

Senk'l'ip News

Okanagan Indian Band



ELECTION EDITION

"Ensuring the Future through Cultural, Social and Economic Development."

CANDIDATES FOR CHIEF AND COUNCIL

Nominations for Chief and Council took place on January 5, 2005 at Head of the Lake Hall. Forty-five Band members were nominated for the positions of Chief and Council.

The candidates for Chief are: Fabian Alexis, Lyle Brewer, David Lawrence, Ken Cullen (withdrew), and Donna Goodwater (withdrew).

The candidates for Council are: Dallas Goodwater, Fred Louis, Jenelle Brewer, Jennifer Louis, John Tim Alexis, Hilda Belanger, H. Russell Williams, Cathy Gottfriedson, Susan Oliverious, Margaret Joe, Homer Alexis, Marcus Oppenheimer, Tim Isaac, W. Dean Louis, Rick Chiba, Diane Louis (withdrew), Reynold Bonneau, Raymond Marchand, Raymond Paul, Carl B. Marchand, Don Louis (withdrew), Jon Spotted Eagle, Dwayne Lawrence, Gary Bonneau (withdrew), Allan Louis, Byron Louis (withdrew), Mariel Belanger, Terry Jack (withdrew), Eric Mitchell (withdrew), Jay D. Louis, Raymond Bonneau, Vernon Tronson, Bill Cohen, Emery Robins, Leona Bonneau, Bonnie F. Lawrence (withdrew), Mabel Saddleman, Julie Richard, Wanda Duncan, and Frank Lewis.

Important Information For Off-Reserve Voters

If you are at least 18 years of age on February 16th, 2005, and are on the Okanagan Band list, you are entitled to vote in the 2005 election. You don't have to live on one of the Okanagan Band reserves to qualify as a voter.

If you live off-reserve and haven't received any election information, it may be because the Band doesn't have current contact information for you. If you haven't received anything, you should immediately contact either the Electoral Officer or Deputy Electoral Officer to obtain ballots. Their contact information is provided elsewhere in this edition of the Senk'l'ip.

If you live off-reserve, you can vote by mail-in ballot or in person at the polls on February 16th. If you decide to vote by mail-in ballot, be sure to mail your ballot so that it arrives by February 16th, which is voting day. Ballots received after the close of the poll on voting day cannot be counted. If you are unsure about whether or not your mail-in ballot will arrive by February 16th, you should make other arrangements to have your ballot delivered. For example, it could be sent by courier to someone who can deliver it to the polling place on your behalf.

If you received a mail-in ballot but are within driving distance of the polling place, you can decide to vote in person instead of by mail. However, you will have to return the mail out ballot and obtain a new ballot at the polling place. If you lost your ballot, you will have to swear an affidavit that it was lost.

If you vote by mail-in ballot, it is extremely important that you follow the voting directions carefully. If your ballot is marked incorrectly or if you don't place the ballots and declaration in the envelopes exactly as instructed, your vote may not be counted. If you are unsure about how to vote, contact the Electoral Officer or the Deputy Electoral Officer.

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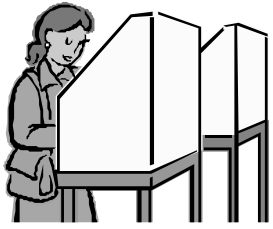
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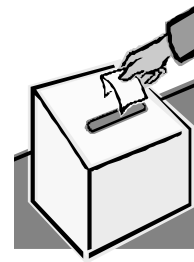
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Chief and Council Election Schedule



Voting will take place on:
February 16, 2005 at Head of the Lake Hall

You can cast your vote between:
9:00AM and 8:00PM



If you have any questions, please contact one of the following:

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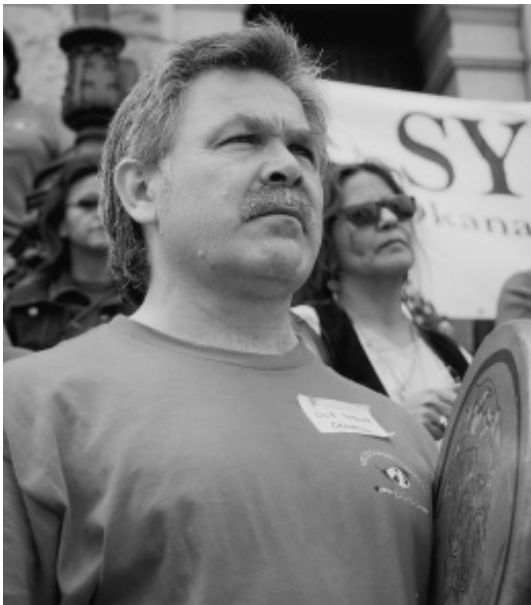
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CANDIDATE PROFILES

LYLE BREWER - CANDIDATE FOR CHIEF

VOTE FOR LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE - VOTE LYLE BREWER



About Me: My name is Lyle Brewer and I'm the current Chief of the Okanagan Band. I have lived most of my life at Irish Creek on Okanagan IR#1. I'm the son of William and Peggy Brewer and the grandson of the late Ernest Brewer and Emily Brewer (Checko). My grandmother Emily died before I was born and Helen Brewer became my grandmother. My grandparents on my mother's side are the late Arthur Green and Laura Green of PEI. I have five daughters, ages 18 to 29, and one grandchild, Jacob, who is now 3 years old. My partner, Clarice, and I have been together for 13 years.

Why You Should Vote For Me: My work history demonstrates a life-long commitment to bettering the lives of the Okanagan people and aboriginal people in general. I believe very strongly that it is critical to our future generations that we work together and build a cohesive community. I am committed to community building. I believe strongly in community planning. Nothing comes to those who sit and wait. We must be proactive and take charge of our own future. Building our future requires perseverance and dedication. The environment we operate in is extremely complicated. Our Chief must come to the job with the skills needed to represent your interests effectively in that environment. The Chief's chair is no place to gain the experience you need to be Chief. Our community will be heavily involved in important and sensitive negotiations in the next couple of years, including the Commonage Claim and negotiations related to our aboriginal title and rights. The negotiations related to our title and rights have been mandated by the Supreme Court of Canada and are significantly larger and more important than any negotiation our community has ever been involved in. I not only have the desire to be Chief, I have the strength of character, confidence, education and experience need-

ed to lead the Council, the community and the Okanagan Nation in these important negotiations and in the future development of our community and Nation.

Work History: **First Job:** Labourer at what is now Riverside Plywood Plant, Armstrong. **Okanagan Band:** Recreation Coordinator, Feb. 1977 to June, 1978. Band Manager, June, 1978 to April, 1989. **Westbank Band:** Land Administration Officer/Lands Manager, 1991 to 1994. **Self-Employed Consultant:** 1994 to 2003 (dba Parker Cove Management Ltd, L.W. Brewer Consulting and Reserve Management Inc).

Education: **Elementary School:** Irish Creek Day School and St. James School. **High School:** W.L. Seaton and Vernon Senior Secondary (1971 Grad). **Post-Secondary School:** Vancouver Community College - Community Recreation Leadership Program (1977 Grad). UBC Diploma Programme in Urban Land Economics (1996 Grad).

Accomplishments: Following are some of my past accomplishments: Development of virtually all of the water systems on OKIR#1 as they exist today. Settlement of the Cut-Off Lands Claim; Development and submission of the Commonage Claim; Development and submission of the Boundary Claim; Completion and submission of the Arrow Lakes Claim; Initiated the first CMHC housing projects. Development of virtually all of the existing improvements at Komasket Park. Developed plans for construction of the OKIB Fire Hall and establishment of the Band Fire Dept.

During This Term: Following are some of the accomplishments from the past two years that myself and Council can be proud of: Developed a more effective management structure for the OKIB; Oversaw the development of the first Business Plan for Eagle Rock Aggregates and reorganization of the business; Oversaw development of a draft financial administration bylaw to provide for improved financial management and control; Conceived the initial BC wide conference that led to the BC Title And Rights Alliance; Obtained funding for a new Fire Truck; Obtained funding for a Comprehensive Community Planning Project; Completed a wildfire logging project which produced significant profit and passed an FPB Audit. Completed an agreement with the Province for a Mountain Pine Beetle control program on Silver Star Mountain; Completed a protocol agreement and timber harvesting agreement with Tolko. And much, much more.

My Priorities: The Commonage and Colonial Claims. Accommodation of our Aboriginal Title and Rights. Implementation of a Financial Management Bylaw. Segregation of Band Funds from Program Funds and Business Accounts. Elimination of inherited deficits so that program funding, such as education and economic development funding, can be spent on their intended purpose. Separation of Governance and Administration functions. Development and implementation of the first ever 5 Year Operating Plans And Budgets for all Divisions. Development of our first ever Comprehensive Community Development Plan. Initiation of discussions with the community on developing our own constitution covering elections, membership, financial management and land management.

More Information: Should wish to obtain more information about myself and my accomplishments, please check out the website www.rezman.com/lyle

FABIAN ALEXIS - CANDIDATE FOR CHIEF



Way. I am Fabian Alexis, I was asked by grandmothers and grandfathers to run for the top leadership position on Band Council. I am willing to let my name stand for Chief of the Okanagan Indian Band.

In our culture it is appropriate for me to let you know whose family that I belong. My parents are George Louis and Elizabeth Alexis. I was raised by my maternal grandmother Ella Alexis from a very young age. My father's parents are Irene and Ned Louis and my great grandparents are Pierre and Katherine Louis. My maternal grandparents are Ella and Johnny Alexis. I have been raised closely with my cousins on both sides of my family, many whom are life long friends. I am very connected to my Okanagan roots as I was raised at Townsite and grew up on the reservation. I've grown up on the reserve under the scrutiny of my grandmother who did not miss much. My grandmother has guided my character and leadership. She was compassionate and kind, and always had a ready smile. She really enjoyed people by making time for them, and when you were in her company she was attentive and caring. I have learned a lot about how to treat people in a good way from my grandmother.

