

LONGHOUSE · SECOND MEETING · MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2026

How LongHouse Is Built

Structure, teams, and how you get in.

Brady Hugins · the decisions half of the cycle.

WHERE WE ARE

Last week we planned. Tonight we decide.

THEN

August 27

Seven parts: why this exists, the civic frame, the cycle, the agenda, the landscape, the build, and the seven-year horizon.

NOW

August 31

How it is actually structured, who does what, and where you sign up.

ALSO NEW

First Monday

The cadence moves to Mondays from here — still two a month, still around the full moon.

DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE

Four layers, each doing one job.

THE RECORD

Civic Library

Primary-source research, published free — primers, cases, glossary, sources. This is the layer everything else feeds.

THE RHYTHM

The meeting cycle

Two meetings a month: plan before the full moon, decide after. Nothing is decided the night it is proposed.

THE PEOPLE

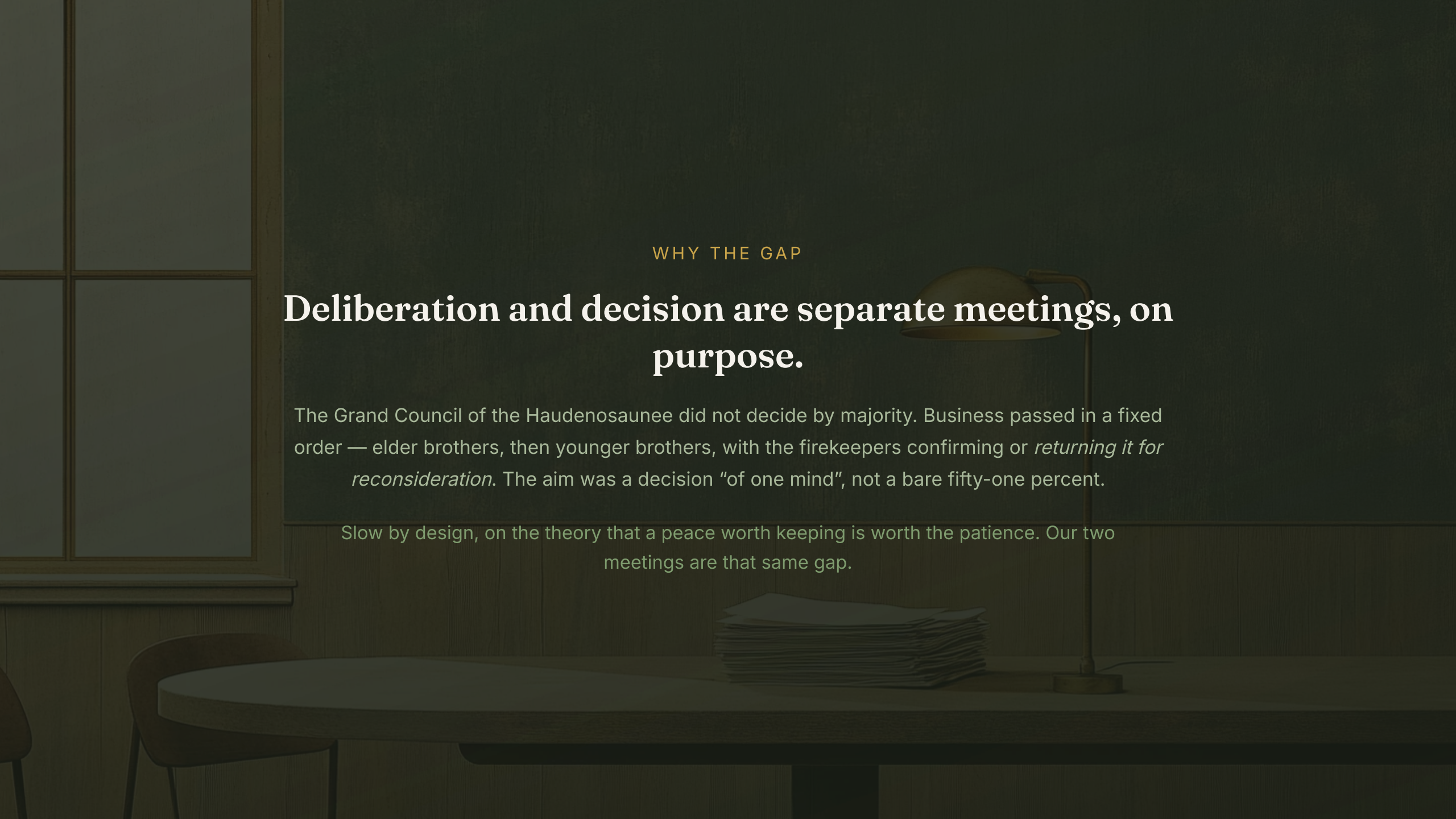
Three groups

Every role sits in one of three groups. That is the next slide.

THE RECORD OF US

Meeting archive

Every meeting goes on the public record, whether or not you were in the room.



WHY THE GAP

Deliberation and decision are separate meetings, on purpose.

The Grand Council of the Haudenosaunee did not decide by majority. Business passed in a fixed order — elder brothers, then younger brothers, with the firekeepers confirming or *returning it for reconsideration*. The aim was a decision “of one mind”, not a bare fifty-one percent.

Slow by design, on the theory that a peace worth keeping is worth the patience. Our two meetings are that same gap.

THE TEAMS

Three groups. Three roles each.

SHINY PENNIES

Representation, open finance, meeting guidance

The public-facing officers. Open-Book Treasurer · Meeting Facilitator · Public Representative.

RUSTY PENNIES

Rights, safety, security training

The volunteers who train the rest of us. Constitutional Rights Educator · Safety & De-escalation Trainer · Security Best-Practices Trainer.

PENNYWELLS

Long-term information, sensitive topics, remembrance

The ones who hold the long work. Long-Mission Lead · Sensitive-Topic Researcher · Civic Archivist.

