



ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

March 15, 2018

Lax Kw'alaams Band
206 Shashaak Street
Port Simpson, BC V0V 1H0

Attention: Governance Committee

Re: Updated Member Survey

The following reflects the updated survey questions and the responses received to the end of the Community Meetings.

1. Should the Lax Kw'alaams Band Council consist of one Mayor and:
 - + a) 12 councillors 40
 - + b) 6 councillors 57
 - + c) 10 councillors 21
 - + d) 8 councillors 25
2. Should the band or band owned entities be allowed to hire councillors as employees or independent contractors?
 - + a) yes 6
 - + b) no 101
 - + c) if it is in the best interest of the Band 35
3. Should it continue to be a requirement that the majority of the band councillors live on reserve?
 - + a) yes 78
 - + b) no 43
 - + c) maybe 22
4. Should quorum be a simple majority of council?
 - + a) yes 83
 - + b) no 5
 - + c) quorum should remain at 5 councillors 50



-
5. Should proxy voting be permitted in elections?
- + a) yes 33
 - + b) no 47
 - + c) for elders only 32
 - + d) in emergencies only 35
6. Would you prefer the appeals board / conduct review board be made up of?:
- a) a panel comprised of band members appointed by the Mayor; or 43
 - b) a professional arbitrator 94
7. Should we have a mechanism for Mayor/Council to discipline Council members for failure to abide by the Council Code of Conduct/Oath of Office?
- + a) yes 135
 - + b) no 1
8. Should Candidates for Mayor/Council be required to submit the following before their nomination is accepted? **(Indicate all that you feel should apply)**
- a) A valid and recent (within 90 days of Nomination) Criminal Record Check; 93
 - b) A letter from the Band stating the Candidate is not in arrears to the Band; 60
 - c) A statement confirming that the Candidate has not engaged in any legal action against a band member or the band; 68
9. Should the threshold for triggering a referendum on changes to the electoral code be increased to:
- + a) 25 people 65
 - + b) 10 people 42
 - + c) 5 people 15
 - + d) 2 people 13
10. Are there any other provisions of the election regulations that you would like to see changed / updated / removed? Please note the regulation number and explain your reasons in the box below.
-



Topics submitted for consideration

Conflict of Interest, Age restriction, Communications, Education on Process/Regulations, Mayor = Chief, Paid Full time Councillors, Eligibility Criteria, Improve Reporting by Elected Officials - quarterly, web live-stream council meetings, procedure for recall election make all policies available to members, rule to prevent former band council members from using knowledge gained from their service, electronic voting – secure?, 20 years of age or older to be a candidate, councillors to be available during regular office hours, improve use of social media for communications, transparency of council income / expenses, geographical restriction for candidates (100 – 200 km from reserve), members who engage in frivolous lawsuits should be dealt with

The above reflects the trend of the various views of the members who responded and can most likely be considered as a representative sample of the band.

We can move forward and use this information as a springboard to update the code and get it out into the community.

Regards,

Hans

Hans Suhr