After graduating from high school, I also attended Trinity Western University in Langley, BC. In my early adult life, I worked hard on the West Coast at sea and in the Strait of Georgia on a Native owned commercial fishing vessel. I worked for ten long, hard seasons and I learned a lot about myself. I came away with self-discipline, self-motivation, and to be dependable and reliable as others counted on me to do my fair share of work. These attributes and values have sustained me and helped to shape my character and work ethic to this very day.

I have a good family life with my partner, Loveday, we live in the Armstrong area. Together we are raising our children; Willow, Sage, Dean and Mitchell. I currently work at the Okanagan Nation Alliance on the Westbank reserve in the Fisheries Department. I have worked steady at ONA these past four years. Working on the water comes second nature to me, with my past experience on a commercial fishing boat. I can truly say that I enjoy working in the field of fisheries. Fisheries is one of our strongest Aboriginal rights and I'm proud to say that I exercise and protect this right on a daily basis. I work with a strong, educated and committed team of professionals. Our mandate is the conservation, protection, restoration, and enhancement of indigenous fisheries and aquatic resources within Okanagan Nation Territory. We provide technical fisheries assistance for the Okanagan Nation and its seven member Bands and acts as a liaison with federal and provincial fisheries agencies. For more info on Okanagan Nation Alliance, visit the website at www.syilx.org. We work with Federal and Provincial Governments, and the USA and State Governments with trans-boundary matters. It is from this experience at ONA that I know that we can run our own affairs as qualified and competent professionals. We have a lot to be proud of in our efforts as a team. I have worked with the Okanagan band's youth supervising recreational floor hockey for two years now. I work with the young men with the goal of promoting fitness, fair play and good sportsmanship. All qualities that will help them as they grow and mature.

I am letting you know that I am willing to serve the Okanagan Indian Band electorate and membership. I do feel that I would considerably strengthen the leadership role in dealing with issues. I will work to lead a concerted effort with other Band Council members. Team work is the way. Toward that end, I would work toward bringing the Council into a more effective, and efficient decision-making body that governs. There's no reason we shouldn't put some good thought into creating and sticking to a balanced budget for the Band Administration, Council business and for our business ventures. We must carefully manage our monies. There is a surplus shown in education and that will be a top priority to make sure that we have sufficient funds to make sure we put our surplus to good use. Education is lifelong and is a right that our ancestors have fought hard to maintain and utilize. I'd also devolve significantly more controls and delegate more appropriately internal decision-making to the top executive. I have no interest in tying up the Band Council's energies with internal matters. There are also a number of issues that can only be dealt with at the bylaw level. Other candidates may wish simply to ignore them or to set up an elaborate committee system to deal with them. My belief is that we need to deal with them at the Council table. We have to develop an implementation plan for Financial Management, Custom Elections and a Band Membership Code. The Membership Code should include provisions for transfer if person has ancestral ties to the community without the need for a referendum as it now stands.

My focus as Chief would be simply to determine and enact the will of the band membership, the collective will of the Okanagan Indian Band. If elected, I will do the job and do it well and to the best of my abilities, that I do promise. I am asking for your support when you cast your ballot for the top leadership position. Together we can achieve great results, but we must begin by choosing a leader who can work together and garner the talents and value the input of the Council that they are elected to lead. Please mark your X by my name, Fabian Alexis, when you cast your ballot. You can reach me by phone at 549-0234 if you have any questions or send me an email at Fabian_alexis15@hotmail.com.

CANDIDATE FOR CHIEF - DAVE LAWRENCE - No Profile Submitted

MARGARET JOE - CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL



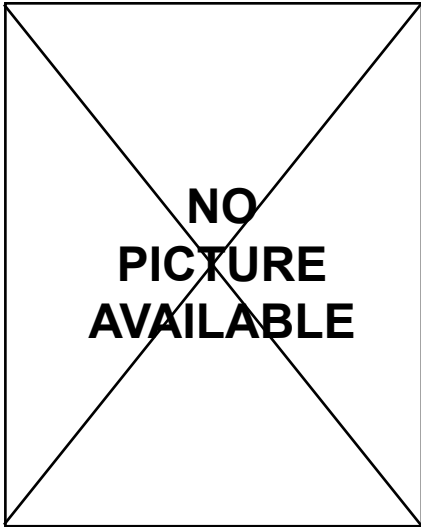
Most of you know me as Peggy Joe or Peggy Wilson. My husband Daniel and I have three sons; Greg, Dylan and Ethan. My parents are William and Jean Wilson, and they have five children and I am the youngest. My paternal grandparents are Sophie and Henry Wilson, and my maternal grandparents are Hannah Brewer and William Fraser. I appreciate my large extended family as I have grown up with knowing many aunts, uncles and cousins with whom I am very closely connected to this day. I grew up on the reserve and attended school in the city of Vernon, and I have lived on the reserve for most of my life. In my early twenties, I moved to Vancouver BC and remained there for several years. During my time away, I gained valuable experiences both professionally and personally. I was employed by a number of organizations as I was trying different types of jobs, trying to find my niche as most young people do. I worked for the Vancouver Native Housing Society, the Native Education Center and the Toronto Dominion Bank, just to name a few. I have worked for the Band in the Public Works Department and also with Round Lake Treatment Centre. Today, I work at SRI, Shelter Regent Industries in Winfield BC. I also hold an executive seat at the Board of Directors of Round Lake Treatment Centre. I have served on the Board for four years. Sobriety is a moral of mine yet I still enjoy life to the fullest.

My reasons for running are many. Mostly, I desire to see more! A lot more! And to build upon what we have. Firstly, I would like to continue the good work of previous councils on our extended health care facility for our elderly members, which would lessen the inconvenience to them of always having to go to town or outlying areas for their needs to be met. Secondly, I would like to see a recreation complex for our youth, we have so many talented young people it's a shame that they have to travel all the way to Vernon to participate in any kind of team sport. Those who are fortunate enough to have transportation to and from town can participate but those who don't have that luxury are all too often left out. By having our own recreation complex, we see our youth shine by becoming more active and confident to participate in sports of all kinds. The third area of concern for me is our Okanagan language. Our native language is the basis of our aboriginal culture. The language shapes our beliefs, values and is the basis for our customs. It helps to define who we are as Aboriginal people and our special relationship with not only each other in our communities, but as well to the land we live on. Our children need to know these things, they need to understand who we are and where we come from and be able to walk proud because of it. There are numerous tribal groups that have their own Native Immersion schools and others who have their native language taught in the non-native public school system. We know it is possible; all we have to do is make it happen. And remember, once a culture loses its language, the culture is also lost.

In order to attain these items, we need to generate revenue: one way of doing this is through economic development. The way I see us achieving this goal is by working collectively and utilizing all of our resources. We have a staff full of qualified individuals; it's time to give them the direction and let them do their job. We are all responsible when it comes to our Chief and Council. We decide who will sit at the table for the next two years, so before you mark your ballot I would ask you to consider this: The sky is the limit; our community is one of the most beautiful places on earth. We deserve to have quality businesses, along with our own schools and our own sports centers. We deserve these facilities so that we can create a place for our community to gather comfortably and to strengthen our family's ties. Families are the foundation of our culture and we need more time together to keep our foundation strong. Now more than ever, we need to stand together and build together and grow together for our future prosperity. We deserve quality and nothing less, we deserve more...and we must dream and plan for success. When you expect the best, and take nothing less, you often get what you ask for. I will work hard to achieve results as I believe we can succeed, our community's future depends on strong leaders who have a vision today.

I look forward to your support and I also would like to thank you for taking the time and having the interest to read the words that I have written with you in mind. Please mark your X beside my name, Margaret (Peggy) Joe when you cast your ballot on election day.

MARCUS OPPENHEIMER - CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL



My name is Marcus Oppenheimer. I am seeking a seat in the upcoming election. I was born and raised here on the reserve, 58 years ago. My parents are Ernest and Dorothy Oppenheimer, the proud parents of 19 children, 10 boys and 9 girls. I am the third oldest of the boys. I have 5 children and 9 grandchildren.

I went to school here on the reserve and also took a Tree Fruit Production course at Wenatchee Valley College. I worked at Hoover's Sawmill for quite a few years and then some small time mills that were operating on the reserve. When I moved back, I applied for land and built a house, which I designed myself and still reside in. During my years of growing up here, I have seen a lot of changes throughout the community and how the reserve has been growing.

If I am elected councilor, I will help and support the people in all areas that I can, listen to the people and treat them with dignity and respect. I will do all I can to fulfill their needs as well as the community. Please come out and cast your vote for MARCUS OPPENHEIMER. Limp-Limp.

HILDA BELANGER - CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL



Personal Information: Youngest child of Mary Abel and Edward Fred. Grand-daughter of Joe and Mariette (nee Gregoire) Abel. Married to Marcel for 36 years and mother of 3 children; Crystal, Mariel and the late Jr. Proud grandmother to 7 grandchildren.

Desire to Serve: My decision to serve the community in the capacity of councilor is to attempt to make improvements and expand on the successes of past councils. Whether it is in Education, Housing, Employment or any other area. We cannot stop and enjoy our success for fear of falling behind in progress.

Education Background: I hold a number of Certificates but the one that makes me the happiest is that of a Certified Education Assistant. I am employed by School District #22, Vernon for 5 years. Currently posted at Charles Bloom Secondary, Lumby. Other Certificates include Natural Resources Technician, Resource Inventory and First year Business Administration.

Related Experience: I've had the honour of serving on council for the terms 1997-1999 and again in 2001-2003.

Website: www.geocities.com/okibvote

JAY D. LOUIS - CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL



Personal Information: My name is Jay D. Louis; I am 33 yrs old and the youngest son of Richard and Pam Louis. My grandparents are the late Elsie Lacroix (nee Louis) and the late Johnny Jones of Vernon, and the late Theodore Barney and Julia Barney from Sprague River, Oregon. I have lived on the OKIB Reserve #1 my whole life and have 2 children; Kennedy and Trenton Louis.

Desire to Serve: Through my education and business background, I will be providing a leadership quality that I feel is necessary in the decision making process. As a parent, I feel that we need to begin thinking of our children's future and how the decisions we make today will affect our future leaders of tomorrow. Experiencing first hand the politics involved with the different families in our community, we need to, as young leaders, look past these indifferences and start moving forward as a community, united.

