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RATIFICATION VOTE

Vote on the

**Coldwater Narrows
Settlement Agreement and Trust
Agreement**

Dated for reference February 10, 2012





KEY MILESTONES

Vote on the Coldwater Narrows Settlement and Trust Agreement

- The vote is held under the *Indian Referendum Regulations*
- *Post / Mail date – March 2, 2012*
 - Notice of Ratification Vote with a list of all eligible voters was posted at various locations at each community.
 - Information mail-in ballot packages were mailed to all eligible off-reserve voters, where an address was available.





KEY MILESTONES

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Information Meetings at the Communities:

First Nation	Information Meeting
Beausoleil First Nation	1:00pm March 31, 2012
Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation	5:30pm March 27, 2012
Chippewas of Rama First Nation	6:00pm March 26, 2012
Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation	6:15pm March 22, 2012

VOTING DAY

Saturday April 14, 2012

9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

On Reserve Polling Station

(see the Notice of Vote for specific location)





NOTICE OF VOTE AND VOTERS LIST

Vote on the Coldwater Narrows Settlement and Trust Agreement

Required under the *Indian Referendum Regulations*, the Notice of Vote is posted on Reserve. It includes:

- the ballot question to be submitted to the electors;
- the date, location and time of which the referendum is to be held;
- that electors may vote in person or by mail-in ballot;
- the name, address and telephone number of the Electoral Officer; and
- Date, time and location of the information meetings





AMENDING THE VOTERS LIST

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- Names of eligible voters are attached to the posted Notice of Vote.
- A member may inform the Electoral Officer of a revision if the member believes that:
 - The name of a Voter has been omitted from the list
 - The name of a Voter is incorrectly set out or should not be included on the list
- A Voter's name may be added up to the voting day
- The Electoral Officer requires adequate proof of identification, age and band membership

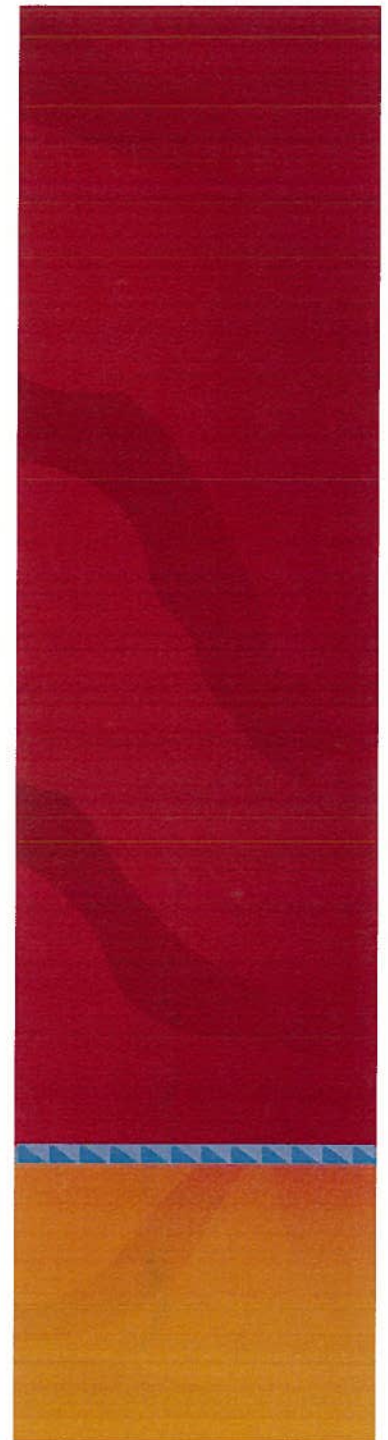




MAIL-IN INFORMATION PACKAGES

Vote on the Coldwater Narrows Settlement and Trust Agreement

- An Information Package, with a mail-in ballot was mailed to Off-Reserve Voters, where an address was available.
- On-Reserve Voters may also obtain the same information package by requesting one from the Electoral Officer or the Deputy Electoral Officers.





