



MEDIA RELEASE

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On July 27th, 2026, Bigstone Members ratified and approved amendments to the Election Law of Bigstone Cree Nation. The amendment process followed Section 21 of the Election Law.

Members voted to amend the Election Law residency requirements (Section 17) to include a 30 km radius from and of the Bigstone Reserves, including lands that are added to reserve through the Treaty Land Entitlement Settlement.

Members also voted to require that candidates for Leadership cannot be in the bankruptcy process and cannot be in debt to the Nation (Section 8.3).

Chief and Council have approved and certified the amended Election Law and it will be applied with these amendments in the coming 2026 General Election.

Copies of the amended Election Law, and further information on the 2026 General Election, will be posted shortly.

The Election Law of Bigstone Cree Nation shall be followed in the 2026 General Election for Bigstone Cree Nation.

The **Membership Code** currently enforce was enacted in 1996 and has not since been amended or otherwise updated.

The Referendum pertaining to the proposed Membership Code Amendments did **NOT PASS.**

The final draft of the **Constitution** was approved by way of Resolution in April of 2025;

The Referendum pertaining to the draft Constitution did **NOT PASS**

Thank you to all electors who voted in the July 27, 2026 Referendum the statement of results and signed affidavits of results are posted in Bigstone Cree Nation offices and Bigstone Cree Nation members/Electors page only.



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BIGSTONE Cree NATION