Education Background: Completed in April 2004; Diploma in Business Administration - Revenue Administration option. 2 courses for completion of requirements for the accounting option from OUC.

Related Experience: I have owned and operated Race Trac Gas and Convenience store since 1996 and currently work for the OKIB as the administrator of the cultural research program, a position which I have held for the past four years.

JENELLE BREWER - CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL



My name is Jenelle Brewer; I am the youngest daughter of William and Peggy Brewer. I was raised on the Okanagan Indian Reserve. I am 32 years old and a single mother of two children; Draigan and Renee. As a child, I remember having a close connection with the community and spending a lot of time with the Elders. I want my children to have the same roots.

I am a volunteer fire fighter with the OKIB Fire Department. I am a certified fire fighter and continue with weekly training. As a fire fighter, I know the importance of safety on a community level. Skills I have reinforced are teamwork, accountability, following chain of command and responsibility.

I have volunteered at conferences dealing with women's residential school issues. Being part of these conferences, I was able to be sensitive to personal issues, listen with compassion and get more understanding of our history.

My recent work includes being Coordinator for the nk'ma'pel'qs Gathering 2004. It was impressive how the community got together donating time and energy to make such a big project successful. There was a great feeling of community spirit. The skills I used and developed during this job were organization, decision making, preparing and attending meetings, project tracking, multi-tasking, functioning under pressure, meeting deadlines, delegation, asking for help, networking, and keeping good relations with staff and volunteers.

I am interested in the areas of preventative health programs, drug and alcohol support programs and emergency preparedness. I would like to increase recreations options for everyone, as well as building self-esteem programs for youths. I will work toward increasing funding to improve or implement programs for the benefit of Band Members by ensuring the necessary political advocacy.

I will be committed to full discussion and informed decisions by reading the council kit and other resources. I will strive to maintain good relations within council, band staff, and membership. I will be fair and inclusive when making my decisions within council.

I can be contacted at 250-558-4690. Thank you.

JON SPOTTED EAGLE - CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL



For the past 50 plus years, I have been involved both socially and politically on the Okanagan Indian Band. My parents, Johnny and Adeline Bonneau, and my grand parents Jimmy and Sarah Bonneau and Frank and Emma (nee Brewer) Gottfriedson are/were members of the Okanagan Band. In the past, my grandfather Jimmy Bonneau was a member of council for thirty plus years, he also served one term as chief. My mother Adeline was, for a time, the personal council secretary for Jimmy. As a political family, my siblings Ray and Ken Williams, Donna M. Good Water and Leona Bonneau all served as members of band council. As band representatives, we all recognized the need for a futuristic approach to decision making.

With the strong family support that I receive from my former wife, children, siblings and nieces and nephews we are asking for you to vote for me so that I can continue to represent the Okanagan Band as a member of Band Council.

As a member of council, I draw on my Masters in Social Work and my past work experience to assist in decision making. In the past, I have worked in the field of social work for the State of Washington, the Adams Lake Band, the Kamloops Indian Band and the Okanagan Indian Band. In both my work and my politics have given me the opportunity to sit on numerous boards such as: First Nation Social Work Steering Committee, All Nations Trust Company, and the BC Native Court Workers and Counseling Association, to name a few.

For the past two years, I have served on the Okanagan Indian Band council. In this capacity, I had the opportunity to support council in numerous band initiatives. A few highlights of our term include:

- reviewing the overall structure of the band administration
- implementing a restructuring process (administrative and financial)
- hosting a community gathering
- conducting a feasibility study on Eagle Rock
- implementing a housing audit to reconcile the housing deficient

As a member of Band council, I have demonstrated a deep commitment to work for the betterment of the band as a whole, through exploring new strategies. I believe that in order for our band to be successful in all aspects of growth, council needs to be following a community plan. A plan would guide council in decision making; financial decisions determine administrative goals and set the foundation for future development on the band. Now that the band council is establishing a beneficial administrative structure, the next step is to develop a long term community plan. Though your support, by re-electing me as a council member I will support the implementation of a community plan. In closing put your "X" by Jon (Jack) Spotted Eagle. A vote for fairness, honesty and integrity.

SUSAN OLIVERIUS (nee MARCHAND) - CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL



Personal Information: I am presently employed at S.R.I. Homes since April 1993 as a production worker and First aid attendant Level 3. I am the daughter of Ralph and Rose Marchand. My grandparents are Mary Abel and Charlie Bessette. Richard and I have been happily married for 16 years. We have 3 beautiful children; Mayria, Ryan and Ashley. Also, my wonderful sisters and brothers I have been blessed to have in my life.

Desire to Serve: I feel it would be great to give a little of myself to the community that I enjoy being a part of. I would like to see growth and development within our community for our generation and the future generations to come.

Education Background: I graduated from Vernon Senior Secondary School in 1979 and attended Cariboo College in 1981. I have maintained my O.F.A. Occupational first aid ticket since 1988.

Related Experience: During the past 5 years, I have been actively involved with the I.W.A. union for our plant S.R.I. Homes, now the United Steel Workers of America Div 3.
 1999 - 2002 Job Steward
 2002 - 2003 1st Vice
 2003 - 2004 Plant Chairperson

TIM ISAAC - CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL



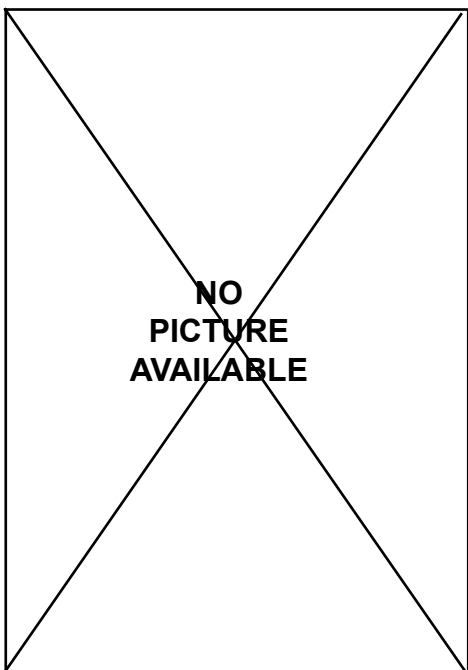
Personal Information: I am currently working to establish a campground at my home in Salmon River.

Desire to Serve: I want to have fairness with all council decisions. The ultimate goal is to have membership and council work as a team to achieve a comfortable and healthy place to live. This includes housing, economic development, policies, bylaws and hiring practices.

Education Background: University of Western Ontario - Journalism
 Selkirk College - Communications and Photography
 Governance workshops

Related Experience: Manager of Communications Society of BC's Kahtou Newspaper
 Law Courts Education Society
 Okanagan Nation Newspaper - Beat of a Different Drum

LEONA BONNEAU - CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL



Personal Information: My parents are Johnny and Adeline Bonneau. My grandparents are Sarah and Jimmy Bonneau, Frank and Emma Gottfriedson. My great-grandmothers are Lena Lawrence, Christine Brewer, and Margaret Alexander-Smitkin. My grandchildren are Juanita and Jayce and my sons are Wesley, Jay-T, Johnny Lee, and Randall. Traditionally, I have many more children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Desire to Serve: It is time for our Band to strive for an "Us", to remove the "I". My desire is for our people to have a voice and to be treated with respect and dignity. Our future needs to be defined by "We, the people". It is not what can "I" do, it is what can "we" do. The one question I ask all members, "What is important to you?" For me, it is "Life". It's time for "us" to make a "Plan".

Education Background: My education background is simple; Life. Though I do have some training in other areas, it is listening to the people.

Related Experience: Working within the School system stems out to students, families and Bands, in understanding the dynamics of different fractions of organizations. Working with young people to build their foundations for their future, through their visions, dreams, values, commitment, and identifying their skills. Understanding the knowledge and strength of the young people. In Spirit. In Friendship. Leona Bonneau.

JENNIFER LOUIS - CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL



Personal Information: I am the youngest daughter of Scotty and Honey Brewer (nee Oppenheimer). I have four siblings; Cindy, Molly, Darryl and Arnie. I am married to Richard Louis Jr. and we have 3 children; Erica (17), Dixon (11) and Catherine (9). Our family lives in the Six-Mile area of OKIB #1. Having both grown up on the reserve, my husband and I know the importance of family and community. It is important to have this valued connection, and to have it be an important part of our lives and the lives of our children.

Desire to Serve: I have a good sense of the history of our Band, it's families and the Band organization and most importantly, I have a desire to serve the community on behalf of our future generations. We will be around for a long time, and we deserve to have the best representation that we can have. I can offer you that. I am a solid person with a strong foundation in our Okanagan culture and the current issues and realities affecting our progress.

I believe that if given the opportunity, I can provide a strong, positive leadership role within our community. I believe strongly in the education of our Okanagan people, and working together toward unity amongst our members. I am more than willing to answer any questions that you may have - please feel free to email me at: jenny_louis@hotmail.com.

Education Background: Completed my high school education at Vernon Senior Secondary School in 1984; Certified Legal Secretary and Medical Office Assistant/Terminology; Accpac Plus Windows

Related Experience: A lot of my experience working with First Nations has been within the administration. I have held two positions as Council Secretary/Receptionist. I worked for both the Penticton Indian Band for over five years and then with our own Okanagan Band as the Council Secretary. I held this position for nearly 6 years. Having the opportunity to work first-hand with the largest bands in the Okanagan Nation territory, I know the internal and external challenges and difficulties that face both the Band's administration role and the roles of Chief and Council. It is with this experience and knowledge that I bring a vast amount of know-how and savvy into developing a solid working relationship between these two parties. This is the only way to ensure the progress of the Okanagan Indian Band, not only for each other and most importantly our children. We need to make solid decisions today so that we can have a brighter future for our grandchildren and great grandchildren. We must continue to invest in our own Aboriginal people.

