

Bigstone Cree Nation – Election Appeal
Preliminary Decision Dated October 21, 2026
Regarding the Validity of Appeals Filed by

Doreen Alook

Ivan Alook

Don Gambler

Eliza Yellowknee

Verna Orr

Greg Cardinal

Jerry Gambler

Gordon Gladue

Background

01. Doreen Alook filed the appropriate appeal form, supported by the signature of 4 electors and accompanied by the required fee within the time allowed. In her appeal form she challenges the decision of the Electoral Officer that her nomination paperwork was not complete. I find that her appeal is validly before me, and I will decide it after the November 4th Hearing.
02. Attached to her appeal package are letters from Ivan Alook, Don Gambler, Eliza Yellowknee, Verna Orr, Greg Cardinal, Jerry Gamber and Gordon Gladue (“the seven other potential appellants”). Six of the seven other potential appellants say in their letters that they are appealing the Electoral Officer’s decision about their own eligibility to be nominated. One person challenges the eligibility of a candidate who ran in the election.
03. In my Procedural Direction dated October 13, 2026 I asked for submissions from the above individuals, the Electoral Officer and the candidates, as to whether section 15 of the Election Law allowed the seven other potential appellants to file election appeals in this way. I received submissions from Doreen Alook [Document A. 74] and Gordon Gladue [Document A. 72]. My Procedural Direction indicated that I would communicate my

decision as to the validity of appeals by the seven other potential appellants today, and my reasons would follow in my decision after the November 4th Hearing.

Decision as to the Validity of the Appeals

04. I find that the appeals filed by the seven other potential appellants have not been filed in accordance with the requirements of section 15 of the Election Law. This means that I do not have authority to decide the issues raised by Ivan Alook, Don Gambler, Eliza Yellowknee, Verna Orr, Greg Cardinal, Jerry Gambler and Gordon Gladue. As I do not have authority to decide the issues they raise, I will not hear from them at the November 4th Hearing. I will provide them with a copy of my decision after the November 4th Hearing so they can see my reasons for this decision regarding the validity of their appeals.

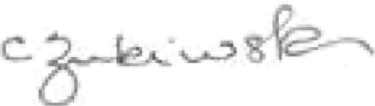
Agenda for the November 4th Hearing

05. Next week I will send the parties a Zoom link for the Hearing and a Hearing Agenda.

Election Appeal Arbitrator

Bigstone Cree Nation Election Law

Per:



Carol M. Zukiwski