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*Rules and Procedures*

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## PART 1 - INTRODUCTION

As the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (“MCFN”), we are the direct descendants of the Mississaugas of the Credit River – an Anishinabek people and part of the larger Mississauga Nation. We possess the inherent and inalienable right of Inaaknigewin (self-government). This includes the right of Inaaknigewin (self-government) and autonomy over ourselves, our community, and our Territory. Flowing from our inherent rights, we possess the jurisdiction to make MCFN Naaknigwenan (“Laws”) for the exercise and protection of our rights and the fulfilment of our responsibilities throughout our Territory, through enacting our own Naaknigwenan (“Laws”) through our own *Declaration of Rights*, duly approved by Chief and Council on October 13, 2020. This jurisdiction has always been held by our people. It has never been surrendered or given up. It continues to inform how we live and relate to each other according to Anishinaabe Mino-Bimaadziwin, or “living the way of a good life.”

Chief and Council of the MCFN, deems it advisable, and in the best interests of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, through the enactment of the MCFN *Statement of Law-Making Jurisdiction* (the “*Statement*”), also referred to as the MCFN Approval Law, to enact the said Naaknige and the following Rules and Procedures by which the MCFN will operate all of its Ratification Votes.

## PART 2 - INTENTION

1. The purpose of the *Statement* is to consolidate the MCFN decision-making processes, as it relates to the approval of any Naaknige, by-law, act, agreement, policy, or proposal.
2. Any reference to a Ratification procedure in any Naaknige, by-law, act, agreement, policy, or proposal, will be superseded by the *Statement*.
3. The rules and procedures so outlined are associated with the *Statement* and shall be applied and followed in accordance with the *Statement*.
4. The *Statement* may be cited as the “MCFN Approval Law.”

## PART 3 - INTERPRETATION

5. In this document:

“**amendment**” means an amendment to the *Statement* or a MCFN Naaknige, as a result of changes in naaknige, defects in the *Statement* or a MCFN Naaknige, or to improve the administrative efficiency of the *Statement* or a MCFN Naaknige;

“**Appellant**” means an individual who submits an application for appeal in accordance with these Rules and Procedures with respect to a Ratification Vote;

“**ballot question**” means the question asked of the Eligible Voters in the Ratification Vote (Form 2);

**“Chief Operating Officer”** means the person responsible for the administration and management of the MCFN organization, including the supervising of staff and overseeing the coordination of activities, or their designate from time to time;

**“community”** means any individual or individuals, collectively, who is a Member or non-member of the MCFN and who resides on-reserve and is subject to MCFN naaknigewnan, rules, policies, or procedures, as determined by Council from time to time;

**“Council”** means the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Government; a body composed of those persons elected pursuant to the *Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Declaration of Rights* and the *Indian Act*, as an initial step towards MCFN Inaaknigewin (self-government), or in any MCFN election law and regulations adopted by the MCFN, from time to time, and which consists of one (1) Chief and seven (7) Councillors;

**“Council Resolution”** means a resolution of Council approved by, and signed by, a Quorum of Council present at a duly convened meeting of Council, and is shortened to CR, from time to time. A Council Resolution may also be referred to as a Council Motion;

**“corrupt or fraudulent practice”** includes, but is not limited to, direct or indirect bribery or providing a financial or material incentive to a Member in exchange for a vote;

**“Debwewin Administrative Tribunal”** means the decision-making body appointed by the Office of the Tribunal, an arms-length Office of the Justice Division of the MCFN Governance Department, to review and make decisions concerning Eligible Voter appeals in accordance with Part 11 of these Rules and Procedures, and is shortened to Administrative Tribunal from time to time;

**“Debwewin Administrative Tribunal Act”** means the act and associated rules and procedures that establishes the Debwewin Administrative Tribunal;

**“Deputy Ratification Officer”** means a person or persons appointed by the Ratification Officer to assist with the Ratification Vote;

**“Designated Public Locations”** include:

- (a) Administration Building;
- (b) Official MCFN website (<http://mncfn.ca/>);
- (c) Lloyd S. King Elementary School;
- (d) MCFN Community Centre;
- (e) Social and Health Services;
- (f) Lands, Membership, and Research; or

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(g) Any additional locations as deemed prudent;

**“electronic ballot”** means a ballot submitted electronically in accordance with Part 8 of these Rules and Procedures;

**“electronic device”** means a device, such as a desktop or laptop computer, handheld device, smartphone, tablet, or other electronic product or device, that has a platform on which to download, install, or run any software program, code, script, or other content, and is designed for and capable of communicating across a computer network with other computers or devices for the purpose of transmitting, receiving, or storing data;

**“Electronic Voting Service Provider”** means the contracted online voting and membership management service;

**“Eligible Voter”** means a person who:

- (a) is a Member of the MCFN; and,
- (b) is at least eighteen (18) years of age on the date of any given Ratification Day;

**“Enaaknigejigg”** means the individuals who are members of the Inaaknigewin Committee or the Inaaknigewin Legislative Branch, as it may be known from time to time;

**“Forms”** means the forms appended to these Rules and Procedures, for use with the *Statement of Law-Making Jurisdiction* and that have been developed to meet the basic requirements of the described actions and should only be modified by adding, not removing, detail;