WANDA DUNCAN - CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL



Personal Information: I am 29 years of age, the daughter of Georgina Louis and grand-daughter of the late Ned and Irene Louis. I am also the mother to Rylie and Kobe and my spouse is Tige Marchand. I have been employed with the Okanagan Indian Band for eight years as a home support worker.

Desire to Serve: I wish to serve on Council in order to create positive changes in our healthcare and education system that is being delivered to the Okanagan Indian Band. I am a firm believer and supporter of all individuals who wish to pursue a higher level of education, be it academic or trades. I also wish to ensure that healthcare services funding is fair and consistent to the membership. With the teachings that I have learned from our elders during my employment as home support worker, I have learned that in order to go forward, we must reclaim our past traditions. As in the past, our elders have always held a position of respect and provided much guidance in our governance.

Education Background:
1994 Graduate from W.L. Seaton Senior Secondary
Variety of health care training certificates

Related Experience: Current Parental Advisory Council (PAC)
Secretary of Snc'c'amala?tn Education Centre.

REYNOLD BONNEAU - CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL



I am Reynolds John Bonneau and once again I am seeking your support in the election scheduled for February 16, 2005, when I will be looking to have the Band's electorate endorsement as Councilor.

I am the son of Wilfred and Gladys Bonneau and feel so thankful that at my age, both parents are still with us. I married Mildred Parker, daughter of the late Harry and Sarah Parker in 1967. I am a committed family man, Millie and I have just celebrated 37 years of marriage and we have been blessed with three sons and seven grandchildren.

I have for some time, and continue to manage a residential development, a property management company and a restaurant. I also participate in a successful family cow-calf/ranch operation. We have built and maintained our businesses which benefit the people of the Okanagan Indian Band in terms of employment opportunities. The Elders of the Band hold weekly meetings, and for some time, my family and I have provided the Elders a complimentary meal at our restaurant where they hold their meeting once a month. My family business has also provided financial sponsorship for local rodeos, baseball and basketball tournaments. In a personal capacity, Millie and I often financially contribute to personal needs of Band members.

If given the opportunity to again serve the Okanagan Indian Band as a Councilor, I will remain committed to giving fair and equitable treatment to all members of the Okanagan Indian Band. I will continue to exert my efforts to represent all the members of the Band in a respectful manner.

I firmly believe in fiscal responsibility and would continue to insist on such to protect and enhance the future of our Band and our children. I am committed to continued work to implement the decisions of the courts in the protection of our Aboriginal Title and Rights. As a committee member of Territorial Stewardship Division, we have continued to advance the Commonage Claim that was filed some time ago by the Band. We have developed a Protocol Agreement and have signed a Working Agreement after years of static negotiations with Tolko Industries; we now have this relationship in place. As you know, Tolko is a giant in the forestry industry and have

the major annual allowable cuts and tree farm licenses in our territory.

The current Council has reorganized the structure of the administration into 6 major divisions to streamline and update the structure that has been in place since the 1970's. The needs of the Band have certainly changed and the restructuring is intended to devote our staff efforts to meet the demands of today.

Although my formal education does not extend beyond high school, my life experience, tragedies and triumphs have taught me more than any book ever could. In these triumphs and tragedies, I have learned the value of family, friends and life itself. I believe that every day each one of us continues to learn and grow in our own unique way.

The Band membership has honored me by casting their ballots for me as councilor for the 2003-2005 election term. My past experiences have been as Councilor for the Okanagan Indian Band, as Band Manager and three terms as Chief. I hold the honors bestowed on me by those experiences with the highest regard. In these various positions, I managed a number of staff and was able to hone my ability as a negotiator. I also served as a volunteer with the Okanagan Band Fire Department for a number of years. I learned many things as well when I served for 15 years with the local RCMP as Auxiliary Constable until my resignation in June of 2000. I stand on my record and believe that I have demonstrated my commitment to the community of the Okanagan Indian Band. From past experience, I have developed my vision, which is to provide as many services as possible that will enhance the lifestyle of the Band members.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge the work and efforts of the incumbent Council, June Cole and Byron Louis in making what must have been a difficult personal decision to decline their nomination for Council. Thank you, June and Byron!

JULIE RICHARD - CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL



Personal Information: Daughter of Ralph and Rose Marchand, grand-daughter of Mary Abel and Charlie Bessette. I have been married to Mario Richard for 10 years. I have three wonderful children; Skylar, Stephane and Shelby. I am 34 years old and proud to be from a large family of terrific brothers (3) and sisters (7). I love you all.

Desire to Serve: I have always been proud to be from the Okanagan Indian Band, I have always felt that we live in one of the most beautiful places in the world. Therefore, what better way to give back to the community than to serve it? I feel I have a lot to offer our community, some thoughts on our health, economies and future growth. I also feel my strong ties to our community are also beneficial. I have strong integrity, moral values and sincerity.

Education Background: Attended W.L. Seaton, graduated in 1989.
Attended OUC in 1990-1991.
Working on obtaining my bachelors, when my children are older.
N.V.I.T. - Introduction to Social Work.

Related Experience: Working as a hairstylist since 1997 to now. For the last three and a half years I was self-employed at a salon in Vernon. I had a very successful business until my youngest daughter was born.

CATHY GOTTFRIEDSON - CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL



I am the 4th child of the late George Gottfriedsen, nk'ma'pel'qs (Head of the Okanagan Lake) and the late Lucille Terbasket Gottfriedsen, Similkameen. I was raised by both families in our territory. I am the mum of a wonderful daughter, Farren. I live on the Westside with my partner, Gordon. We continue to enjoy our lives' without drugs or alcohol and are on health and wellness plans.

Formal training: Bachelor of Arts Degree, Sociology, from Seattle University (specializing in addiction studies), 1990 Master of Social Work Degree (community and organizational services) from the University of Washington, 1992 Numerous and various workshops, projects, conferences and training sessions over life time concerning indigenous issues (social, cultural, language, health, education, children's, young people, women, Elderly, Indian Residential School and other) Leadership roles as a volunteer, Committee and/or Board member: First Nations Friendship Centre (Vernon) Vernon & District Women's Centre BC First Nations and National First Nations Headstart Committees Interior Health Board (and the Aboriginal Health and Wellness Advisory Committee) Ongoing volunteer work for Indian Residential School Survivors' Society, BC Aboriginal Working Group - Provincial Gathering March 2004 (Vancouver) Ongoing volunteer work in cultural, language and indigenous knowledge protection (co-directed Okanagan Language Festival at nk'ma'pel'qs in August 2000) Sports and recreation - co-sponsored a women's basketball team (for over 10 years) and organized numerous tournaments and camps (basketball and softball)

Employment: Aboriginal Targeted Funding Program in School District No. 22 (Vernon) as a First Nations Advocate and program developer for past 7 years. Consultant work, proposal writer, Traditional Aboriginal Parenting video, administrator, social service provider.

My interest and motivation in serving on the Okanagan Indian Band Council is to do my part in protecting our sovereignty for all time and in doing my part in improving our life conditions in all areas and levels as individuals, families, as a community and as the sylix people of this land. We are all aware that we could use improvements in the social, cultural, health, education, economic, governance and political areas of our lives. It is my wish, like most of you, that our children, young people, women, men and Elderly live and enjoy quality lives now and that we ensure the same and better for our future generations.

When you vote for Cathrine Gottfriedsen, you are voting for a basically healthy, responsible, mature, culturally based and politically aware woman who keeps the best interests of the Okanagan Indian Band and the Okanagan Nation as a whole in mind. I have learned from family, community, Nation, national and international leaders and everyday folks (like you and me) that it is our responsibility to determine our destiny and that we have the answers to any of our problems and challenges. Together we can accomplish anything!

MABEL SADDLEMAN - CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL



Let me introduce myself. My name is Mabel Saddleman and I am running for council. My spouse, Gene Joe, and I have lived and worked together for nearly twenty years. Together we share a family of wonderful children. Gene and I have two children together, Tara and Ryan and we share our children from our prior marriages; Tanya, Danielle, Crystal, Justin, and Keona. Our families are also very close with their siblings from Sandra and the late Albert Saddleman; Tetku, Sulinik, Lepika and Inchechin. Gene and I are very proud to say that we are the grandparents of Mackenzie, Sapien and Makayla. I was raised from an early age by my grandparents from Merritt, whom I have remained very closely connected throughout my life. My parents are Ester and Clarence Snow. My dad passed away when I was twelve years of age. In my teens, I moved with my mother to the Vernon area. We came to work and I went to school here. Later, my sisters Carol and Margaret came to join us. Eventually, it turned out that I did not leave, I made a life here in the North Okanagan and started a family.

I have been a long time resident of the reserve. I feel that my knowledge of the history of the community will be of great benefit when looking at the future for the band. I have watched many friends and family members commit their time to band government and believe it's my time to do the same. Politics has shaped my life in the Okanagan Indian band since being married to a long time council member who eventually became Chief of the Band. I am no stranger to how the Band Council works and how decisions are made and I am willing to take on the challenge.

I have worked as a full-time Home Care Aid for the past three years for the Okanagan Indian Band. I believe I can offer my experience with health practice in the field of Adult Home and Community Care, the area of my training. I have worked with many of the families in the community and I have learned first hand their concerns and frustrations. The program and operation is more than simply reading and applying policy, it requires a real knowledge of the diverse human conditions involved with caring for the elderly, the infirm and their families.

I would hope that we take a good look at what is not working and what could be improved in the Home Care system that is operating on the reserve. This is a real concern to residents who depend on Home and Community Care programs. The most important area that requires time is building of good communication between council and the membership. The ability to deal upfront with their concerns is an area that I would like to see improved. My years of work related service, combined with my volunteer service to youth recreation, is my strength, working with people for the betterment of the community and young people in particular. I am confident that I have a lot to offer the position. My commitment to families as a long worker in the field of health service and community service will benefit the Band. Please let me know your concerns. I will definitely be a voice for those who do not feel that their matters have been heard and answered. I would appreciate your support for a position on Band Council when you go to the polls. Please mark an X by my name. You can reach me at 542-0840.

