

Important Update

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FOND DU LAC DENESULINE FIRST NATION

TREATY 8 ANNUITIES SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND TRUST AGREEMENT

NOTICE OF RATIFICATION VOTE

DATE: November 29, 2024

TO: THE MEMBERS OF FOND DU LAC DENESULINE FIRST NATION

TAKE NOTICE that a Ratification Vote of the Voters of Fond du Lac Denesuline First Nation pursuant to Voting Guidelines of the Treaty 8 Annuities Settlement Agreement and the Trust Agreement will be held on December 16, 2024 to determine if the Voters of Fond du Lac Denesuline First Nation approve and assent to the Treaty 8 Annuities Settlement Agreement between Canada and Fond du Lac Denesuline First Nation, and the Treaty 8 Annuities Dividend Trust Agreement.

The following Ballot Question will be asked of the Voters of Fond du Lac Denesuline First Nation by secret ballot, as set out in the Settlement Agreement:

As a Voter of the First Nation, do you:

(a) agree to all of the terms and conditions of the Treaty 8 Annuities Settlement Agreement initialed by the negotiators for the First Nation and Canada, which settles and releases the Claim as defined in the Treaty 8 Annuities Settlement Agreement and the Trust Agreement;

and

(b) authorize and direct the Council of the First Nation to sign all documents and do everything necessary to give effect to the Treaty 8 Annuities Settlement Agreement and the Trust Agreement?

Information Meeting(s) for purposes of the Ratification Vote will be held on:

December 11, 2024, 1-3 p.m. at Fond du Lac Denesuline First Nation Band Hall

December 12, 2024, 5-9 p.m. at Plaza 88 Hotel, Prince Albert SK

December 14, 2024, 5-9 p.m. at Park Town Hotel, Saskatoon SK

December 15, 2024 5-9 p.m. at River Cree Resort and Casino, Edmonton AB

The Ratification Vote will take place on:

December 16, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Fond du Lac First Nation Band Hall

Electronic Voting will begin after the first Information Meeting on:

December 11, 2024 at 3:00 p.m through the electronic voting platform

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AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that Information Packages can be obtained from the Band Office and will also be available to all members at the Information Meetings. Additional digital copies of the Information Package can be obtained by e-mailing the Nation at molly.naldzil@hotmail.com.

Included with this Notice of Ratification Vote are copies of the Settlement Agreement (attached as Annex "A"), the Trust Agreement (attached as Annex "B"), the Voting Guidelines (attached as Annex "C"), and such other information as the Fond du Lac Denesuline First Nation Council determines.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that a Voters List is posted with this Notice of Ratification Vote. Sections 5.3 and 5.4 of the Voting Guidelines provide:

5.3 A Member may apply to the Ratification Officer before the Voting Day to have the Voters List revised if such Member believes that:

- (a) the name of a Voter has been omitted from the Voters List; or
- (b) the name of a Voter is incorrectly set out or should not be included on the Voters List.

5.4 A Member of the First Nation may, before the close of the polls on the Voting Day, apply to the Ratification Officer to have their name added to the Voters List if that Member provides:

- (a) proof of eligibility to vote by completing the Declaration of Membership and Eligibility to Vote Form substantially in the form of Appendix "C." This proof shall include documentation that verifies that the Voter's name is recorded on the Band List, and that the Voter is at least eighteen (18) years old on the date of the Ratification Vote and not disqualified from voting at band elections; and
- (b) upon receipt and confirmation of the information in the Declaration of Membership and Eligibility to Vote form, the Ratification Officer will revise the Voters List.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that when voting by **Electronic Voting**, instructions in Section 8.4 of the Voting Guidelines provides that:

8.4 To participate in Electronic Voting, Voters shall be required to:

- (a) provide their registration number (status card number);
- (b) provide their date of birth;
- (c) visit the landing page of the Electronic Platform;
- (d) confirm their eligibility to participate in Electronic Voting;
- (e) complete the Voter registration process;
- (f) declare their intent and desire to vote by Electronic Voting;
- (g) complete the authentication and Voter verification process;

- (h) mark their electronic ballot; and
- (i) confirm their electronic vote by digital signature.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that when voting in-person, instructions in Section 9.10 of the Voting Guidelines provides that:

9.10 Except as provided in Section 9.8, every Voter receiving a ballot will:

- (a) proceed immediately to a voting booth;
- (b) mark the ballot by placing a cross (“X”), check mark (“√”) or other mark, either in the box marked “YES” or in the box marked “NO” to clearly indicate the Voter’s response to the question stated on the ballot;
- (c) fold the ballot to conceal the mark and to expose the initials of the Ratification Officer; and
- (d) immediately give the folded ballot to the Ratification Officer who, without unfolding it, will:
 - (i) verify their initials, and
 - (ii) deposit the ballot into the ballot box.

DATED at the OneFeather Office, in the Province of British Columbia, this 29th day of November 2024.

An application for an amendment to the Voters List or a request for a copy of the Voting Guidelines or forms should be made to the Ratification Officer at:

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209 – 852 Fort Street

Victoria BC V8W 1H8

E-mail: voterhelp@onefeather.ca

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