**“Inaaknigewin”** means self-governance or self-government;

**“Inaaknigewin Legislative Branch”** means the legislative branch of the MCFN Governance Department that is responsible for writing all of MCFN’s naaknigewnan;

**“interpreter”** means an individual, other than the Ratification Officer or Deputy Ratification Officer, who understands the language spoken by an Eligible Voter where the language is not English, or where the Eligible Voter is hearing or visually impaired, and shall assist the Eligible Voter at a polling station, by translating communications between the Ratification Officer or Deputy Ratification Officer and the Eligible Voter or translating written communications or documents;

**“Kina naaknigewnan teg”** means a public law registry where all approved naaknigewnan are registered and kept by the Inaaknigewin Legislative Branch for retention purposes;

**“mail-in ballot”** means a ballot mailed or delivered in accordance with Part 8 of these Rules and Procedures;

**“Master Voters List”** means the list that shall include the information outlined in Section 10 of these Rules and Procedures;

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**“Member”** means a registered member of the MCFN, whose name appears on a list maintained by the Membership Administrator;

**“Membership Administrator”** means the MCFN staff member responsible for maintaining MCFN’s membership list;

**“Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation”** means the ancestors of the River Credit Mississaugas, and is shortened to MCFN from time to time;

**“Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Declaration of Rights”** means the supreme law under which all other naaknigewnan can be created and that we the citizens of MCFN have our inherent Indigenous and traditional rights to govern ourselves and our Territory;

**“polling station”** means a building, hall, or room which is selected as the site(s) at which voting takes place;

**“Proposed Document”** means the naaknige, act, legislation, agreement, consultation, or any possible written document that is to be voted on by MCFN Members;

**“Quorum of Council”** means at least five (5) members of Council as set out in the *Indian Act*, or in any MCFN Election Law and Regulations adopted by the MCFN, from time to time;

**“Ratification Day”** means the day set for holding the Ratification Vote;

**“Ratification Officer”** means a person, selected by the Chief Operating Officer and approved of by Council before each Ratification Vote, who has been authorized to conduct the Ratification Vote under the *Statement of Law-Making Jurisdiction* or means the person whom is contracted by the Chief Operating Officer and approved of by Council to conduct the Ratification Vote;

**“Ratification Vote”** means a general MCFN vote held pursuant to the provisions of the *Statement of Law-Making Jurisdiction* and these Rules and Procedures;

**“rejected ballots”** means those ballots that cannot be counted but have been submitted into the ballot box, due to improper marking by an Eligible Voter, and shall be marked as such;

**“spoiled ballots”** means those ballots that are not placed in the ballot box, but rather are marked as spoiled by the Ratification Officer and are set aside. An Eligible Voter will be given another ballot;

**“sponsoring MCFN department”** means the individual MCFN Department or Departments that oversee the creation of a Proposed Document;

**“Statement of Law-Making Jurisdiction”** means the naaknige under which these Rules and Procedures are created and govern the ratification process by which MCFN Naaknigewnan shall be made, and may be shortened to the MCFN Approval Law, from time to time;

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**“Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation”** means the geographical area in which the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Council holds jurisdiction, and is shortened to “Territory,” from time to time;

**“Valid Photo Identification”** means a form of identification which is clear and contains the name and photograph of the Member, including such identification as, but not limited to:

- (a) A driver’s license;
- (b) A health card;
- (c) Age of majority card;
- (d) A current student card;
- (e) A Certificate of Indian Status card; or
- (f) A passport;

**“voters list”** means the list of Members eligible to vote in any given Ratification Vote and is posted in Designated Public Locations, as well as on the Members-only website.

6. The division of these Rules and Procedures into parts, sections, paragraphs, subsections, and clauses, and the insertion of headings and subheadings are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the legality or interpretation of these Rules and Procedures or the *Statement of Law-Making Jurisdiction*.

7. Unless otherwise specified, words in the singular include words in the plural and words in the plural include words in the singular. Unless otherwise specified, the use of “they,” “their,” or “them,” includes all sexes, social genders, and gender identities.

8. When calculating time, a reference to a number of days between two events is calculated by excluding the day on which the first event occurs and including the day on which the second event occurs. Any reference to days will mean consecutive calendar days, and is inclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and any holidays. Schedule 1 (*Model Law Ratification Process Flow Chart*) may assist with the Ratification process and calculating time.

#### **PART 4 - CHIEF & COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES**

9. Council shall pass a CR in the manner of Form 1 attached to these Rules and Procedures, to:

- (a) order that the Members’ vote be held to determine if the Members approve of the Proposed Document;
- (b) confirm the wording of the Ballot question;

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- (c) confirm the Ratification Officer; and
- (d) set the Ratification Day jointly with the Chief Operating Officer and the sponsoring MCFN department, with sufficient advance notice so that the Ratification Officer can comply with all of the requirements of these Rules and Procedures.