ALLAN LOUIS - CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL



My name is Allan Louis. My immediate family is my life partner Judy, my son Ryan and daughter Falon. Falon and her husband Nick have blessed me with two beautiful granddaughters; Tessa and Aroura. Judy has two sons; Jay and Jonathan. Lucy (Saddleman) Louis, I am proud to say, is my mother. Albert Sr. and Della Saddleman are my grandparents on my mother's side and they resided in the Whiteman Creek area. My father, Emery Louis, was a great man and had a positive impact on not only my life but also the lives of many. My grandparents on my father's side are Pierre and Catherine; they also resided on the Okanagan Reserve in the Six-mile area.

The values I believe in were passed down from my parents. They taught me hard work and education are very important and to remember and respect our history and to bring those values forward to teach our children. In the past, Okanagan people lived in harmony with the land. Today we face different challenges. We must work to protect what land we have left, with a great deal of attention toward the watersheds.

While land and water are very important, our children should be our number one priority. They are the future of the Okanagan people. Education plays a very important role in the success of our people. With every generation, we grow stronger. It has been within the last fifty years that the First Nations have been in the European school system. We have done well, but we can do better. The Okanagan youth are graduating High School in greater numbers. We cannot stop there, we must encourage our graduates to continue on with their education and enroll in college or university. I run a home base business as a certified mechanic. This would not be possible without attending College and expanding my education.

I have very strong family values, and a great concern for the Okanagan people and the Nation, especially our children and providing them with a solid future. I am seeking my fourth term as a councilor for the Okanagan Indian band. I will continue to work hard for the community and the people. Thank-you

HOMER ALEXIS - CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL



Personal Information: My parents are Tim Alexis and Mabel Alexis. I am married with 7 children. I have been employed at Riverside Forest Products for the past 19 years. I raise and train horses and participate in horse show events.

Desire to Serve: I am ready, willing and able to serve our community, land and future.

Education Background: I am a grade 12 graduate with a Fish Farming Certificate from Malaspina College.

Related Experience: I have worked in the commercial fishing industry (herring) and have knowledge and experience in rangeland management issues. I have owned and operated a trail riding outfit.

DALLAS GOODWATER - CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL



Personal Information: I am the daughter of Donna Goodwater and Leslie Ned and granddaughter of Adeline (nee Gottfriedson) and Johnny Bonneau. I am the mother of three daughters and two sons whose ages range between 4 and 14.

Desire to Serve: My educational focus of anthropology and history and the involved research, in addition to my studies of current aboriginal issues, have led my political interests.

Education Background: Tourism Supervisory Development Program, 1992
Associate of Arts 2002
Currently in 4th year at Simon Fraser University (Kamloops campus)

Related Experience: Educational and personal interest in Okanagan Indian Band priorities and provincial and national Aboriginal political organizations

MARIEL BELANGER - CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL



Personal Information: I am the second daughter of 3 children to Hilda and Marcel Belanger, grand-daughter to the late Mary Abel and Edward Fred. I was born in Vernon and raised at Bradley Creek OKIB #1. I am an educated single mother of 3 children. My career goals are in the direction of film and television as well as creative writing. I am a published poet, professional model and a represented actor.

Desire to Serve: My desire is to serve the community to the best of my ability. As this has the possibility of being my first term, I will focus largely on current council activities. My personal focus will be our Youth. I plan on assisting when I can in the implementation of new programs. My term goal for this focus is to research the possibility of creating a recreation facility. My secondary focus is Economic Development. My term goal for this focus is to utilize my research skills in the areas of funding sources and learning more about business development. As well, I would like to focus on creating a community partnership with local cultural tourism organizations to see the development of a Theatre facility.

Education Background: I graduated college in Media and Communications foundations as well I have my first year Social Work. I have participated in many youth oriented workshops including some provided by School District #22.

Related Experience: I have worked within the band in various departments including: Public Works and Housing, Education and the Wellness Centre. Much of my experience is in dealing with membership on a personal basis and recording minutes for committee meetings. I have extensive research skills which aided in locating the funding source for a Youth Services Canada

program and created on reserve jobs for a number of youth. My writing and technical skills are utilized and appreciated by the Sookinchoot Youth Centre. I have been a member of the Sen'k'lip Native Theatre Company, which provides me with a valuable background in Okanagan history and legends. Please feel free to visit my personal web site at <http://www.geocities.com/marielbelanger> or e-mail me at mjbelanger73@hotmail.com for questions. It's time for a new voice to be heard. Let's start with yours. Wai lim limt

BILL COHEN - CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL



Personal Information: My parents are Mary and Dempsey Charters. My grandparents are Billy and Laura Cohen. My kids are Tallin, Kwanita, Mary-Rose, Emma and Willy. I have extended family connections throughout OKIB and the Okanagan Nation and interior.

Desire to Serve: Unless we act now, our children's rights will disappear with our language. Our children's rights have to be at the center of our governance and decision making. I want our youth and kids to know our language, our territory, practice our rights, and also excel in the world. An OKIB immersion school is my 1st priority. Factions and infighting keep us weak. I am committed to work with and for all families to make good things happen.

Education Background: Education Doctorate in Policy and Leadership, UBC (in progress)
Master of Education in Administrative Leadership, SFU
Bachelor of Arts and Science with Distinction, U of L
Okanagan Language certificate

Related Experience: Instructor and Chair, OUC Indigenous Studies BA Program 2003-present
Director of Education and Instructor, En'owkin Centre 1995-2003
Developed and facilitated many projects and courses based on Okanagan knowledge
Published a book and articles about Okanagan history and knowledge, and I am a children's book illustrator
I have always contributed my abilities as an artist and carver to my community

DWAYNE LAWRENCE - CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL



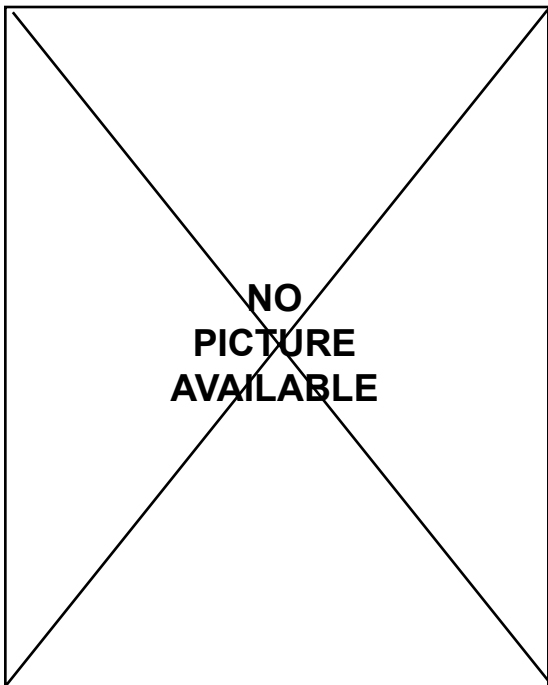
Personal Information: I am the son of David and Bonnie Lawrence. My grandparents are William Lawrence and the late Eva Lawrence (nee Oppenheimer). My great grandparents were Johnny Oppenheimer and Edith Nicholas and William Lawrence Sr. and Harriet Mahoney. Me and my wife, Tracey Ross, have 3 beautiful children; Danaka, Kaylan and Brady.

Desire to Serve: When I was 18 years old, I asked my grandmother, the late Eva Lawrence, "What makes a good leader?" She replied, "To have respect for all living things, to be honest, to be trustworthy and to be a good listener." I know in my heart, I have all those abilities and if voted in and given the opportunity, I would serve my people well to the best of my abilities. I have served with the Okanagan Indian Band volunteer fire department for 12 years and have been to countless fires throughout our reserve. I have also served on the Native Youth Council in our community. I have also served with the RCMP Aboriginal Summer student program which, for two years, I patrolled the reserve with my dad, Dave Lawrence. I am currently enrolled in the RCMP Auxiliary Program. In only mentioning a few, I hope this shows my commitment to my Band and for the love I have for my community.

Education Background: I graduated in 1996 from Fulton Secondary School. I attended OUC, enrolled in the Business degree program. In 1997, I enrolled in Capilano College with interests in marketing. I also have completed the Native Courtworkers program.

Related Experience: Being a part of the Okanagan Native Youth Council. Serving with the Okanagan Indian Band volunteer fire department for 12 years, involved in many functions throughout our community, knowing my culture and participating in winter dances, pow-wows and any other cultural experiences throughout our Nation. Limpt Limpt.

WALTER DEAN LOUIS - CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL



I am the son of Walter and Diane Louis. I am currently running for the position of Councilor for the Okanagan Indian Band. My goal, if I am a successful candidate, is to build for the future generations. We need to focus on education, sports and recreation in order to build a healthy community. I would be in favor of our own schools and recreation complex to serve our youth. We need our own facilities instead of traveling to town.

In 1979, I completed 3 years in toastmaster's course and completed a journalist/photographer course and had two articles (Okanagan pictographs) published in national magazines. In 1980, I was awarded the "Young Indian Achiever of the Year" in Montreal at the National Indian Brotherhood. I completed a youth counselor training in 1988. I also attended Okanagan College for 5 semesters in the Fine Arts program. I studied drawing, paint and printmaking. Currently, I do freelance graphics for sports teams and friends.

I also worked for Parks Canada, Western Indian Agriculture Program as a pesticide applicator and regional supervisor. I spent a few years working in the silviculture for BC forestry as well as BC hydro in the construction department. I have worked in orchards and vegetable gardens up the valley and US. I am currently employed at SRI Homes for the last 12 years. I also do private contract work for B&R roofing.

My hobbies are drawing and painting and playing guitar. I read a lot of history and science and play fast pitch for the Westside Falcons and also actively participate with my nephews in their sports and music. I was the team rep for our fast pitch team.

I have never held a political office before but I am keenly interested and aware of native affairs here and abroad. In 1990, some friends, relatives and fellow band members staged a sympathy information picket in support of the Mohawk people at Kanasetake. I was the spokesperson for this group during this time. I made numerous media appearances explaining the Native side of the story. We were successful in reaching a peaceful solution. I am a firm believer in exercising our Aboriginal Title and Rights without alienating our neighboring communities.

