

COMMUNITY RATIFICATION PROCESS (CRP) SUMMARY



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2. DEFINITIONS – pg.3

The purpose of the **Community Ratification Process** is to set out the procedures that Lac Seul First Nation will follow to decide whether to approve the Lac Seul First Nation Land Code and Individual Agreement on First Nation Land Management between Lac Seul First Nation and Canada.

3. LIST OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS AND DECLARATION – pg.5

An initial **List of Eligible Voters** will be prepared for the vote. This list includes full names, band numbers, birth dates and addresses of Eligible Voters (ages 18+ at the time of the vote).

4. INFORMATION TO VERIFIER – pg.6
5. CONFIRMATION BY VERIFIER – pg.6

The **Information to Verifier** section lists the different documents that needs to be provided to the Verifier. In accordance with **section 5**, the Verifier will confirm that the provided documents (Land Code and Community Ratification Process) are compliant with the Framework Agreement.

6. COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS – pg.7

Upon reception of Confirmation by the Verifier, Council shall **adopt a resolution (form 4 and 5)** to confirm various components of the ratification process, which includes ratification officer, voting methods, ballot question etc.

7. DUTY OF RATIFICATION OFFICER AND APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT – pg.7

This section describes the **Ratification Officer's responsibilities** and the **procedure for appointment** and if necessary, the appointment of assistants.

11. NOTICE OF VOTE – pg.8

Section 8 sets the **requirements of the Notice of Vote**.

8. VOTER INFORMATION PACKAGE – pg.9
9. INFORMATION TO THIRD PARTIES – pg.10
10. AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENT – pg.10

Sections 9, 10 and 11 **lists all the documents** that the information package **shall contain** and needs to be provided to the Members, and information that will be provided to Third Parties. These documents also **need to be available** to any person who holds an interest in the First Nation, the procedure to obtain these documents is described in section 11.

12. PRELIMINARY PROCEDURES – pg.11

The Ratification Officer will **get everything ready for the vote**. Directions and pointers are provided in this section.

13. POSTPONEMENT AND ADDITIONAL DAY FOR VOTING – pg.11

In case of an emergency, as described in paragraph 13.1, it is possible to **postpone** or have an **extra voting day**.

14. ELECTRONIC VOTING METHODS – pg.13
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These different sections **provide directions for all voting methods allowed**. The Ratification Officer will have to follow the procedure for every voting method. They set out what are the **voting methods permitted**, how to **handle the mail-in ballots** and the **voting procedures at the voting poll(s) on the official vote day**.

These sections should be used as reference when clarification and directions are needed for all voting methods.

22. PROCEDURAL AMENDMENTS – pg.26

The Ratification Officer, Council and the Verifier **may agree to change a voting procedure** if they agree it is necessary and the **change will not create a significant change** to the voting procedures – a copy of the amendment will be made publicly available.

23. OBJECTIONS – pg.27

Any **Member who is eligible** to vote **may object** to the results of the vote. The **procedure** for submitting an objection is outlined in section 23.

24. REPORT BY VERIFIER – pg.28

Within 15 days of the last voting day the Verifier will send a written report to Lac Seul First Nation and Canada regarding the conduct of the vote.

25. CERTIFICATION OF LAND CODE – pg.28

The Land Code and the Individual Agreement will be approved **if a majority of the participating Eligible Voter's vote to approve them**.