## **PART 5 - VOTERS LIST**

**10.** At least seventy-nine (79) days before the day on which a Ratification Vote is to be held, Council shall pass a CR directing the Membership Administrator to provide to the Ratification Officer a Master Voters List, that shall include:

- (a) The names of all Eligible Voters;
- (b) The registry number of all Eligible Voters set forth in subsection (a);
- (c) The dates of birth of all Eligible Voters set forth in subsection (a);
- (d) The last known addresses, if any, of all Eligible Voters who have consented to share their address, set forth in subsection (a); and
- (e) The last known e-mail addresses, if any, of all Eligible Voters who have consented to share their email address, set forth in subsection (a).

**11.** In relation to these Rules and Procedures, and with the exception of providing the information of Eligible Voters to the Ratification Officer, in accordance with Section 10, the Ratification Officer shall not disclose any personal information noted in Section 10(b)-(e).

**12.** To fulfill the requirements of Part 7 of these Rules and Procedures, all Members are responsible for providing the Membership Administrator with their current addresses and email addresses. For greater clarity, MCFN assumes no responsibility where a Member fails to provide their accurate address or email address to the Membership Administrator.

**13.** To be eligible to vote online, each Eligible Voter is responsible for registering with the Electronic Voting Service Provider with their own, separate, email address. A link to the Electronic Service Provider's website will be provided to Eligible Voters at the beginning of every voting event, so as to proceed through a self-guided, step by step process to register. It is the responsibility of each Eligible Voter to ensure their online profile with the Electronic Voting Service Provider is up to date and that they abide by the terms and conditions of use.

### **Preparation and Posting of Voters List**

**14.** A minimum of seventy-two (72) days before the day of the Ratification Vote, the Ratification Officer shall prepare and post a voters list containing the names of all of the Members in alphabetical order. The voters list shall be posted at the Designated Public Locations, as well as on the Members-only website.

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15. For greater clarity, such personal information, as identified in Section 10(b)-(e), shall not be posted to the voters list.

### **Revisions to Voters List**

16. The Ratification Officer shall revise the voters list upon presentation of documentary evidence by a Member, which demonstrates that:

- (a) The name of a Member has been omitted from the voters list;
- (b) The name of a Member is incorrectly set out in the voters list; or
- (c) The name of a person not qualified to vote is included in the voters list.

### **Voting Where Name is Not on the Voters List**

17. A person whose name does not appear on the voters list shall be entitled to vote on the day of the Ratification Vote if, to the Ratification Officer's satisfaction, they present documentary proof to the Ratification Officer demonstrating their qualifications as an Eligible Voter.

## **PART 6 - RATIFICATION OFFICER**

### **Selection**

18. The Chief Operating Officer shall be responsible for selecting a Ratification Officer through a tendering process that shall conclude, a minimum of seventy-nine (79) days before Ratification Day.

19. Upon the Chief Operating Officer selecting a Ratification Officer, Council shall approve the recommendation by quorum, unless Council provides a suitable reason otherwise.

### **Service Contract**

20. Upon the selection of a Ratification Officer through a tendering process, in accordance with Section 18, the Chief Operating Officer and the Ratification Officer shall enter into a contract for services in which the contract shall include, but not be limited to, the following provisions:

- (a) The Ratification Officer's full name and address;
- (b) The responsibilities of the Ratification Officer;
- (c) The remuneration of the Ratification Officer;
- (d) The term of the contract for services;
- (e) The date of the Ratification Vote;

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- (f) The type of Ratification Vote that is to be conducted, including the Proposed Document;
- (g) That the Ratification Vote shall be conducted in accordance with the *Statement* and these Rules and Procedures;
- (h) The participation of the Ratification Officer in any Ratification appeal;
- (i) The completion of the “Appointment of Ratification Officer / Deputy Ratification Officer / Interpreter and Oath of Office” Form (Form 3); and
- (j) Any special instructions.

### **Qualifications**

- 21. The Ratification Officer must be a person who:
  - (a) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age; and
  - (b) Has experience in conducting Ratification Votes; or
  - (c) Has received appropriate training, as approved by the Chief Operating Officer.

### **Responsibilities**

- 22. The Ratification Officer is responsible for conducting the Ratification Vote, and by their appointment by CR, has the powers necessary for this function.
- 23. The Ratification Officer will be required to use the Electronic Voting Service Provider to manage the vote, therefore, the Ratification Officer must have access to an electronic device that is kept secured and has access to Internet services.
- 24. The Ratification Officer will be required to rent a post office box for the purpose of receiving mail-in ballots, and will be required to check this post office box regularly.
- 25. The Ratification Officer will be required to use and maintain a secure location to receive sealed mail-in ballots. For greater clarity, a secure location means a location that is minimally accessed by individuals and is kept under lock and key, only accessible by the Ratification Officer.
- 26. The Ratification Officer shall appoint at least two (2) Deputy Ratification Officers, as set out in Section 33. Upon the appointment of a Deputy Ratification Officer, the Ratification Officer and each Deputy Ratification Officer must execute an “Appointment of Ratification Officer / Deputy Ratification Officer / Interpreter and Oath of Office” Form (Form 3).
- 27. The Ratification Officer may appoint at least one (1) interpreter. Upon the appointment of an interpreter, the Ratification Officer and each interpreter must execute an “Appointment of

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Ratification Officer / Deputy Ratification Officer / Interpreter and Oath of Office” Form (Form 3).