So please consider my name, Walter Dean Louis, for councilor when casting your ballot. Lim limt.

FRED LOUIS - CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL



I am accepting the nomination to run for a position on Band Council in this coming election. I'd like to tell you about my family as they are supporting me fully in my decision to put my name forward. My wife Edna and I have been married for many years. We will be celebrating our 49th wedding anniversary this year. We have two adult children; Randy and Lana. Edna and I are very proud to be the grandparents of Jessica and Ty.

I was born and raised Okanagan and I have been a lifetime member of the band. Edna and I have lived continuously in the community where we have made our home and life. My parents are Ned and Irene Louis, and my paternal grandparents are Pierre and Katherine Louis. I was raised in a large ranching and agricultural family, and along with my ten siblings; Dora, Mabel, Wally, Rhoda, Rose Ella, George, Lydia, Gerry, Mervin and Georgina. I have learned a lot about discipline and team work since my early years, as taught to me by my parents. In anything that I have set out to accomplish, I have done with a spirit of dedication and commitment. I take pride in my work and take my responsibilities with a high regard to do the best that I can.

My earliest jobs were logging, surveying and working in hay fields. My work accomplishments include being a rancher and being a part of the logging industry for thirty years. I have been an avid ball player and recall fondly my early days of playing with a top-notch baseball team from the reserve. I also trained in the sport of boxing.

My passion and dedication are shown in my service as a Board of Directors at Round Lake Treatment Centre. I have dedicated over eleven years of service to the center. I was elected as Vice President in RLTC's twenty five years of operation this past year and I previously served on the Okanagan Indian Band council for a term. So I have a good idea of the amount of work and commitment required to serve the community.

I made commitments to community service with my coaching duties in youth fastball, and youth baseball teams over the years. I also was a referee for minor hockey with over five years of service. And I refereed many boxing matches over the years. I really value my membership in BC Boxing Association that has spanned 20 years, a significant accomplishment to me. Additionally, I am also affiliated with the Canadian Boxing Association. I am currently retired, but I volunteer my time three nights a week. I coach boxing with youth and adults interested in training. This is quite a significant commitment and a valued service for the young people.

I am reliable trustworthy and a great citizen who demonstrates commitment to excellence. I will work just as hard in my duties as councilor if elected. My exceptional characteristics include my value to honesty and dedication to getting a job or task completed. I am a willing listener, approachable and will take time to consider all aspects of a matter before making a decision. I have been an all-around community service oriented person and I would appreciate your support when you cast your vote. Show your support by marking X by Fred Louis on the ballot.

CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL - NO PROFILES SUBMITTED:

Raymond Marchand, Harold R. Williams, Carl B. Marchand, Vernon Tronson, Johnny (Tim) Alexis, Emery Robins, Raymond Bonneau, Rick Chiba, Raymond Paul, and Frank Lewis

BIG THANK YOU TO THE MEMBERSHIP



I would like to say "Thank You" to the membership for all of your support during my 6 year term on council.

I found the three 2-year terms very enjoyable and also very rewarding. The first 2-year term was spent mostly learning all the new acronyms, such as ONA meant Okanagan Nation Alliance, and OTDC stood for Okanagan Training & Development Council, and just being on a learning curve of being on council. Being on the different committees helped me learn a lot about the various functions of the band. One of the most rewarding functions that I attended was the Victoria Caravan last May. It made me feel very proud to be from the Okanagan Indian Band when different speakers would get up and thank Chief Lyle Brewer for the effort of bringing ALL of the British Columbia bands together as one voice to be heard at the legislature building regarding our Title and Rights in this province.

During the past six years, I was happy to be involved in the many successful changes that were brought about on our reserve. For one, the completion of the Head of the Lake hall, and to be finally fully funded for this project. Another big item is the start of the new Administration building, so that all staff will be in one location. I can hardly wait to see the finished product. Bringing back the annual Gathering in August is also another happy event that I'm glad to see return. Having the Air-Bands on the agenda was a great success and I hope this is going to be included in the up-coming Gatherings. Everyone seemed to really enjoy this event.

During my last term, I was really trying to have more people volunteer for different events, but wasn't as successful as I would like. In the last year, I've volunteered my time to interview the elders for the monthly newspaper. I've had great visits with each elder and look forward to continuing this project as I've only just begun. So even though I won't be on council, you will still see my elder interviews in the upcoming newsletters.

Once again, THANK YOU !!!!!

Barbara (June) Cole

Indian Band Election Regulations

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C.R.C., c. 952

INDIAN ACT

Indian Band Election Regulations

REGULATIONS GOVERNING INDIAN BAND ELECTIONS

SHORT TITLE

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Indian Band Election Regulations.

INTERPRETATION

2. In these Regulations, "accelerated election" means an election referred to in subsection 11.1(1); (élection accélérée)

"Act" means the Indian Act; (Loi)

"Assistant Deputy Minister" means the Assistant Deputy Minister, Lands and Trust Services, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development; (sous-ministre adjoint)

"deputy electoral officer" means any person appointed by the electoral officer for the purposes of an election; (président du scrutin)

"election" means a band election held under the Act or a special election held under subsection 78(4) of the Act, but does not include an election for the chief of a band set out in Schedule II to the Indian Bands Council Elections Order; (élection)

"elector", in respect of an election of the chief or councillors of a band, means a person who is qualified under section 77 of the Act to vote in that election; (électeur)

"electoral officer" means the superintendent or the person appointed by the council of the band with the approval of the Minister; (président d'élection)

"mail-in ballot" means a ballot mailed or delivered in accordance with subsection 5(6.2); (bulletin de vote postal)

"Minister" means the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development; (Ministre)

"registry number" means the number assigned to a person registered under section 5 of the Act; (numéro de registre)

"reserve", in respect of an election of chief or councillors of a band, means a reserve of that band; (réserve)

"Superintendent" means the Superintendent or senior field officer of the Indian Affairs Branch in charge of the agency and includes the Indian Affairs Branch in charge of the agency and includes the Indian Commissioner for British Columbia, all Regional Supervisors and any other officer acting under the instructions of the Minister or Assistant Deputy Minister; (surintendant)

"voter declaration form" means a document that sets out, or provides for,

- the name of an elector,
- the band membership or registry number of the elector or, if the elector does not have a band membership or registry number, the date of birth of the elector, and
- the name, address and telephone number of a witness to the signature of the

elector. (formule de déclaration d'identité)
SOR/2000-391, s. 1.

DEFINITION OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE ELIGIBILITY OF VOTERS

3. The following rules apply to the interpretation of the words "ordinarily resident" in respect of the residency of an elector on a reserve consisting of more than one electoral section:

(a) subject to the other provisions of this section, the question as to where a person is or was ordinarily resident at any material time or during any material period shall be determined by reference to all the facts of the case;

(b) the place of ordinary residence of a person is, generally, that place which has always been, or which he has adopted as, the place of his habitation or home, whereto, when away therefrom, he intends to return and, specifically, where a person usually sleeps in one place and has his meals or is employed in another place, the place of his ordinary residence is where that person sleeps;

(c) a person can have one place of ordinary residence only, and he shall retain such place of ordinary residence until another is acquired;

(d) temporary absence from a place of ordinary residence does not cause a loss or change of place of ordinary residence. SOR/2000-391, s. 2.

APPLICATION

3.1 Sections 4 to 11 apply to all elections other than accelerated elections. SOR/2000-391, s. 3.

VOTERS LIST

4. (1) At least 79 days before the day on which an election is to be held

(a) where the band holding the election has assumed control of its own membership under section 10 of the Act, the band shall provide the electoral officer with a list of the names of all electors; and

(b) where the Band List of the band holding the election is maintained in the Department under section 11 of the Act, the Registrar shall provide the electoral officer with a list of the names of all electors.

(2) A voters list shall set out

(a) where the reserve consists of more than one electoral section,

(i) the names of band members eligible to vote for chief, in alphabetical order, and

(ii) the names of band members eligible to vote for councillors, in alphabetical order;

(b) where the reserve consists of one electoral section, the names of all electors, in alphabetical order; and

(c) the band membership or registry number of each elector or, if the elector does not have a band membership or registry number, the date of birth of the elector.

(3) On request, the electoral officer or deputy electoral officer shall confirm whether the name of a person is on the voters list.

(4) The electoral officer shall revise the

voters list where it is demonstrated that

(a) the name of an elector has been omitted from the list;

(b) the name of an elector is incorrectly set out in the list; or

(c) the name of a person not qualified to vote is included in the list.

(5) For the purposes of subsection (4),

(a) a person may demonstrate that the name of an elector has been omitted from, or incorrectly set out in, the voters list by presenting to the electoral officer evidence from the Registrar or from the band that the elector

(i) is on the Band List or is entitled to have his or her name entered on the Band List,

(ii) is at least 18 years of age, and

(iii) is qualified to vote at band elections; and

(b) a person may demonstrate that the name of a person not qualified to vote has been included in the voters list by presenting to the electoral officer evidence that that person

(i) is neither on the Band List nor entitled to have his or her name entered on the Band List,

(ii) is not at least 18 years of age, or

(iii) is not qualified to vote at band elections. SOR/85-409, s. 1(E); SOR/2000-391, s. 3.

ADDRESSES OF ELECTORS

4.1 (1) At least 79 days before the day on which an election is to be held, the band shall provide the electoral officer with the last known addresses, if any, of all electors who do not reside on the reserve.

(2) A candidate for election as chief or councillor may obtain from the electoral officer a list of the names of electors and the addresses of any electors who have consented to have their addresses released to the candidates.

(3) A document shall be considered to have been properly mailed under paragraphs 4.2(1)(b) and 4.7(a), subsection 5(4) and paragraphs 8(2)(b) and 11.1(2)(g) to electors who do not reside on the reserve if it was mailed or delivered to every elector who does not reside on the reserve and for whom an address was provided. SOR/2000-391, s. 3.

