



## **BIGSTONE CREE NATION ELECTION CODE AMENDMENT UPDATE AND REPORT TO MEMBERSHIP**

Bigstone Cree Nation's current Election Code was enacted in 2010. Recently, Council proposed two amendments to the Election Code. The first proposed amendment was to reduce the size of Council from 10 to 6 Councillors. The second proposed amendment was to remove the residency requirement for the Chief and Councillors; and rather than requiring them to live or move onto BCN reserves, allowing the Chief and Councillors to live within a 30 km radius of reserves affiliated to their respective communities or the Chipewyan Lake School. More information on the proposed amendments to BCN's Election Code and the reasoning behind them is available online through the Members' section on the BCN website.

Council provided Notice of Community Membership Meetings in Wabasca-Desmarais (June 7th, 2022); Chipewyan Lake (June 8th, 2022); and Calling Lake (June 9th, 2022). The purpose of these Community Membership Meetings was to vote on each of the proposed amendments to the Election Code. Under Section 21 of the Election Code, the proposed amendments required approval of 2/3 of the members present in person or online at each of these Community Membership Meetings in order to proceed to a general referendum vote.

- **On June 7th, 2022, not enough members attended the Wabasca-Desmarais Community Membership Meeting to achieve a quorum and conduct a vote. There was therefore no vote and consequently no voting results to report.**
- **On June 8th, 2022 enough members attended the Chipewyan Lake meeting to achieve a quorum. Neither amendment reached a 2/3 approval by the voting members who attended this meeting. A copy of the certified results of the vote is attached for members' reference.**
- **On June 9th, 2022, not enough members attended to Calling Lake Community Membership Meeting to achieve a quorum and conduct a vote. There was therefore no vote and consequently no voting results to report.**

Since 2/3 approval was not achieved at Community Membership Meetings in all three communities, the proposed amendments will not be the subject of a general referendum vote this term.

Chief and Council wish to express their appreciation for Bigstone members who attended the meetings in each community with a view to expressing their views on Bigstone's Election Code and voting on the proposed amendments.