MAIL-IN VOTING

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Under the *Indian Referendum Regulations*:

- All eligible Voters can vote by mail or vote in person
- If you vote by mail you forfeit the right to vote in person on voting day
- If you vote in person you forfeit the right to vote by mail-in ballot
- If you spoil your ballot you must return the ballot to the Electoral Officer, who will then issue you a new ballot.





MAIL-IN PACKAGE AND BALLOT

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The Information Package contains the following documents:

1. Mail-in ballot, initialed on the back by the Electoral Officer
2. An envelope with “Ballot Envelope” printed on the flap on the back of the envelope, and “Declaration of Mail-in Voter” and “Attestation of Witness” printed on the front
3. A postage-paid return envelope, addressed to the Electoral Officer
4. Letter from the Electoral Officer
5. Notice of Ratification Vote
6. Indian Referendum Regulations
7. A copy of the Coldwater-Narrows Settlement Agreement dated for reference February 10, 2012.
8. Information Memorandum
9. A confidential information package from your First Nation that includes:
 - a) letter from the Chief of your First Nation
 - b) a summary and explanation of the Coldwater-Narrows Settlement Agreement prepared by your First Nation’s legal counsel
 - c) a copy of the the Trust Agreement
 - d) a summary and explanation of the Trust Agreement prepared by your First Nation’s legal counsel
 - e) information and advice from your First Nation’s financial advisor



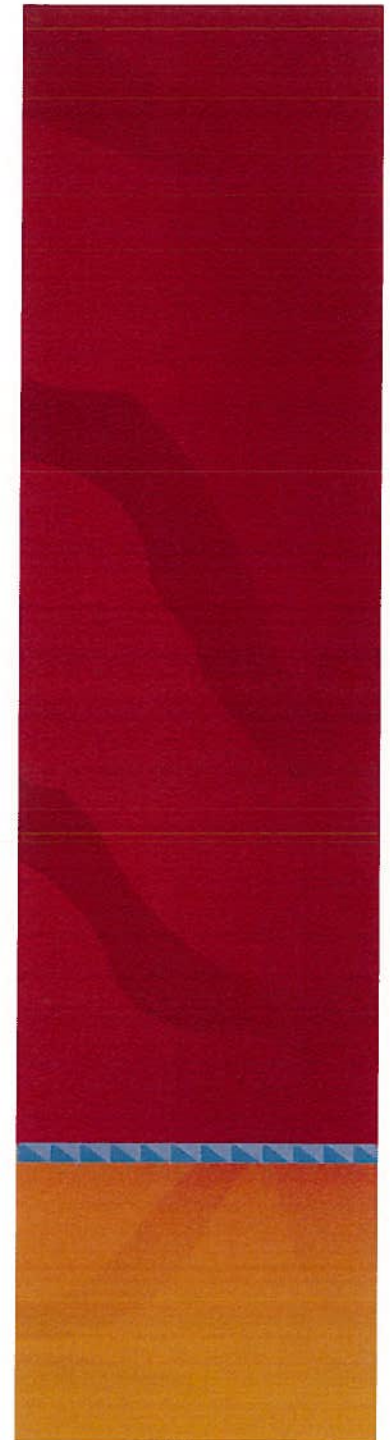


HOW TO VOTE BY MAIL-IN BALLOT

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To Vote using the mail-in ballot:

- Mark the Ballot with an “**X**” in either the “YES” or “NO” space
- Fold the Ballot to conceal the mark but expose the Electoral Officers initials on the back and place it in the Ballot Envelope that has the “Declarations of Mail-In Voter and Witness” printed on it
- Fill in the “Declarations of Mail-In Voter and Witness” Envelope
- Place the Envelope in the larger return envelope addressed to the Electoral Officer
- **Be sure to mail the return envelope in time to reach the Electoral Officer by the close of the polls (8pm) on Saturday April 14, 2012.**





MAIL-IN VOTER & WITNESS DECLARATION

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- The “Declarations of Mail-In Voter and Witness” envelope must be complete
- It must be witnessed and signed or your vote will not be counted
- You must include your band number
- Please carefully read the instructions in your information package for voting by mail