NOMINATION MEETING

4.2 (1) At least 30 days before the day on which a nomination meeting is to be held, the electoral officer shall

(a) post a notice of the nomination meeting and a list of the names of electors in at least one conspicuous place on the reserve; and

(b) mail a notice of the nomination meeting and a voter declaration form to every elector who does not reside on the reserve.

(2) A notice of a nomination meeting shall include

(a) the date, time, duration and location of the nomination meeting;

(b) the date on which the election will be held and the location of each polling place;

(c) the name and phone number of the

electoral officer;

(d) the statement that any voter may vote by mail-in ballot;

(e) a description of the manner in which an elector can nominate a candidate, or second the nomination of a candidate;

(f) the statement that, if the elector wants to receive information from candidates, the elector can agree to have his or her address released to the candidates.

(3) The electoral officer shall record the names of electors to whom a notice of the nomination meeting was mailed, the addresses of those electors, and the date on which the notices were mailed. SOR/2000-391, s. 3.

4.3 (1) Subject to section 75 of the Act, an elector may nominate a candidate, or second the nomination of a candidate,

(a) by delivering or, subject to subsection (2), by mailing a written nomination and a completed, signed and witnessed voter declaration form to the electoral officer before the time set for the nomination meeting; or

(b) orally, at the nomination meeting.

(2) Mailed nominations that are not received by the electoral officer before the time set for the nomination meeting are void. SOR/2000-391, s. 3.

4.4 (1) A nomination meeting for an election shall be held at least 42 days before the date of the election.

(2) At the start of the nomination meeting, the electoral officer shall read aloud all written nominations and secondments that have been received by mail or delivered.

(3) Where the same person receives two written nominations for the same office, the second nomination shall constitute a secondment of the first nomination.

(4) A person present at a nomination meeting who is eligible to do so may second the nomination of any person nominated in writing.

(5) A nomination meeting shall remain open for at least three hours.

(6) At the end of the nomination meeting, the electoral officer shall

(a) if only one person has been nominated for election as chief, declare that person to be elected;

(b) if the number of persons nominated to serve as councillors in an electoral section does not exceed the number to be elected, declare those persons to be elected; and

(c) where more than the required number of persons are nominated for election as chief or councillors, announce that an election will be held on the day set out in the notice referred to in subsection 4.2(1). SOR/2000-391, s. 3.

4.5 As soon as is practicable after the nomination meeting, the electoral officer shall notify any nominated candidates who were not present at the meeting that they have been nominated. SOR/2000-391, s. 3.

WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATES

4.6 (1) Subject to subsection (2), a candidate who has been nominated may withdraw his or her candidature at any time prior to the close of the polls by submitting to the electoral officer a written with-

drawal of nomination, signed by the candidate in the presence of the electoral officer, a justice of the peace, a notary public or a commissioner for oaths.

(2) Where a candidate nominated to be a councillor to represent an electoral section in a reserve consisting of more than one electoral section withdraws his or her candidature less than 48 hours before the time at which the polls open, or where any other candidate withdraws his or her candidature less than 37 days before the day on which the election is to be held, that candidate's name shall remain on the ballot.

(3) A candidate who dies before the close of the polls shall be considered to have withdrawn his or her candidature. SOR/2000-391, s. 3.

ACCLAMATIONS

4.7 Where the office of chief and all offices of councillors are filled by acclamation,

(a) the electoral officer shall post in at least one conspicuous place on the reserve, and mail to every elector who does not reside on the reserve, a notice that sets out the names of the persons who have been acclaimed and states that an election will not be held; and

(b) sections 5 to 11 do not apply. SOR/2000-391, s. 3.

MANNER IN WHICH VOTING SHALL BE CARRIED OUT

5. (1) Subject to subsection (3), the electoral officer shall prepare ballots setting out

(a) the names of the candidates nominated for election as chief, in alphabetical order; and

(b) the names of the candidates nominated for election as councillors, in alphabetical order.

(2) Where two or more candidates have the same name, the electoral officer shall add to the ballots such additional information as is necessary to distinguish between those candidates.

(3) Where the reserve consists of more than one electoral section, the electoral officer shall prepare separate ballots for the candidates for election as chief and for the candidates for election as councillors.

(4) Subject to subsection (5), at least 35 days before the day on which an election is to be held, the electoral officer shall mail, to every elector who does not reside on the reserve, a package consisting of

(a) a ballot, initialled on the back by the electoral officer;

(b) an outer, postage-paid return envelope, pre-addressed to the electoral officer;

(c) a second, inner envelope marked "Ballot" for insertion of the completed ballot;

(d) a voter declaration form;

(e) a letter of instruction regarding voting by mail-in ballot;

(f) a statement

(i) identifying the location of all polling places, and

(ii) advising the elector that he or she may vote in person at a polling place on the day of the election in accordance with

subsection 6(3) in lieu of voting by mail-in ballot; and

(g) a list of the names of any candidates who were acclaimed.

(5) Where the reserve consists of more than one electoral section, the package mailed to an elector who does not reside on the reserve shall contain a ballot for the candidates for chief only.

(6) At the request of an elector who resides on the reserve, the electoral officer shall provide a package referred to in subsection (4) to that elector.

(6.1) The electoral officer shall indicate on the voters list that a ballot has been provided to each elector to whom a mail-in ballot was mailed or otherwise provided and keep a record of the date on which, and the addresses to which, each mail-in ballot was mailed.

(6.2) An elector may vote by mail-in ballot by

(a) marking the ballot by placing a cross, check mark or other mark, that clearly indicates the elector's choice but does not identify the elector, opposite the name of the candidate or candidates for whom he or she desires to vote;

(b) folding the ballot in a manner that conceals the names of the candidates and any marks but exposes the electoral officer's initials on the back;

(c) placing the ballot in the inner envelope and sealing that envelope;

(d) completing and signing the voter declaration form in the presence of a witness who is at least 18 years of age;

(e) placing the inner envelope and the completed voter declaration form in the outer envelope; and

(f) delivering or, subject to subsection (6.7), mailing the mail-in ballot to the electoral officer before the time at which the polls close on the day of the election.

(6.3) Where an elector is unable to vote in the manner set out in subsection (6.2), the elector may enlist the assistance of another person to mark the ballot and complete and sign the voter declaration form in accordance with that subsection.

(6.4) A witness referred to in paragraph (6.2)(d) shall attest to

(a) the fact that the person completing and signing the voter declaration form is the person whose name is set out in the form; or

(b) where the elector enlisted the assistance of another person under subsection (6.3), the fact that the elector is the person whose name is set out in the form and that the ballot was marked according to the directions of the elector.

(6.5) An elector who inadvertently spoils a mail-in ballot may obtain another ballot by returning the spoiled ballot to the electoral officer.

(6.6) An elector who loses a mail-in ballot may obtain another ballot by delivering to the electoral officer a written affirmation that the elector has lost the mail-in ballot, signed by the elector in the presence of the electoral officer, a justice of the peace, a notary public or a commissioner for oaths.

(6.7) Mail-in ballots that are not received by the electoral officer before the time at which the polls close on the day of the election are void.

(6.8) An elector to whom a mail-in ballot

was mailed or provided under subsection (4) or (6) is not entitled to vote in person at a polling place other than in accordance with subsection 6(3).

(6.9) The electoral officer shall establish at least one polling place on the reserve.

(7) The electoral officer shall procure or cause to be procured as many ballot boxes as there are polling places, and shall cause to be prepared a sufficient number of ballot papers for the purpose of the election.

(8) The electoral officer shall, before the poll is open, cause to be delivered to his deputy the ballot papers, materials for marking the ballot papers, and a sufficient number of directions-for-voting as may be prescribed.

(9) The electoral officer or his deputy shall provide a compartment at each polling place where the electors can mark their ballot papers free from observation, and he may appoint a constable to maintain order at such polling place.

(10) Polling places shall be kept open from 9:00 a.m., local time, until 8:00 p.m., local time, on the day of the election.

(11) A candidate shall be entitled to not more than two agents in a polling place at any one time.

(12) [Repealed, SOR/2000-391, s. 4]

(13) The electoral officer or his deputy shall, immediately before the commencement of the poll, open the ballot box and call such persons as may be present to witness that it is empty; he shall then lock and properly seal the box to prevent it being opened without breaking the seal and shall place it in view for the reception of the ballots, and the seal shall not be broken nor the box unlocked during the time appointed for taking the poll. SOR/85-409, s. 2(F); SOR/2000-391, s. 4.

(14) [Repealed, SOR/2000-391, s. 4]

6. (1) Subject to subsection 5(6.8), where a person attends at a polling place for the purpose of voting, the electoral officer or deputy electoral officer shall, if the person's name is set out in the voters list, provide the person with a ballot.

(2) The electoral officer or his deputy shall cause to be placed in the proper column of the voters' list a mark opposite the name of every voter receiving a ballot paper.

(3) An elector to whom a mail-in ballot was mailed or provided under subsection 5(4) or (6) may obtain a ballot and vote in person at a polling place if

(a) the elector returns the mail-in ballot to the electoral officer or deputy electoral officer; or

(b) where the elector has lost the mail-in ballot, the elector provides the electoral officer or deputy electoral officer with a written affirmation that the elector has lost the mail-in ballot, signed by the elector in the presence of the electoral officer, deputy electoral officer, a justice of the peace, a notary public or a commissioner for oaths.

(4) The electoral officer or his deputy may and when requested to do so shall explain the mode of voting to a voter.

(5) After receiving a ballot, an elector shall

(a) immediately proceed to the compartment provided for marking ballots;

(b) mark the ballot by placing a cross,

check mark or other mark, that clearly indicates the elector's choice but does not identify the elector, opposite the name of the candidate or candidates for whom he or she desires to vote;

(c) fold the ballot in a manner that conceals the names of the candidates and any marks, but exposes the initials on the back; and

(d) deliver the ballot to the electoral officer or deputy electoral officer.

(5.1) On receipt of a completed ballot, the electoral officer or deputy electoral officer shall, without unfolding the ballot, verify the initials placed on it and deposit it in the ballot box in the presence of the voter and any other persons entitled to be present at the polling place.