**28.** The Ratification Officer may delegate any of their duties set out in the *Statement of Law-Making Jurisdiction* or the Rules and Procedures, to the Deputy Ratification Officer(s), except for:

- (a) the initialing of ballots;
- (b) the opening and depositing of mail-in ballots in the mail-in ballot box;
- (c) the counting of ballots; or
- (d) where this procedure demands their declaration, certification, or affidavit to confirm that the procedure was followed.

**29.** For greater clarity, a Deputy Ratification Officer may assist the Ratification Officer in the counting of the votes.

**30.** If the Ratification Officer becomes incapacitated and no longer is able to perform their functions because of sickness or other reason, the Chief Operating Officer shall appoint one of the Deputy Ratification Officers to become the Ratification Officer, and the functions of the Ratification Officer shall be transferred to a Deputy Ratification Officer, or such other person as appointed by CR.

**31.** The Ratification Officer shall establish a Ratification Vote file and place in this file, copies of all Forms required under this procedure associated with the Ratification Vote. The file shall remain open until such time as the appeal period has expired. The file shall then be closed and, unless directed otherwise by the Inaaknigewin Legislative Branch, be destroyed by the Ratification Officer, in accordance with Section 90, who shall then make a declaration confirming destruction of the file (Form 13).

**32.** A Deputy Ratification Officer shall have such powers as described in the Rules and Procedures, or as delegated by the Ratification Officer.

**33.** Every Deputy Ratification Officer and interpreter shall be a person who:

- (a) Is at least 18 years of age; and
- (b) Has experience in conducting Ratification Votes and/or has received appropriate training; or
- (c) Has experience in interpreting and/or has received appropriate training.

**34.** The Ratification Officer may remove from office any Deputy Ratification Officer or interpreter who has failed to discharge their duties competently, as set out in these Rules and Procedures.

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## PART 7 - NOTIFICATION

### Notice of Vote

**35.** The Ratification Officer shall, without undue delay, post a “Notice of Vote” (Form 4) at least seventy-two (72) days prior to the Ratification Day in the Designated Public Locations, as well as on the Members-only website, where it can be read by the Members. The “Notice of Vote” will contain the following information:

- (a) the date, place, and time of the Vote;
- (b) the Ballot question;
- (c) instructions for obtaining paper copies of the Proposed Document;
- (d) the name of the Ratification Officer and their office address, email address, and telephone number;
- (e) instructions for completing a request for a mail-in ballot package from the Ratification Officer, and,
- (f) how to register for online voting.

### Information to Members

**36.** The Ratification Officer will send, at least seventy-two (72) days prior to Ratification Day, in one or more packages, the following to each Eligible Voter at their last known address or email address, if it has been provided:

- (a) a copy of the “Notice of Vote”; and
- (b) a link to an electronic copy of the Proposed Document.

### Available Documents

**37.** Any Member may, on request, obtain a paper copy of the Proposed Document from the MCFN Governance Department or the Ratification Officer.

**38.** The MCFN Governance Department shall ensure that sufficient copies of the Proposed Document, the *Statement of Law-Making Jurisdiction*, and these Rules and Procedures are available to Members and are made available to the Ratification Officer.

**39.** The Proposed Document must be posted on the MCFN Members-only website.

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## **Outreach**

**40.** For the purpose of ensuring that Eligible Voters are fully informed prior to casting their votes on the ballot question, the Inaaknigewin Legislative Branch, in working with the sponsoring MCFN department, shall engage with Members.

**41.** For the purpose of ensuring that Eligible Voters are fully informed prior to casting their votes on the ballot question, the following practices may be used to undertake engagement with Members depending upon the circumstances of the ballot question:

- (a) Door to door visits at the homes of Eligible Voters;
- (b) Scheduled local information sessions;
- (c) Live stream of information sessions to membership; or
- (d) Urban information sessions for off-reserve membership.

## **Preliminary Ratification Procedure**

**42.** The Ratification Officer will:

- (a) establish the polling station or stations;
- (b) prepare sufficient copies of ballots, which will be uniform in size, appearance, quality, and weight;
- (c) prepare sufficient copies of the ballot envelopes, Declarations of Eligible Voter Form (Form 6), and return envelopes;
- (d) prepare sufficient copies of the voting instructions;
- (e) obtain a sufficient number of ballot boxes;
- (f) provide a space for voting at the polling station so an Eligible Voter can mark the ballot free from observation and maintain their privacy;
- (g) provide a sufficient number of permanent marking instruments for marking the ballot;
- (h) provide all other equipment as necessary to establish and properly equip the polling station; and
- (i) ensure that samples of the ballot question are posted or available for examination by Eligible Voters at the polling station.

