. An agenda for each meeting will be made available before our meeting begins.
- 3. Close of the floor and meeting with Prayer**

Note: All time is Pacific Standard Time