(6) While any voter is in the compartment for the purpose of marking his ballot paper, no other person shall, except as provided in subsection (7), be allowed in the same compartment or be in any position from which he can see the manner in which such voter marks his ballot paper.

(7) At the request of any voter who is unable to vote in the manner set out in subsection (5), the electoral officer or deputy electoral officer shall assist that voter by marking his or her ballot in the manner directed by the voter in the presence of another elector selected by the voter as a witness and place the ballot in the ballot box.

(8) The electoral officer or his deputy shall state in the voters' list in the column for remarks opposite the name of such elector the fact that the ballot paper was marked by him at the request of the voter and the reasons therefor.

(9) A voter who has inadvertently dealt with his ballot paper in such a manner that it cannot be conveniently used shall, upon returning it to the electoral officer or his deputy, be entitled to obtain another ballot paper, and the electoral officer or his deputy shall thereupon write the word "cancelled" upon the spoiled ballot paper and preserve it.

(10) Any person who has received a ballot paper and who leaves the polling place without delivering the ballot paper to the electoral officer or his deputy, in the manner provided, or if, after receiving the ballot paper, refuses to vote, shall forfeit his right to vote at the election, and the electoral officer or his deputy shall make an entry in the voters' list in the column for remarks opposite the name of such person to show that such person received the ballot paper and declined to vote, and the electoral officer or his deputy shall mark upon the face of the ballot paper the word "declined", and all ballot papers so marked shall be preserved.

(11) An elector whose name does not appear on the voters' list may vote at an election if the electoral officer or his deputy is satisfied that such person is qualified to vote.

(12) Every elector who is inside the polling place at the time fixed for closing the poll shall be entitled to vote before the poll is closed. SOR/2000-391, s. 6.

COUNTING OF VOTES

6.1 As soon as is practicable after the close of the polls, the electoral officer or

deputy electoral officer shall, in the presence of any candidates or their agents who are present, open each envelope containing a mail-in ballot that was received before the close of the polls and, without unfolding the ballot,

(a) reject the ballot if

(i) it was not accompanied by a voter declaration form, or the voter declaration form is not signed or witnessed,

(ii) the name of the elector set out in the voter declaration form is not on the voters list, or

(iii) the voters list shows that the elector has already voted; or

(b) in any other case, place a mark on the voters list opposite the name of the elector set out in the voter declaration form, and deposit the ballot in a ballot box. SOR/2000-391, s. 7.

7. Immediately after the mail-in ballots have been deposited under section 6.1, the electoral officer or deputy electoral officer shall, in the presence of any candidates or their agents who are present, open all ballot boxes and

(a) examine the ballot papers and reject all ballot papers

(i) that have not been supplied by him,

(ii) by which votes have been given for more candidates than are to be elected, or

(iii) on which anything appears by which the voter can be identified;

(b) declare a ballot paper containing the names of candidates for more than one office, on which votes are given for more candidates for any office than are to be elected, to be void as regards all the candidates for such office; but such ballot paper shall be good as regards the votes for any other offices in respect of which the voter has not voted for more candidates than are to be elected;

(c) subject to review on recount or on an election appeal, take a note of any objection made by any candidate or his agent to any ballot paper found in the ballot box and decide any question arising out of the objection;

(d) number such objection and place a corresponding number on the back of the ballot paper with the word "allowed" or "disallowed", as the case may be, with his initials;

(e) from the ballots not rejected or declared void under paragraph (b), count the votes given for each candidate who has not withdrawn before the close of the polls; and

(f) prepare and sign a statement of the number of votes for each candidate and the number of ballots rejected. SOR/2000-391, s. 8.

8. (1) Immediately after the completion of the counting of the votes, the electoral officer shall publicly declare to be elected the candidate or candidates having the highest number of votes.

(2) Within four days after completion of the counting of the votes, the electoral officer shall

(a) sign and post, in at least one conspicuous place on the reserve, a statement indicating the number of votes cast for each candidate; and

(b) mail a copy of the statement to every elector of the band who does not reside on the reserve. SOR/2000-391, s. 9.

9. Where it appears that two or more candidates have an equal number of votes, the electoral officer shall give a casting vote for one or more of such candidates, but the electoral officer shall not otherwise be entitled to vote.

10. (1) The electoral officer shall prepare a statement in triplicate showing the total number of votes cast for each candidate, the number of rejected ballots and the names of the candidates duly declared elected.

(2) One copy of such statement shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Minister, one to the regional supervisor or the Indian commissioner for the Province of British Columbia, and one copy filed in the agency office.

(3) The statement shall be signed by the electoral officer and such of the candidates or their agents as are present and desire to sign it.

DISPOSITION OF BALLOT PAPERS

11. The electoral officer shall deposit all ballot papers in sealed envelopes with the superintendent, who shall retain them in his possession for eight weeks, and unless otherwise directed by the Minister or by a person authorized by him shall then destroy the ballot papers in the presence of two witnesses who shall make a declaration that they witnessed the destruction of those papers. SOR/85-409, s. 3(F).

ACCELERATED ELECTIONS

11.1 (1) This section applies to an election where, as a result of the office of chief or a councillor becoming vacant under subsection 78(2) of the Act or the election of a chief or councillor being set aside under section 79 of the Act, it is no longer possible for the council of a band to form a quorum.

(2) An accelerated election shall be held in accordance with sections 4 to 11 for the election of chief of a band whose reserve consists of more than one electoral section, or for the election of chief or councillor of any other band, subject to the following changes:

(a) subsection 4.2(1), section 4.3 and subsection 4.4(1) do not apply;

(b) the lists referred to in subsection 4(1) and addresses referred to in subsection 4.1(1) shall be provided to the electoral officer at least 30 days before the day of the election;

(c) at least seven days before the day on which a nomination meeting is to be held, the electoral officer shall

(i) post a notice of the nomination meeting and of the manner in which nominations can be made, and a list of names of the electors, in at least one conspicuous place on the reserve, and

(ii) give notice of the nomination meeting, and of the manner in which nominations may be made, by publishing an advertisement in the local newspaper with

the largest circulation;

(d) an elector can nominate a candidate, or second the nomination of a candidate,

(i) by communicating the nomination or secondment to the electoral officer at any time before the commencement of the nomination meeting, or

(ii) orally, at the nomination meeting;

(e) the nomination meeting for the election shall be held at least 23 days before the date of the election;

(f) where a candidate withdraws his or her candidature less than 22 days before the day on which the election is to be held, that candidate's name shall remain on the ballot;

(g) the electoral officer shall mail by priority post the package referred to in subsection 5(4) at least 21 days before the day on which the election is to be held;

(h) the outer envelope referred to in paragraph 5(4)(b) shall be postage-paid for delivery by priority post; and

(i) the letter of instruction referred to in paragraph 5(4)(e) shall advise the elector of the shorter time periods applicable and instruct the elector accordingly.

(3) An accelerated election shall be held in accordance with sections 4 to 11 for the election of councillors of a band whose reserve consists of more than one electoral section, subject to the following changes:

(a) paragraph 4.3(1)(a), subsections 4.2(3), 4.3(2), 4.4(2) to (4) and 5(3) to (5) do not apply;

(b) the list referred to in subsection 4(1) shall be provided to the electoral officer at least 30 days before the day of the election;

(c) at least six days before the day on which a nomination meeting is to be held, the electoral officer shall post a notice of the nomination meeting and the list of names of electors in at least one conspicuous place on the reserve; and

(d) the nomination meeting shall be held at least six days before the date of the election. SOR/2000-391, s. 10.

ELECTION APPEALS

12. (1) Within 45 days after an election, a candidate or elector who believes that

(a) there was corrupt practice in connection with the election,

(b) there was a violation of the Act or these Regulations that might have affected the result of the election, or

(c) a person nominated to be a candidate in the election was ineligible to be a candidate,

may lodge an appeal by forwarding by registered mail to the Assistant Deputy Minister particulars thereof duly verified by affidavit.

(2) Where an appeal is lodged under subsection (1), the Assistant Deputy Minister shall forward, by registered mail, a copy of the appeal and all supporting documents to the electoral officer and to each candidate in the electoral section in respect of which the appeal was lodged.

(3) Any candidate may, within 14 days of the receipt of the copy of the appeal, for-

ward to the Assistant Deputy Minister by registered mail a written answer to the particulars set out in the appeal together with any supporting documents relating thereto duly verified by affidavit.

(4) All particulars and documents filed in accordance with the provisions of this section shall constitute and form the record. SOR/85-409, s. 4(E); SOR/2000-391, s. 11.

13. (1) The Minister may, if the material that has been filed is not adequate for deciding the validity of the election complained of, conduct such further investigation into the matter as he deems necessary, in such manner as he deems expedient.

(2) Such investigation may be held by the Minister or by any person designated by the Minister for the purpose.

(3) Where the Minister designates a person to hold such an investigation, that person shall submit a detailed report of the investigation to the Minister for his consideration.

14. Where it appears that

(a) there was corrupt practice in connection with an election,

(b) there was a violation of the Act or these Regulations that might have affected the result of an election, or

(c) a person nominated to be a candidate in an election was ineligible to be a candidate,

the Minister shall report to the Governor in Council accordingly.

SECURITY OF VOTING

15. (1) Every person in attendance at a polling place or at the counting of the votes shall maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of the voting.

(2) No person shall interfere or attempt to interfere with a voter when marking his ballot paper or obtain or attempt to obtain at the polling place information as to how a voter is about to vote or has voted.

16. to 18. [Repealed, SOR/2000-391, s. 12]

RELATED PROVISIONS:

SOR/2000-391:

13. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Indian Band Election Regulations, as enacted or amended by these Regulations, the Indian Band Election Regulations, as they read immediately before the coming into force of these Regulations, apply to all elections held under the Indian Act during the period beginning on October 20, 2000 and ending on November 19, 2000.

14. Every election that is held under the Indian Act during the period beginning on November 20, 2000 and ending on January 7, 2001 shall be held in accordance with the procedures set out in section 11.1 of the Indian Band Election Regulations, as enacted by section 10.]

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