



TK'EMLÚPS TE SECWÉPEMC CUSTOM ELECTION REGULATIONS AMENDMENT VOTE PACKAGE

Package Enclosures:

- Tk'emplúps te Secwépepmc Custom Election Regulations Proposed Amendments
- Instructions for Joining Virtual Workshops and Special General Band Meeting
- Instructions for How to Vote
- Visual of Proposed Election Timeline

A. BACKGROUND

As you may know, Chief and Council are working, with the assistance of Forward Law LLP, to update the Tk'emplúps te Secwépepmc Custom Election Regulations (the "CER"). The overall goal is to create Custom Election Regulations that:

- a) are clear and unambiguous;
- b) provide better communication of election information with Band Membership;
- c) provide the greatest opportunity for all Band Members' votes to be included;
- d) allow for fair and open election processes;
- e) allow for a broad pool of qualified Candidates to run for Chief and Council;
- f) allow for an option of online voting in future Elections; and
- g) reflect the values of Tk'emplúps te Secwépepmc.

Any change to the CER must be passed by a vote of membership, and as such Chief and Council will be holding a vote on the proposed amendments to the CER (the "Amendment Vote").

B. THE AMENDMENT VOTE

There will be a General Band Meeting, starting on May 10, 2021 and running to May 12, 2021, to decide on this important issue, as follows:

1. presentation and discussion of the proposed amendments from 4:30 – 7:30 pm at the online portion of the Band Meeting on May 10, 2021;
2. online voting on the proposed amendments will take place on May 11, 2021;
3. paper ballot voting on the proposed amendments will take place on May 12, 2021.

TteS Electors may only vote once – either using the online method or using the paper ballot method.

Whether or not each of the proposed amendments to the CER will be adopted will depend on the outcome of the Amendment Vote which will be calculated by adding the online votes to the paper ballot votes.

Instructions for how to vote are enclosed in this Amendment Vote Package.

C. WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION

Chief and Council understand the importance of making sure the information required for the Amendment Vote is being received by Band Membership. In addition to this package, which has been sent out to all Electors, information will be made available through:

1. TteS Website: all documents enclosed in this package will be posted to the website, along with a version of the full CER with all of the proposed amendments included as tracked changes and any other resources as they become available (ex. PowerPoint slides for the workshops);
2. TteS Facebook Page: information regarding the upcoming Workshops and the Special General Band Meeting will be posted to the Facebook page, as well as a link to where the documents are posted on the Website and updates as any new documents are added;
3. TteS Information Bulletin: information regarding the upcoming Workshops and the Special General Band Meeting will be posted to the in the Information Bulletin, as well as a link to where the documents are posted on the Website and updates as any new documents are added; and
4. Informational Workshops: Two virtual workshop sessions on the proposed amendments will be held via Teams on **Tuesday, April 27th and Thursday, April 29th from 4:30-6:30pm**. The links for those meetings will be circulated closer to the date. If you plan to attend through your phone or tablet device, please download the Teams app in advance.

D. WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THIS AMENDMENT VOTE

There are 25 proposed amendments included in this Amendment Vote.

Each proposed amendment will be a “yes/no” vote.

In order to pass, each amendment will require a majority of voters to vote “yes” on that amendment.

E. WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS AMENDMENT VOTE

Please note that the CER is a work-in-progress. It is a living document. As such, some suggestions for proposed amendments that were brought forward during the process have not been included in this Amendment Vote as it was determined that they required further discussion and input.

These suggestions have been duly noted and it is the intention of Chief and Council that those suggestions that were not included in this Amendment Vote will be revisited in more detail following the upcoming Election, as part of the next round of proposed amendments to the CER.