

## **NOTICE OF REFERENDUM**

DATE: April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

TO: The Members of ᑭᐱᑖᐱᐱ

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**TAKE NOTICE** that two Votes will be held on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to determine if the Voters of ᑭᐱᑖᐱᐱ approve and assent to ᑭᐱᑖᐱᐱ' s proposed Membership Law (2024), and to determine by referendum the per capita distribution percentage for the Timber Specific Claim.

The following two (2) Ballot Questions will be asked of the Voters of ᑭᐱᑖᐱᐱ by secret ballot:

### **Membership Law Referendum:**

**Do you vote in favour of both repealing the Kootenay Nations St. Mary's Indian Band Membership Laws and approving the ᑭᐱᑖᐱᐱᐱᐱ (Membership) Law, 2024?**

### **Timber Claim Distribution Referendum:**

**What per capita distribution percentage should be paid out to ᑭᐱᑖᐱᐱᐱᐱ Band Members?**

- **0%**
- **25%**
- **50%**
- **75%**
- **100%**

### **The Votes will take place on:**

Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 8:00am to 8:00pm at 7470 Mission Road, Cranbrook, BC, in the Boardroom.

Members may also choose to vote by telephone during polling hours, by calling:

**250-426-5717 or 778-761-2045**

The Referendum Officer will at least 40 days prior to the Voting Day mail a Mail-in Ballot to each Voter on the Voters List for whom an address has been provided. If you have not received a Mail-in Ballot and wish to vote by Mail-in Ballot, please contact OneFeather using the contact information located on the bottom of this notice.

Included with this Notice of Referendum are copies of the proposed Membership Law and Summaries for the Membership Law and for the Timber Claim, and such other information as the Council determines.

**Email:** voterhelp@onefeather.ca **Toll Free:** 1-855-923-3006

*Phone support is available weekdays from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM Pacific Time*

*Please leave a message if we are unable to take your call.*

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**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE** that a Voters List is posted with this Notice of Referendum Vote. Sections 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4 of the Voting Guidelines provide:

- 5.2 A Member may apply to the Referendum Officer before the Voting Day to have the Voters List revised if such Member believes that:
- 16.1.1 the name of a Voter has been omitted from the Voters List; or
  - 16.1.2 the name of a Voter is incorrectly set out or should not be included on the Voters List.
- 5.3 A Member of ʔaḡam may, up to and including the Voting Day, apply to the Referendum Officer to have their name added to the Voters List if that Member provides: proof of eligibility to vote by completing the Declaration of Membership and Eligibility to Vote Form substantially in the form of Appendix D. This proof shall include documentation that verifies that the Voter's name is recorded on the Band List, and that the Voter is at least eighteen years old on the date of the Referendum and not disqualified from voting at band elections.
- 5.4 Upon receipt and confirmation of the information in the Declaration of Membership and Eligibility to Vote form, the Referendum Officer will revise the Voters List.

An application for an amendment to the Voters List or a request for a copy of the Voting Guidelines or forms should be made to the Referendum Officer at the contact information in at the bottom of this page.

For access to the full ratified settlement agreement and info summaries please visit the Nation's website at : **[www.aqam.net](http://www.aqam.net)**

**DATED** at the OneFeather office in Victoria, in the Province of BC, this 18th day of April, 2024.



Signature of Referendum Officer for ʔaḡam

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