



## **Summary of the Community Ratification Process**

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The Community Ratification Process (CRP) document sets out the rules and procedures that the Ratification Officer must follow in the conduct of the KFN Land Law Vote. The Ratification Officer is an impartial, independent contractor, with no affiliation with or to the Kát'odeeche First Nation. The Ratification Officer takes their directions from the Community Ratification Process document, not from the Kát'odeeche First Nation Chief and Council, or the Kát'odeeche Lands Department.

The CRP sets out how an eligible voter can vote. An eligible voter is a Member of the Kát'odeeche First Nation who is 18 years of age or older on the Voting Day on which that Member votes. It outlines the ways in which you can vote: 1) by mail-in ballot or 2) in person at a polling station. The Ratification Officer will send a mail-in ballot package to every eligible voter that he has an address for. Voters, who receive a mail-in ballot package but would rather attend a poll station and vote in person, may do so. 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 information and mail-in ballot packages.

The processing of the mail-in ballots and then the opening up of all of the polling stations ballot boxes and counting of the ballots will be done at the **Chief Lamalice Complex** poll station immediately after the close of the poll on the final day of voting **Wednesday July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 8pm**. This process is open to the public and Kát'odeeche First Nation members are invited to attend to watch the count.

**Any questions that you might have related to voting procedures are to be directed to the Ratification Officer, Gwen Robak Phone: (867)874-6804 Fax: (867) 344-2029 email: [kfnlandsvote@gmail.com](mailto:kfnlandsvote@gmail.com)**

Objections to the voting process may be made in accordance with the CRP. An Eligible Voter or the representative of Canada appointed under clause 8.2 of the Framework Agreement may file an objection with the Verifier if the Eligible Voter or representative has reasonable grounds for believing that there was a violation of, or irregularity in, this Ratification Process; and that the final result of the Ratification Vote might have been different but for the violation or irregularity.

**Any objections must be received, in writing, by the Verifier Richard Krehbiel email: [rbkrehbiel3@gmail.com](mailto:rbkrehbiel3@gmail.com) and include the following information:**

- Identify the name address and telephone number of Eligible Voter or representative of Canada making the objection
- Summarize the grounds for the objection, and
- Be accompanied by a statutory declaration setting out the grounds for the objection.

**A copy of the Community Ratification Process can be found online at [www.katlodeechelandcode.com](http://www.katlodeechelandcode.com) or by contacting Victoria St Jean Lands Manager Phone: (867) 874-6701 Ext. 1013 email: [kfnlands@katlodeeche.com](mailto:kfnlands@katlodeeche.com)**