Every role is volunteer. There is no budget for paid roles at this stage, and saying otherwise would be a promise we cannot keep.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

longhouse.institute/get-involved

One page. Pick a group, read the three roles under it, and tell us which one and how many hours you have. That is the whole process.

STEP ONE

Pick a group

Shiny Pennies, Rusty Pennies, or PennyWells — each links straight to its roles.

STEP TWO

Say what you can give

Name, email, the roles that interest you, your background, and hours per month.

STEP THREE

We reply

You get a confirmation immediately, and a human follow-up after that.

BRAND & REACH

What we want the name to mean.

VOICE

Research-grade, plain

We read the primary source and say what it says. No slogans, no urgency, no selling.

PROOF

Publish everything

The library, the governance policy, and now the meeting archive — open by default.

REACH

Earned, not bought

Social is for showing the work, not for growth tactics. First goal is a steady record worth following.

MEASURE

People, not impressions

Volunteers who arrive and stay is the number that matters.

LEGAL & ORGANISATION

Setting the structure up properly.

This is the part that is **starting, not finished**. Tonight is about agreeing the shape and who carries each piece.

ENTITY

What form we take

The legal shape that fits a volunteer civic body — to be decided, not announced.

MONEY

Open books from day one

If funds ever move, the treasurer publishes where they went. That rule comes before the money.

DECISIONS

Written down

How a decision is made, recorded, and revisited — the governance policy, already published.

SAFETY

Duty of care

Rights, de-escalation and data hygiene training before we put anyone in a public-facing role.

OPEN FLOOR

Outstanding questions.

Anything from the first meeting we did not get to, anything from the library you disagree with, and anything about the roles. Disagreement is the useful part — this is the meeting where things get decided.



NEXT

Thursday, September 24 — planning.

Every meeting goes on the record at longhouse.institute/meetings/archive/ — so if you miss one, you can still catch up.

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