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The Press of the Nation

How the Nation speaks and keeps the record: its channels, who does what, how its letters are made, checked and proven genuine, what every reader can expect, and the editorial standards the Press holds itself to.

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SECTION 1

The Press of the Nation

How the Nation speaks to its people and the world, and keeps a record of it.

For the Director of Communications, the Editor in Chief, every officer who writes, and every reader.

Its colour: **Plum**

THE PRESS

The Nation speaks through its own channels: its letters (the newsletter), its press of record, its station, its website and its Gazette. Each has its own part; together they make sure that what the Nation says is known, can be found later, and can be proven to be the Nation’s own.

Channel	Its part
The Gazette	The Nation’s acts — the record of law, never the place for news
The press of record: the Two Row Times	Where the Nation’s official notices are published in print, cited by issue, page and date
The letters	News, notices and service letters from the Secretariat to residents and readers, by email and in print
Mohawk Nation TV and Radio	The Nation’s station, on air and online
The website and the Register	Every page, every record, every book — open to check

RULE Official notices are always labelled as official, and always fingerprinted. News is never presented as an official act, and an official act is never published only as news.

SECTION 2

Who does what

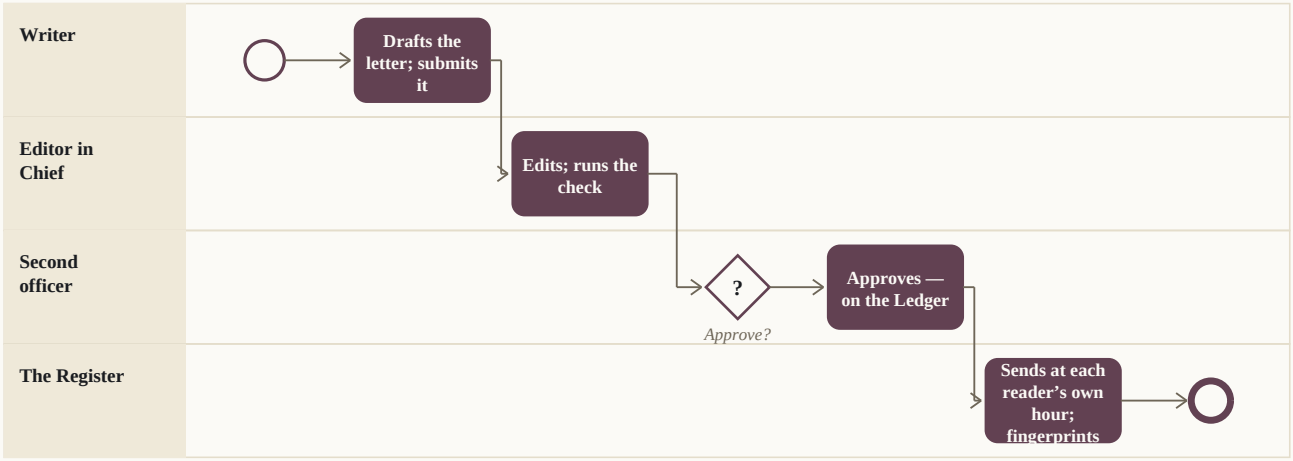
The offices of the Press, and the path of a letter from draft to reader.

Its colour: **Plum**

WHO DOES WHAT

Office	Its part
Director of Communications	Leads the Nation’s communications; approves and sends; answers for the press of record
Editor in Chief	Runs the letters: plans issues, edits, approves and sends
Officers	Write for the letters: draft and submit; never send
The Editor-in-General of the Two Row Times	Edits the press of record, under its own editorial standards

How to read the diagram: each row is one party — Writer, Editor in Chief, Second officer and The Register. Follow the steps left to right, from the start to the end. A diamond marks a decision — Approve? — and the path that follows each answer.



An issue’s life

How to read the diagram: each box is a standing — Draft, Checked, Approved, Sent and Corrected — and each arrow is what moves it on to the next. The boxes drawn with a heavier border (Sent) are where it settles.



Changing a letter after approval clears the approval: no one sends words that were not approved.

SECTION 3

The letters

How a letter is made, checked and sent.

