

Notice to NCN CITIZENS

Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation

Community Ratification Vote

OTHASOWEWIN (CONSTITUTION)



The Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation has developed an Othasowewin (constitution) for consideration by NCN Citizens in a community ratification vote. A Ratification Vote will be held in accordance with the Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation Community Ratification Process from November 1, 2017 to November 29, 2017 in order to determine if Onuwosonekew (voters) approve the Othasowewin (constitution).

The Ratification Vote will include:

1. **Electronic Voting from:** November 1-29, 2017
2. **In-person Voting in Winnipeg, Thompson, Leaf Rapids and Nelson House on the following dates:**
 - **November 20, 2017** Leaf Rapids, Town Center
 - **November 21, 2017** Thompson, Mystery Lake Hotel
 - **November 23, 2017** Winnipeg, Fairfield Inn & Suites
 - **November 28 & 29, 2017** Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation, Gilbert McDonald Arena

NCN ONUWOSONEKEW (VOTERS) WILL BE ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTION ON THE BALLOT:

“DO YOU APPROVE THE OTHASOWEWIN (CONSTITUTION), DATED OCT 4, 2017”

A “YES” VOTE MEANS THAT NISICHAWAYASIHK CREE NATION WILL MANAGE ITS OWN GOVERNANCE AND LAW-MAKING PROCESSES.

A “NO” VOTE MEANS THAT NCN GOVERNANCE AND LAW-MAKING PROCESSES WILL CONTINUE TO BE SUBJECT TO THE INDIAN ACT.

YES OR NO

Copies of the Othasowewin (constitution) and related documents are being delivered or emailed to all Onuwosonekew (voters) whose address is on record with the Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation. Information including the Community Ratification Process is available online at www.ncncree.com and from the Nisichawayasihk Nehethowuk Okimawin (NCN government) office or the NCN Trust Office.

Jacqueline Hunter, Deputy Electoral Officer, appointed by NCN Electoral Officer, Joyce Yetman, shall be the Ratification Officer, and that she has the authority to approve procedural amendments pursuant to sections 8 and 16 of the NCN Community Ratification Process.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that all Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation Citizens 18 years of age or older on the day of the Ratification Vote are eligible to vote, provided that such NCN Citizens have submitted a complete, signed and witnessed voter registration document to the Deputy Electoral/ Ratification Officer prior to the close of the polls in the case of in-person voting or in the case of electronic voting, voters have completed registration through the electronic registration system prior to the close of the electronic voting system. Voter registration documents will be sent to all NCN Onuwosonekew (voters) whose address is on record with the Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation unless they have registered electronically. Voter Registration documents are also available from Jacqueline Hunter, Ratification Officer or at the address and telephone number appearing below.

PLEASE NOTE: Any Registered Voter may vote in person or by Electronic Voting during the dates set out above. If an Onuwosonekew (voter) has not received, or been able to electronically access, a Voter Registration Document by **October 31, 2017**, please contact Jacqueline Hunter, Ratification Officer so that the necessary form can be provided to you or you may also obtain a Voter Registration Document at the polling locations indicated above.

DATED at Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation,
Manitoba 4 day of October, 2017.

Ratification Officer

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