



SUMMARY OF THE COMMUNITY RATIFICATION PROCESS

The Community Ratification Process (CRP) document sets out the rules and procedures that the Ratification Officer must follow in the conduct of the Land Code Vote. The Ratification Officer is an impartial, independent contractor with no affiliation with or to the Fort Nelson First Nation. The Ratification Officer takes their directions from the Community Ratification Process document, not from the Chief or Council, or the Fort Nelson Administration Department.

The Community Ratification Process sets out how an eligible voter can register to vote. An eligible voter is a Member of the Fort Nelson First Nation who is 18 years of age or older on the Voting Day on which that Member votes. It outlines the ways in which you can vote: 1) by mail-in ballot, 2) in person at a polling station, or 3) electronically.

The Ratification Officer will send a mail-in ballot package to every eligible voter that she has an address for. The ballot package will also contain instructions for voting electronically. Voters who receive a mail-in ballot package but would rather attend a poll station and vote in person may do so. Newspaper ads with the Notice of Vote will be published in various newspapers so that off-reserve voters for whom we do not have addresses for will then know who to contact to receive information and mail-in ballot packages.

The processing of the mail-in ballots, electronic votes and then the opening up of the ballot boxes and counting of the ballots will be done at the Fort Nelson First Nation Administration office poll station immediately after the close of the poll on the final day of voting (December 7, 2023 at 8pm). This process is open and all Fort Nelson First Nation members are invited to attend to watch the count.

Please contact Marlene Roy, Ratification Officer, if you have any questions related to the voting procedures. Phone: (250) 785-0612 ext. 245 and email mroy@treaty8.bc.ca

Any objections must be received, in writing, by the Verifier (A.J. Gross 202-68 Songhees Rd. Victoria BC, V9A 0A3) within five (5) days of the last Voting Day (by December 12, 2023) and include the following information:

- Identify the name address & telephone number of Eligible Voters or representative of Canada making the objection
- Summarize the grounds for the objection, and
- Be accompanied by a statutory declaration setting out the grounds for the objection.

The full copy of the Community Ratification Process can be found online at www.fnfndlandcode.com or by contacting Jody Cornish, Land Code Coordinator at 250-774-7257 or jody.cornish@fnnation.ca.