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Final Vote Results Announced for Amendments to the Election Code

NELSON HOUSE, Manitoba – October 28, 2013 – Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation Electoral Officer Joyce Yetman today announced final results of the October 28, 2013 voting results for amendments to the election code.

A total of 439 electors participated in the vote and there were 5 spoiled ballots. There were 326 votes cast in Nelson House, 43 in Thompson, 19 in Leaf Rapids and 51 in Winnipeg. The ballot for the second round of voting on the Election Code amendments was presented as 10 main theme areas. The breakdown of the votes cast for each question is as follows:

#	Questions	Total			
		In-favor	Against	No Response	Spoiled
1	Nehetho Words/Removal Indian Act Terminology	289	142	4	4
2	Board Elections	255	174	6	4
3	Criminal Convictions and Records				
	Allowed to run 8 years after conviction	195	237	2	5
	Criminal Record Checks not more 3 months	296	132	8	3
4	Council Vacancies	278	155	4	2
5	Electoral Officer Technical Amendments	292	135	8	4
6	Mail In Ballots	190	241	5	3
7	Appeals	287	144	6	2
8	Deputy Chief	272	158	6	3
9	Corrupt Election Practice	267	165	5	2
10	Swearing In Ceremonies	278	154	3	4
	Total Votes	2899	1837	57	36

There were no rejected ballots, 57 ballots were questions with no response and 36 ballots with questions considered spoiled. All amendments were approved with the exception of the provision which would have permitted all persons with criminal records to run for office 8 years after the date of a conviction or jail sentence for an indictable or hybrid offence (serious Criminal Code offences). NCN voters also rejected the use of mail in ballots. Copies of the official results are available from the NCN Electoral Officer and on NCN's website (ncncree.com). The amendments to the NCN Election Code will be revised based on the outcome of the vote and posted on NCN's website as soon as possible.

Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation is located at Nelson House, Manitoba, about 800 kilometres north of Winnipeg and 88 kilometres west of Thompson. NCN has close to 4,000 members living in Nelson House, South Indian Lake, Thompson, Brandon and Winnipeg.

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