

MEMO

To: Nipissing First Nation Membership
From: Fred Bellefeuille, Chair of Election Code Review committee
Date: October 15, 2020
Re: Summary of Proposed Changes to the Election Code

Based on the community consultations and survey completed in 2018, as well as discussions within the Election Code Review Committee, the committee recommends the following six changes to NFN's Custom Election Regulations:

- 1) To amend the Nipissing First Nation custom election regulation to allow on and off reserve electors to run in the election as long as they reside within a 100 km radius of the Nipissing First Nation administration building;
- 2) To amend the Nipissing First Nation custom election regulation to allow for voting over the internet, while maintaining existing voting in person, by mail and advanced poll;
- 3) To amend the Nipissing First Nation custom election regulation to remove the by-election requirement if more than 8 months remains in a term for a vacant councillor seat and instead to recognize the person running for councillor who finished 8th in the vote in the last election as the replacement councillor until the next regular election. The requirement to have a by-election for the chief position will remain unchanged.
- 4) To amend the Nipissing First Nation custom election regulation to include Anishinaabemwin on key words within the election code in a manner similar to the Nipissing First Nation Gchi-Naaknigewin;
- 5) To amend the Nipissing First Nation custom election regulation to correct spelling and grammatical errors;
- 6) To amend the Nipissing First Nation custom election regulation appeal system to add clarity.

The rationale for these recommended changes can be found in the enclosed final report of the Nipissing First Nation Election Code Review committee.

The proposed amended Election Code is available at nfn.ca/election-code, along with the survey results and committee review report. To request any documents by mail, email or fax, please contact Gen Couchie, Communications Officer at 705-753-2050 x 1270 or genc@nfn.ca.

An online information session will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, October 28th at 7:00 p.m.

The link to join the meeting will be posted to nfn.ca/election-code and to the Nipissing First Nation Administration Facebook page as soon as arrangements are confirmed.