

ELECTION CODE AMENDMENTS BALLOT

Various changes have been proposed to NCN's Election Code.

Do you agree the following changes should be made?

1. Adding a jail term within eight (8) years of election order or nomination meeting wherever there is a reference to indictable offences? Yes No
2. Requiring the Electoral Officer to provide information to NCN Citizens about the election procedures? Yes No
3. Clarifying that NCN Citizens who are incarcerated have the right to vote in NCN elections provided they request a mail-in ballot? Yes No
4. Allowing mail-in ballots to be requested by NCN Citizens who live outside of Manitoba or are in a correctional institution? Yes No
5. Clarifying that if there is a tie for either Chief or for a Councillor position, a new election for those positions would be held? Yes No
6. Deleting the requirement that candidates for Chief and Councillor must ordinarily live on reserve? Yes No
7. Requiring the payment of a \$100 refundable fee to encourage candidates to clean up their signs after the election? Yes No
8. Confirming the Electoral Officer has the discretion to allow candidates to take a statutory declaration swearing that they have not been convicted of an indictable offence or jail term within 8 years of the election order where they have applied for documentation from the RCMP or other police force, but have not yet received a response? Yes No
9. Requiring candidates who provide a statutory declaration to sign a written acknowledgement that if they swear a false declaration and are elected, they will be removed from office and could face criminal charges if it is subsequently determined they have a record that does not comply with the Code? Yes No
10. Requiring election workers to initial either the front or back of every page of the ballot? Yes No
11. Prohibiting candidates from painting campaign slogans on houses? Yes No

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12. Changing the composition of the Appeal Committee to four NCN Voters and a Manitoba arbitrator who is a lawyer to chair the committee? Yes No
13. Clarifying that any person on the Appeal Committee who is in a conflict of interest must resign? Yes No
14. Permitting the Electoral Officer to give the candidates 3 business days notice, rather than 3 calendar days notice, when a recount has been requested? Yes No
15. Clarifying that attempting to buy votes with drugs and alcohol is a corrupt election practice? Yes No
16. Requiring the Appeal Committee to make its decision within 30 days after an appeal is filed unless there are extenuating circumstances? Yes No
17. Confirming that NCN will only pay the court costs for the Electoral Officer and the Appeal Committee, unless the court expressly orders NCN to pay for part of an appellant's costs? Yes No
18. Confirming that after the election, each Chief and Council will elect the Vice-Chief by secret ballot vote? Yes No
19. Establishing that the current Chief and Council will remain in office if an appeal is filed until the Appeal Committee makes its decision? Yes No
20. Establishing a transition allowance to be paid for by NCN for defeated members of Chief and Council? Yes No
21. Changing certain words to *Nehthowewin* words where required? Yes No
22. Changing the term "elector" to "voter", "NCN Member" to "NCN Citizen" and similar technical amendments throughout the Code? Yes No
23. Amending the Preamble to include references to inherent rights to self-government, and to NCN's leadership being elected in accordance with the customary law of the election code? Yes No
24. Prohibiting NCN citizens from running for Chief or Councillor when they are currently filling an elected position as MP, MLA, Mayor or Councillor of another town, or Grand Chief of MKO, AMC or AFN? Yes No
25. Requiring a newly elected Chief or Councillor to participate in the public swearing-in ceremony or else that position becomes vacant? Yes No