

FOND DU LAC FIRST NATION OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TREATY #8 BENEFITS TRUST

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February 7, 2024

TO: THE MEMBERS OF FOND DU LAC DENESULINE FIRST NATION

Dear Members:

RE: TRUSTEE ELECTION REGULATIONS RATIFICATION

The Board of Trustees has been diligently working to review and approve the *Trustee Election Regulations* (the "*Regulations*") as required by the Fond du Lac Denesuline First Nation Treaty #8 Benefits Trust Agreement (the "Trust Agreement").

In fulfillment of our duties under Articles 7.8 and 7.9 of the Trust Agreement, the Board of Trustees therefore presented the proposed *Regulations* to Membership as follows during the 2023 fiscal year:

- 1. September 9, 2023 in Prince Albert; and
- 2. September 10, 2023 in Saskatoon.

The information meeting scheduled on-reserve for September 7, 2023 was unfortunately unable to be held due to the illness of an Elder. However, we received a sufficient Membership turnout at the other two meetings held. In 2022, the Trustees also presented to the Members in Saskatoon, Prince Albert, and on-reserve as follows:

- 1. August 4, 2022 in Fond du Lac;
- 2. August 6, 2022 in Prince Albert; and
- 3. August 7, 2022 in Saskatoon.

We confirm that a formal referendum will be held on April 13, 2024, with advanced polls to take place on April 6th in Prince Albert and April 7th in Saskatoon (exact location details will be shared on the final notices).

Gwen Lafond will serve as the Electoral Agent and Coordinator for the vote. The Electoral Officer, OneFeather, will tally the votes and provide an Official Count Declaration stating how many Members voted in total and how many of those Members voted in favour of the proposed *Regulations*. If approved by a simple majority of Membership, the *Regulations* will be approved as per Article 5.7(b) of the Trust Agreement. The final version of the Trustee Election

Regulation can be viewed on our website https://www.fonddulac.ca/pages/trust.html, or in person through our Trust Administrator, Tina Mercredi, in Fond du Lac. Electronic voting will also be made available on the Onefeather voting platform which will open on March 14th and will close at the end of the poll on April 13, 2024.

Members can vote in-person at the April 6 and 7th advance polls and at the April 13th regular poll in Fond du Lac, or electronically. Official notice of the vote will be posted on March 14, 2024 with more details.

We look forward to your Membership participation and to a meaningful referendum. Until then, you can find the Trust's quarterly and annual reports on the Treaty 8 website at: https://www.fonddulac.ca/pages/trust.html, or feel free to contact Tina Mercredi to view a paper copy, at: 306-686-2102, or by email at: treaty8trustees@fonddulac.ca.

Yours truly,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Per:

Raymond Tralnberg, Chair Devin Yooya, Vice-Chair Gabriel Stenne Jr. Justin Mercredi FNB Trust, Accounting Trustee