DEADLINES FOR VOTING BY MAIL

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- If you vote by mail-in ballot and you return your ballot through the mail, **your ballot must be received by the Electoral Officer by close of the polls @ 8pm on April 14, 2012 or your vote will not be counted.**
- It is the Voters responsibility to mail their ballot in time; mailing at least 10 days in advance is suggested.
- If you do not wish to return your mail-in ballot by post office mail, you may hand deliver your mail-in ballot to the Electoral Officer or Deputy Electoral Officer(s) anytime before the close of polls on Voting Day





MAIL-IN BALLOT

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- You may vote after this Information Meeting by using the mail-in ballot procedure; if you do, you forfeit the right to vote in person on Voting Day.
- Your mail-in ballot will be kept until Voting Day.





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VOTING DAY

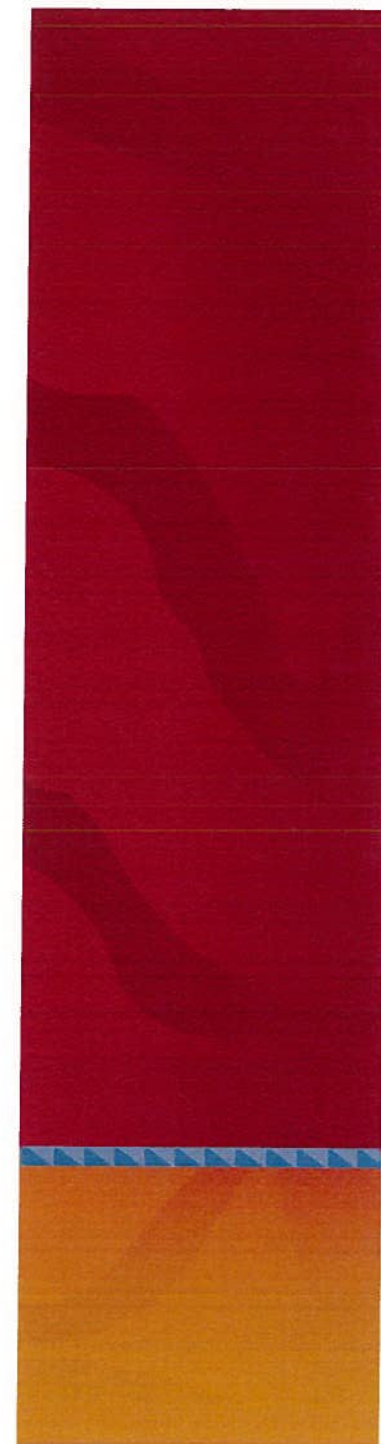
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PROCEDURES ON VOTING DAY

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Voting is by secret ballot

- When you vote, the Electoral Officer will:
 - Confirm you are an eligible voter
 - Have you return your mail-in ballot or if you have lost it, sign a statement that you lost your mail-in package
 - Affix his/her initials to the back of the ballot
 - Provide you with a ballot

- The Voter will:
 - Take the ballot to a voting booth, mark it and fold it to conceal the mark and expose the Electoral Officers initials
 - Return the ballot to the Electoral Officer who will verify the initials and deposit the ballot in the ballot box while you are present
 - If requested by a voter who:
 - Is not able to read
 - Is incapacitated by blindness or other physical cause

The Electoral Officer will mark the voter's ballot as directed by the voter, then immediately fold and deposit it into the ballot box

- If a voter receives a ballot that is spoiled or improperly printed or if the voter accidentally spoils the ballot, return it to the Electoral Officer and a new one will be issued





ORDERLY VOTING

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- Only one voter at a time in the voting booth
- Voters inside the voting station at the time of closing will be allowed to vote
- There can be no interference with a person voting or attempt to find out how a person votes
- If a voter is issued a ballot on the day of vote and leaves the voting station, without returning the ballot, they forfeit their right to vote.





VOTES TO PASS THE AGREEMENT

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- A majority of majority vote is required for the vote to pass
- 50% +1 of the eligible voters must vote. Of those that vote, 50% + 1 must vote “Yes” for the Agreement to be ratified
- If this is not attained on the first vote, a second vote may be requested

