



APPROVAL LAW (RATIFICATION LAW)

Statement of Law Making Jurisdiction

This law will set out the process for how ratification (approval) votes will take place for laws or land claim settlements. The making of laws is arguably the most important activity and the principles that govern it. MCFN Members are the driving force in MCFN's law making process. Members will guide law makers to ensure that MCFN laws respect Anishinaabe Naakinagewin (law) and Mino-Bimaadziwin (living the way of the good life.)

WHAT IS IT?

MCFN LAW MAKING JURISDICTION

Drafting Laws

MCFN's jurisdiction includes the ability to make laws, rules, regulations, policies, and procedures for the implementation of MCFN laws. MCFN Members elected a Council who have the responsibility to exercise MCFN's jurisdiction, and to enact and amend all Laws. Laws will respect the Seven Grandfather Teachings, will preserve and promote the peace, unity, equality, and well-being of the MCFN, and should provide effective and clear processes to MCFN Members.

RATIFICATION OF PROPOSED LAW

Ratification process

Once Council has approved the final version of a Law, if a Ratification Vote is required, the MCFN Members will be able to vote in favour of the Law. The vote will be determined by a simple majority. For example, if 200 Members participate in the vote and 101 vote "yes," that Law will be in place. Member Votes will likely take place for laws such as the election law; constitution; membership law, etc.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?

Membership Engagement

Members must be part of this process and be involved from the beginning. All draft laws must be presented to Members at information sessions. Some Laws will require a vote of the Members to approve the Law. These ratification votes will be held in the same way moving forward so that Members know exactly how Council will draft and approve each law.

MOVING FORWARD

After the Ratification Vote

Following Ratification Day, if the majority of Members voted in favour, Council will enact the Law. The Law will then be posted on the Public Law Registry. If the majority of Members who voted, voted against the proposed law, then Council will decide whether to return the law for further comment from Members.