

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS DURING ELECTIONS

September 26, 2012

Who can vote?

Any person who is on the Founding Members List of the Band who is age 18 or over as of the date of the election; i.e. October 23, 2012 .

How can I (or people) vote?

Polling stations will be established in each of the Electoral Wards on election day. These will be advertised and posted on www.qalipu.ca. There also will be an Advance Poll. The location(s) of the Advance Poll(s) will be advertised and posted on www.qalipu.ca. Eligible voters who cannot vote at his/her polling station on election day or at the Advance Poll(s) may apply to have a mail-in ballot sent to him/her. The application for a mail-in ballot is posted on www.qalipu.ca.

Where will polling stations be located?

Advance Polls will be held on October 17th, 2012. There will be two advance polls located at:

- Corner Brook--- St. John the Evangelist Church Hall , Main St, Corner Brook
- Stephenville---- Stephenville Lions Club Stephenville
- Exploits----- St. Joseph's Parish Centre, 9 Station Road, Grand Falls-Windsor

Polling stations will be at the following locations on Election Day:

Benoit's Cove	Benoit's Cove Community Hall, Benoit's Cove
Corner Brook	St. John the Evangelist Church Hall, Main Street, Corner Brook
Exploits	St. Joseph's Parish Centre, 9 Station Road, Grand Falls-Windsor
Flat Bay	Flat Bay Community Centre, Flat Bay
Gander Bay	Wings Point Community Centre, Wings Point
Glenwood	Fire Hall, Glenwood
Port Au Port	Leisure Club, Port Au Port

Stephenville	Stephenville Lions Club, Stephenville
St. George's	St. Joseph's Parish Hall, St. George's

In which Electoral Ward do I vote?

Eligible voters ordinarily resident within the boundaries of an Electoral Ward will vote in that Ward.

Eligible Voters who (1) have moved from a community within an Electoral Ward since the Band's formation on September 22nd, 2011, and (2) are not ordinarily resident within the boundaries of an Electoral Ward on election day will vote in the Electoral Ward in which they were last ordinarily resident.

Except for Eligible Voters living in Swift Current, Placentia Bay, any Eligible Voter not ordinarily resident in an Electoral Ward since the Band's formation on September 22nd, 2011, will vote in the Electoral Ward containing the community to which they claimed a current connection in his/her application for Band membership.

Eligible Voters in Swift Current, Placentia Bay, will vote in the Electoral Ward of Glenwood.

Check www.qalipu.ca for the boundaries of the Electoral Wards and the communities contained in the Electoral Wards

Will the current council step down? When do they step down?

The Current Council is responsible for managing the affairs of the Band until the election results are declared by the Chief Electoral Officer.

How can a person be nominated?

A Nomination Form for each position on the Band Council can be found on www.qalipu.ca. The Nomination Form must be completed and returned the Band Office by October 1, 2012. There are eligibility requirements to be nominated. They are:

1. for Chief – Band member 18 years of age or older who has been ordinarily resident on the island portion of Newfoundland and Labrador for a full six months prior to the date set for the close of nominations and who has been nominated by two other Band members ages 18 years or older
2. for Western Vice-Chief - Band member 18 years of age or older who has been ordinarily resident in either the Flat Bay, St. George's, Stephenville, Port au Port, Corner Brook or Benoit's Cove Electoral Wards for a full six months prior to the date set for the close of nominations and who has been nominated by two other Band members, each of whom is ordinarily resident in one of those Electoral Wards
3. for Central Vice-Chief - Band member 18 years of age or older who has been ordinarily resident in either the Exploits, Glenwood, or Gander Bay Electoral Wards for a full six months prior to the date set for the close of nominations and who has been nominated by two other Band members, each of whom is ordinarily resident in one of those Electoral Wards
4. for Councilor of an Electoral Ward - Band member 18 years of age or older who has been ordinarily resident in that Electoral Ward for a full six months prior to the date set for the close of nominations and who has been nominated by two other Band members, each of whom is ordinarily resident in that Electoral Ward

How come I can't vote?

Only Band members who have not reached the age of 18 on Election Day cannot vote. The age of 18 is consistent with the age of majority under federal law.

How much is Chief and Council paid annually?

The Chief position is the only elected position with a salary. The salary is \$93,000 per year. Councillors are paid an honorarium of \$5000 per year. Chief and Council are reimbursed for all travel based on Federal Treasury rates.