



Quw'utsun Tumuhw Community Ratification Summary

The Community Ratification Process Summary

It is important for Cowichan Tribes members to understand how they will be voting for the Quw'utsun Tumuhw and Individual Agreement. The Community Ratification Process (CRP) sets out the rules and procedures that the Ratification Officer must follow in the conduct of the Quw'utsun Tumuhw vote.

WHAT is the Community Ratification Process (CRP)?

- The CRP sets out how an eligible voter (a member of Cowichan Tribes who is 18 or older on the voting day) can vote
- There are 3 ways to vote: (1) mail-in ballot; (2) in person; or (3) electronically on OneFeather.ca

WHAT is the duty of the Ratification Officer?

- The Ratification Officer, Graeme Drew, is responsible for the conduct of the Ratification Vote and has all the powers necessary to carry out that responsibility.
- The Ratification Officer has sent out this Voter Information Package to all eligible voters that he has an address for.
- 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 voting information, including a mail-in ballot.

HOW do I vote?

- **Mail-in Ballot:** A mail-in ballot and pre-paid postage envelope has been included in your Voter Information package.
- **In-Person:** A polling station will be set up at the Quw'utsun Cultural and Conference Centre (200 Cowichan Way) on September 18, 19 & 20, 2019 from 9am - 8pm. Come prepared with a piece of identification, as you may be asked for verification.
- **Online:** Your Voter Information Package and OneFeather.ca contains instructions for online voting. Note that you require an email address for online voting, as you will be sent a personal identification number (PIN) via email prior to voting. Let Lawrence Lewis, OneFeather Electronic Voting; know if you have any questions.

OBJECTIONS

- Objections to the voting process may be made in accordance with the Community Ratification Process (CRP).
- Any Cowichan Tribes member who is eligible to vote may submit an objection in writing to the Verifier, Al Gross, by **September 25th 2019**.
- The objection must: (1) outline the name, address and telephone number of the eligible voter or representative of Canada making the objection; (2) summarize the grounds for the objection; and (3) be accompanied by a statutory declaration setting out the grounds for the objection.

Note: that a statutory declaration is a written statement which a person swears, affirms or declares to be true in the presence of an authorized witness – usually a Justice of the Peace, a lawyer or a notary public.



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- Based on the information provided, the Verifier may choose to conduct such further investigation as he deems necessary.
 - The Verifier must then decide if the objection is valid within 15 days of the last day on which the voting occurred.
 - If the Verifier determines the objection is valid, he may allow the objection and call another Ratification Vote.
 - The Verifier may dismiss the objection if: (1) there was neither a violation of, nor an irregularity in, this Ratification Process; (2) there was a violation of, or an irregularity in, this Ratification Process but the final result of the Ratification Vote was not affected.
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