Its colour: **Plum**

THE LETTERS

Step	What the Register does
Building	Blocks and frames in the Brand Guide’s palette only; Georgia; icons from Font Awesome, small and inline with the text; photographs from the Media Library, fitted for email
The check	Stops the send for: leftover sample words or placeholder photographs, a missing subject or preview line, images without a description, broken links, colours outside the Brand Guide, a letter long enough for Gmail to clip at 102 KB
Approval	A second officer approves before any issue goes to a list (on by default), recorded on the Ledger
Sending	At each reader’s own hour, where they live
Editions	A print edition of every issue; a light edition, words only; a web version
Kanien’kéha	Marked as such for screen readers; a translation desk with a memory of past translations
Accessible by design	An accessibility score for each letter; descriptions for every image; dark mode in the passport’s UV look

SECTION 4

Trust

Proving a letter is the Nation’s own, and that a notice was given.

Its colour: **Plum**

TRUST

Genuine letters

When an issue is sent, the fingerprint (SHA-256) of its exact words goes on the Nation’s Ledger. Anyone who doubts a letter — a forwarded email, a screenshot, a printed copy — can paste it into the Register’s “Is this letter genuine?” page and see whether it is the Secretariat’s, word for word.

Proof of notice

For a notice, the Register issues a certificate: what was sent, to how many, and when, with its fingerprint and its Ledger entry. A reader can mark “I have read this notice”, and it is recorded on their own record.

A periodical

Each issue is numbered as a periodical under the Nation’s Mohawk Publication Numbers: in class 3, its title block gives the year, the issue (01 to 99) and the format — searchable and citable like any published periodical.

Corrections

	Step
1	A mistake is corrected, never silently changed
2	The correction is sent to those who received the original, saying what was wrong and what is right
3	The original stays on the record, marked corrected, linked to the correction
4	A letter sent in error can be called back: marked withdrawn, with the reason

SECTION 5

The reader

What every reader can expect.

Its colour: **Plum**

READERS

Every reader	How
Chooses to receive letters	Each sign-up’s wording, time and way recorded on the Ledger — proof of consent
Can stop at once	One click, in every letter
Is not followed	“Was this useful?” is counted in total only; no reader is tracked
Gets one letter per household, if they wish	The Register sees who shares an address
Can forward safely	A clean copy, without the reader’s own links
Can have letters by post	Address pages and labels, for those without email
Is reached in an emergency	Urgent notices reach everyone on the list, even those who paused

SECTION 6

Editorial standards

What the Press holds itself to.

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STANDARDS

Standard	In practice
Accuracy	Facts checked before publishing; sources named where they can be
Corrections	Prompt, visible, and sent to those who saw the error
Fairness	Those criticised are given the chance to reply
Independence	News is not directed by those it reports on
Plain language	To ISO 24495-1
Kanien’kéha	Written by speakers, never machine-made and presented as theirs
Privacy	No one named who should not be: young people, victims

How we compare

Benchmark	What they do	What the Nation does
The SPJ Code of Ethics (United States)	Seek truth; minimise harm; act independently; be accountable	The same four, in Section 6
The IFJ Global Charter of Ethics for Journalists (2019)	The world’s journalists’ shared principles	Accuracy, corrections, independence
APTN (Canada, since 1999)	The world’s first national Indigenous broadcaster	The Nation’s own station and press, in its own voice
The Indigenous Journalists Association (formerly NAJA)	Standards for reporting on and by Indigenous peoples	Kanien’kéha by speakers; the Nation’s own terms
Gmail and Yahoo’s sender rules (2024); RFC 8058	Authenticated mail (SPF, DKIM, DMARC); one-click unsubscribe	Both, for every letter
Canada’s anti-spam law (CASL)	Consent to receive, proven	Consent recorded on the Ledger

Questions an expert or critic would ask

Is a press of record independent if it is close to the Secretariat?
The relationship is stated openly: the Two Row Times is the Secretariat’s press of record, and its Editor-in-General also holds office in the Secretariat. That is why official notices are always labelled as official and fingerprinted, why the Two Row Times keeps its own editorial standards, and why corrections are public. Readers can judge each for what it is.

Can a letter be faked?
Its look can be copied; its words cannot be passed off — paste it into “Is this letter genuine?” and the Ledger answers.

Do you track who opens letters?
No. The Register counts totals only, and follows no one.

Who decides what goes out?
A writer drafts; the Editor in Chief edits; a second officer approves; the approval is on the Ledger. No officer sends their own words alone.

The standards

Standard	For
ISO 24495-1	Plain language
WCAG 2.2	Accessible letters
RFC 8058	One-click unsubscribe
SPF, DKIM and DMARC	Authenticated mail
SHA-256	Fingerprints of every issue
MPN, class 3	Numbering the letters as a periodical