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### Electronic Ballots

43. Any Eligible Voter may cast an electronic ballot.
44. Instructions on how to register and vote online will be mailed, emailed, or posted to the MCFN Members-only website for Eligible Voters.
45. For greater clarity, a Member who turns 18 years of age on Ratification Day, will only have access to a ballot as of Ratification Day, and not before.
46. On-line voting shall open to Eligible Voters fourteen (14) days before Ratification Day.
47. To cast an electronic ballot, an Eligible Voter must:
  - (a) At minimum, register with the Electronic Voting Service Provider to receive log-in information, in accordance with Section 13;
  - (b) Go through the verification process outlined by the Electronic Voting Service Provider by using your own, separate, email address;
  - (c) Provide any further information, as required; and
  - (d) mark the ballot by clicking either in the box marked “YES” or in the box marked “NO”.
48. On-line voting shall be closed to Eligible Voters at 7:00pm (ET) on Ratification Day.

### Mail-In Ballots

49. Any Eligible Voter may cast a mail-in ballot.
50. For greater clarity, a Member who turns 18 years of age on Ratification Day, will only have access to a ballot as of Ratification Day, and not before.
51. Mail-in ballot packages may be provided to Eligible Voters who make a request for such a package (Form 5).
52. For greater clarity, an Eligible Voter must request a mail-in ballot package between forty-two (42) and seventy-two (72) days before Ratification Day.
53. Between forty-two (42) and seventy-two (72) days before Ratification Day, the Ratification Officer will send, to every Eligible Voter who requested, and for whom a last known address is provided to the MCFN, a package consisting of:
  - (a) A pre-folded initialed ballot;

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- (b) A return envelope, pre-addressed to the Ratification Officer;
- (c) A secrecy envelope marked “Ballot;”
- (d) A declaration form (Form 6); and
- (e) Voting instructions.

**54.** To cast a mail-in ballot, an Eligible Voter must:

- (a) mark the ballot by placing a cross (X) or check mark (✓) that clearly indicates the Eligible Voter’s choice either in the box marked “YES” or in the box marked “NO;”
- (b) enclose and seal the ballot inside the secrecy envelope marked “Ballot;”
- (c) complete the declaration form (Form 6) and have it witnessed by someone over the age of 18;
- (d) enclose the completed declaration form (Form 6) and the sealed ballot envelope in the return envelope;
- (e) mail with postage or deliver the sealed return envelope to the Ratification Officer;
- (f) to be counted, a mail-in ballot must be received by the Ratification Officer:
  - i. by 5:00pm (ET) on the last business day prior to Ratification Day; or
  - ii. by hand delivery before the close of polls on Ratification Day.

**55.** The Ratification Officer is personally responsible for the safe-keeping of the mail-in ballots and will ensure that they remain sealed prior to the close of polls and are not opened until such time as the ballots are deposited in the ballot box at the close of the vote on Ratification Day.

### **In-Person**

**56.** An Eligible Voter may cast a ballot in-person on Ratification Day, so long as they have not voted by any other method outlined in the Rules and Procedures.

## **PART 9 - RATIFICATION DAY**

### **Opening the Poll**

**57.** The polling station shall be kept open from 8:00 am until 7:00 pm (ET) on Ratification Day.

**58.** All voting at the polls will be by secret ballot only.

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**59.** At the polling station, the Ratification Officer shall, immediately before the opening of the poll:

- (a) open each ballot box and ask an Eligible Voter to witness that each ballot box is empty before any ballot is placed in it;
- (b) properly seal the ballot box and place their signature on the seal in front of the witness (witness must be an Eligible Voter), and ask the witness to place their signature on the seal; and
- (c) keep the ballot box in view of the public for the reception of the ballots.

**60.** When a person at a poll requests to vote, the Ratification Officer will:

- (a) ensure that the person is an Eligible Voter, by having the Eligible Voter present Valid Photo Identification;
- (b) check the voters list to ensure that the person has not already voted; and,
- (c) if the Eligible Voter has not already voted, provide the Eligible Voter with a pre-folded ballot, on the back of which are affixed the initials of the Ratification Officer so that the initials can be seen when the ballot is folded.

**61.** Any person who is a Member of the MCFN over the age of 18 years, but whose name does not appear on the voters list, shall present Valid Photo Identification and evidence of membership, to be verified by the Ratification Officer. If the Ratification Officer is satisfied that the person is eligible to vote pursuant to these Rules and Procedures, the person shall be added to the voters list and allowed to vote at the polling station.

**62.** The Ratification Officer will place, on the voters list, a line through the name of every Eligible Voter receiving a ballot at a poll, or who has previously voted by on-line or mail-in ballot.

**63.** The Ratification Officer will explain the method of voting upon request.

**64.** An Eligible Voter may request special assistance from the Ratification Officer or a Deputy Ratification Officer at a poll if the Eligible Voter declares that they:

- (a) are not able to read;
- (b) are incapacitated by blindness or other physical limitation; or
- (c) require assistance for any other reason.

**65.** The Ratification Officer or a Deputy Ratification Officer will, on request, and in view of a witness of the Eligible Voter's choice, provide special assistance to an Eligible Voter at a poll by marking their ballot in secret as directed by the Eligible Voter and immediately folding and depositing it into the ballot box.

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66. The Ratification Officer or Deputy Ratification Officer will, after providing special assistance to an Eligible Voter, make an entry on the voters list opposite the name of the Eligible Voter indicating that the ballot was marked by the Ratification Officer or Deputy Ratification Officer at the request of the Eligible Voter, the witness's name and the reason for the Eligible Voter's request.

