

Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (she/her) is the former Grand Chief of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke. She made history in 2021, when she was the first woman who also identifies as 2SLGBTQ+ to ever be elected to the position. Prior to that she served her community on the Council for 12 years in 4 consecutive 3 year terms of office.

During her tenure she signed a historic deal with Hydro Quebec for a partnership to bring clean renewable electricity to New York City. She was also a guest of the President of Mexico at the 500 years of Indigenous Resistance Commemoration. Her biggest challenge and commitment is being the chairperson of a Capital Campaign for a 56 million dollar building for Language, Culture, Tourism and a museum, the most ambitious project in her community's history.

Sky-Deer has been a strong voice for First Nations rights to self determination, protection of inherent rights, border crossing, citizenship/membership and so much more. In July 2024, she launched her own consulting business called SkyWoman Consulting and continues to work in advancing the issues faced by First Nation communities.

Sky-Deer has always been a trailblazer as she was a starting quarterback in the inaugural season of women's professional tackle football in 2000. She played for 6 seasons in Florida before going back to school and graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, from the University of Central Florida. She received a lesbian visibility award from Quebec Lesbian Network and was on the cover and featured in the 7th edition of Istw magazine. Sky-Deer continues to motivate and inspire young girls, women, 2SLGBTQ+ individuals that you can shatter glass ceilings and achieve your dreams by being your true and authentic self.