67. Except for an Eligible Voter requiring special assistance, as noted in Section 64, every Eligible Voter receiving a ballot at a poll will:

- (a) proceed immediately to a designated voting area;
- (b) mark the ballot by placing a cross (X) or check mark (✓) that clearly indicates the Eligible Voter's choice either in the box marked "YES" or in the box marked "NO;" and
- (c) fold the ballot concealing the mark, exposing the initials of the Ratification Officer; and, immediately give the folded ballot to the Ratification Officer.

68. Upon receiving a marked ballot, the Ratification Officer, without unfolding it, will:

- (a) verify their initials; and
- (b) deposit the ballot into the ballot box.

69. An Eligible Voter at a poll who receives a spoiled or improperly printed ballot, or who accidentally spoils their ballot when marking it, is entitled to receive another ballot from the Ratification Officer after returning the original ballot. The returned ballot will be recorded as spoiled.

70. An Eligible Voter at a poll who receives a ballot and does not return it to the Ratification Officer will forfeit the right to vote. The Ratification Officer will make an entry on the voters list stating that the Eligible Voter left the designated voting area without delivering the ballot and the ballot will be recorded as rejected.

71. Eligible Voters may hand deliver mail-in ballots on Ratification Day until the close of polls.

72. At the time set for closing the polls, the Ratification Officer will declare the polls closed and entry will be denied to the polling station with the exception of all remaining Eligible Voters in the polling station at the time of the close of the polls. For greater clarity, all remaining Eligible Voters inside the polling station at the close of polls shall have the right to vote.

73. The Ratification Officer shall indicate upon opening of the polling station, which time piece is being used to measure the appropriate closing time of the polling station.

### **Orderly Voting**

74. The Ratification Officer will ensure that peace and good order is maintained at the polling station.

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75. The Ratification Officer will allow only one Eligible Voter at a time into a designated voting area, except for an Eligible Voter receiving special assistance as provided for in Section 64.
76. The Ratification Officer shall note upon the voters list any irregularities in connection with voting.
77. An Eligible Voter who is present and available to vote at a poll before the closing of the poll, will be entitled to vote.
78. During the vote, no person, or persons, shall gather at, or near, the polling station.
79. For greater clarity, during the vote, no person shall:
- (a) interfere or attempt to interfere with an Eligible Voter when they are voting. If they do, they will be removed from the polling station; or
  - (b) obtain or attempt to obtain information as to how an Eligible Voter is about to vote or has voted at a poll. If they do, they will be removed from the polling station.
80. For greater clarity, the Ratification Officer may appoint security to assist in maintaining order at a polling station.

#### **At the Closing of the Polls**

81. At the close of the polls, the Ratification Officer will, with respect to mail-in ballots, execute the “Declaration of Ratification Officer, Mail-In Ballots” Form (Form 7).
82. At the close of the polls, the Ratification Officer will, with respect to electronic ballots, execute the “Declaration of Ratification Officer, Electronic Ballots” Form (Form 8).
83. The Ratification Officer, in the presence of a witness, and any other Eligible Voters who may be present, will:
- (a) open the mail-in envelopes and confirm the Declaration of Eligible Voter Form provided therein (Form 6);
  - (b) check the voters list to ensure that the voter has not already voted and then place a line through the name of the Eligible Voter on that list. If the voter has already voted the ballot shall be rejected;
  - (c) open the ballot envelopes and confirm the authenticity of the ballot by checking the affixed initials;
  - (d) count the total number of mail-in ballots without opening or showing the ballot itself;
  - (e) deposit each ballot, without opening or showing it, in a ballot box; and

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- (f) print the electronic voting online report at the close of polls and deposit it into a ballot box.

## **PART 10 - RESULTS**

**84.** After the mail-in ballots and electronic voting online report have been deposited into a ballot box, the Ratification Officer, in the presence of any other Eligible Voters who may be present, will:

- (a) examine all ballots contained in the ballot boxes;
- (b) reject any ballots required by Section 91;
- (c) identify any spoiled ballots and set them aside;
- (d) subject to recount or appeal, take note of any objections made by an Eligible Voter to any of the ballots found in the ballot box on the Objections Form (Form 9), decide any questions arising out of an objection, have the Ratification Officer sign to acknowledge the objection, and place the corresponding number on the back of the ballot with the word “allowed” or “disallowed” with their initials;
- (e) count the number of ballots marked “YES,” the number marked “NO,” and the number of rejected and spoiled ballots and add the results to the electronic voting online report results; and,
- (f) declare the results of the vote as a percentage of the total number of votes cast, as well as whether a simple majority was achieved, on the “Statement As To Voting Results” Form (Form 10).

**85.** The Ratification Officer will then, within 48 hours of the final count, execute three copies of the “Ratification Officer Certification” (Form 11): one copy to be posted to the Designated Public Locations, one copy to be sent to the Chief Operating Officer, and one copy to be kept with the voting file.

**86.** In the event of a tie vote, the following applies:

- (a) a recount may be held by the Ratification Officer immediately following the Ratification Vote; and
- (b) the results of the recount shall be final, subject to appeal.

**87.** For greater clarity, if, following a recount, as set out in Section 86, a tie vote is still maintained, the Ratification Officer will declare the Proposed Document rejected and the Proposed Document will be returned to the Inaaknigewin Legislative Branch and Council, as set out in Part 12.

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**88.** The Ratification Officer will declare the Proposed Document approved by the Eligible Voters if fifty percent (50%) plus one (+1) (a simple majority), vote “YES.” For greater clarity, there shall be no minimum threshold of participation required to validate a vote.

**89.** The Ratification Officer will seal in separate envelopes: spoiled ballots, rejected ballots, ballots cast in favour, ballots cast against, and any unused ballots. The Ratification Officer will then affix their signature to the seals and will retain the separate envelopes in a sealed box, for at least sixty (60) days.

**90.** After sixty (60) days from Ratification Day, the contents of the separate envelopes, as set out in Section 89, shall be destroyed by the Ratification Officer, who will then complete the Declaration of Destruction of Ballots & Ratification Material Form (Form 13).

### **Rejected Ballots**

**91.** A cast ballot will be rejected if it:

- (a) was not supplied by the Ratification Officer;
- (b) was not marked as either “YES” or “NO”;
- (c) was marked as both “YES” and “NO”; or
- (d) has any writing or mark which identifies the Eligible Voter.

**92.** A ballot marked with something other than an “X” or check mark (✓) in a box, will not be rejected if:

- (a) the mark does not identify the Eligible Voter; or
- (b) the intent of the Eligible Voter is clear in the opinion of the Ratification Officer.

**93.** A mail-in ballot will be rejected if the mail-in package is incomplete.

### **Complaints to the Ratification Officer**

**94.** Any Eligible Voter who voted may make a complaint to the Ratification Officer relating to the Ratification Vote process.

**95.** Any complaint made against the conduct of the Ratification Officer may be made directly to the Debwewin Administrative Tribunal, and Section 94 will not apply. For greater clarity, Part 11 of these Rules and Procedures will apply as it relates to this section.

**96.** The Ratification Officer is responsible for determining the outcome of any complaints made to them by an Eligible Voter regarding all pre-ratification, Ratification Day, and post-ratification processes and procedures included in the Statement and these Rules and Procedures.

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**97.** A complaint made may be made at any time during the ratification process, but no later than 48 hours following the date of the Ratification Vote.

**98.** Any complaint made shall be decided by the Ratification Officer within 24 hours of receiving the complaint.

**99.** Any decision made by the Ratification Officer may be appealed to the Debwewin Administrative Tribunal, as set out in Part 11 of these Rules and Procedures.

**100.** Where an appeal has been submitted to the Debwewin Administrative Tribunal, and the Administrative Tribunal is hearing the appeal, during the period that the appeal is being heard, and until a decision by the Administrative Tribunal is rendered, the Proposed Document will neither be declared approved nor rejected.

## **PART 11 - APPEALS**

**101.** The Debwewin Administrative Tribunal, established under the Debwewin Administrative Tribunal Act, shall oversee and administer, in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Tribunal Act, any associated rules and procedures, the Approval Law and these Rules and Procedures, as it relates to all Approval Law-related appeals.

**102.** An Eligible Voter who participated in the Ratification Vote, may file an appeal to the Debwewin Administrative Tribunal if the person has reasonable grounds for believing that:

- (a)** there was a violation of this *Statement of Law-Making Jurisdiction* or these Rules and Procedures or an irregularity in that process; and,
- (b)** the final result of the Ratification Vote might have been different but for the violation or irregularity.

**103.** The request for an appeal must be submitted in writing within fourteen (14) days of the vote to the Office of the Tribunal and must also:

- (a)** identify the name, address, email address, and any telephone number of the objector;
- (b)** summarize the grounds for the appeal; and,
- (c)** be accompanied by a statutory declaration or affidavit setting out the grounds for the appeal.

**104.** A non-refundable application fee shall be required for each application filed with the Administrative Tribunal, and shall be paid to the Office of the Tribunal on filing the application for appeal.

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**105.** In accordance with Section 104, the application fee shall be set at fifty dollars (\$50.00 CAD), and shall be in the form of cash, debit, electronic transfer, money order, or certified cheque, payable to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

**106.** For greater clarity, all monies received, as outlined in Section 105, shall be placed into a MCFN bank account for the purposes of supporting the Administrative Tribunal.

**107.** The Ratification Officer shall participate in the appeal process.

**108.** If the material submitted by the Appellant is not sufficient to decide the validity or the grounds of the appeal, the Administrative Tribunal will dismiss the appeal.

**109.** For greater clarity, if a representative of the Office of the Tribunal finds an application to be lacking in completion prior to the Administrative Tribunal considering the matter, the representative of the Office of the Tribunal will contact the Appellant and allow them the opportunity to complete the application and resubmit it for consideration by the Administrative Tribunal, as long as the application is resubmitted within the initial fourteen (14) days noted in Section 103.

**110.** Subject to Section 108, the Debwewin Administrative Tribunal may allow an appeal and recommend to the Inaaknigewin Legislative Branch that a new vote take place.

**111.** The Inaaknigewin Legislative Branch will recommend to Council that a new vote take place.

**112.** Based on recommendations by the Inaaknigewin Legislative Branch, as set out in Section 111, where Council determines that a new vote will take place, Council will approve by CR a new Ratification Day, in accordance with Section 5.5 of the Naaknige and Section 9 of these Rules and Procedures.

**113.** The Debwewin Administrative Tribunal will dismiss the appeal if it is of the opinion that:

- (a) there was neither a violation of the *Statement of Law-Making Jurisdiction* nor any irregularity in these Rules and Procedures; or,
- (b) there was a violation or an irregularity, but the final result of the Ratification Vote was not affected by it.

**114.** The Debwewin Administrative Tribunal shall make a decision, with respect to an appeal within fourteen (14) days of receiving the application and supporting documentation, or following the conclusion of an oral hearing, whichever is later.

**115.** Any decision of the Debwewin Administrative Tribunal rendered pursuant to Sections 114 shall be given in writing to the Appellant, the Ratification Officer, the Chief Operating Officer, the Inaaknigewin Legislative Branch, and any other individual involved in the matter, with substantive reasons to support its decision.

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**116.** Any decision of the Debwewin Administrative Tribunal shall be final.

## **PART 12 – REJECTION OF PROPOSED DOCUMENT**

**117.** If, following a Vote, there is a tie, as set out in Section 86, or a majority of Members have not voted in favour of a Proposed Document, Council may choose:

- (a)** not to continue with the Proposed Document; or
- (b)** to return the Proposed Document to the Inaaknigewin Legislative Branch for review and recommendations on next steps, which may include, but are not limited to:
  - i. further engagement and feedback from Members; or
  - ii. revision of the Proposed Document.

**118.** When significant engagement has taken place with Members, as set out in Section 117(b)(i), additional Ratification Votes have occurred with the same result, and Council believes that the Proposed Document significantly benefits the needs of the MCFN, Council may approve the Naaknige regardless of whether it passes a subsequent Ratification Vote of the Members, after obtaining legal advice.

**119.** For greater clarity, “significant engagement” means at least two and one half (2 ½) years of ongoing, regular engagement has passed since the Proposed Document was initially presented to Members, with no reasonable feedback being provided by the Members regarding the Proposed Document, and at least two (2) additional Ratification Votes have been held.

**120.** For greater clarity, Sections 118-119 shall not apply to any agreement to be approved by Members, including, but not limited to, any land claim settlement.

**121.** For greater clarity, Sections 118-119 shall only apply to the approval of any MCFN Naaknige or by-law.

**122.** A Member may file an application with the Administrative Tribunal as it relates to Sections 118-119, where the Member substantively believes that Council has not undertaken significant engagement and the Administrative Tribunal may determine the merits of such an application.

**123.** Where the Administrative Tribunal finds that Council has not undertaken significant engagement, as outlined in Sections 118-119, the Administrative Tribunal shall find the Proposed Document of no force and effect.

**124.** Where the Administrative Tribunal finds that the Proposed Document is of no force and effect, as set out in Section 123, the Administrative Tribunal may direct Council as to what type of engagement and length of engagement is necessary for a new Ratification Vote to take place, as set out in Section 112.

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## PART 13 - AMENDMENTS

### Amendments

**125.** Where the Inaaknigewin Legislative Branch proposes an amendment to these Rules and Procedures, Council may approve such amendment by passing a CR.

**126.** For greater clarity, an amendment means an amendment occurring due to a change in naaknige, defects in the *Statement of Law-Making Jurisdiction* or these Rules and Procedures, or to improve the procedural efficiency of the *Statement of Law-Making Jurisdiction* or these Rules and Procedures.

**127.** Once any amendment has been made to the *Statement of Law Making Jurisdiction* or these Rules and Procedures, notice will be provided to Members.

**128.** For greater clarity, notice will be posted in the Designated Public Locations and on MCFN's Members-only website.

### Review of Statement and Rules and Procedures

**129.** The *Statement of Law Making Jurisdiction* and these Rules and Procedures shall be reviewed by the Inaaknigewin Legislative Branch after the first year that the *Statement* is in force, to determine whether any proposed amendments should be brought forward for approval.

**130.** Following the first year that the *Statement of Law Making Jurisdiction* and these Rules and Procedures are in force, the Inaaknigewin Legislative Branch shall review the *Statement of Law Making Jurisdiction* and these Rules and Procedures every two (2) years, to determine whether any proposed amendments should be brought forward for approval.

## PART 14 – DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

**131.** Under a declaration of state of emergency, Council may, after obtaining legal advice, approve a naaknige in order to preserve public safety, whereby a Ratification Vote would have otherwise taken place.

**132.** For greater clarity, “public safety” may include, but is not limited to, hazards, and possible consequences of those hazards, as is outlined in a MCFN emergency management law, as drafted by Council, from time to time.

**133.** Any naaknige approved under Section 131, shall expire three (3) months from the date of the approval or at the end of the declaration of emergency, whichever comes first.

**134.** Any naaknige approved under Section 131, may be renewed for another three (3) months, prior to the expiration of the naaknige in accordance with Section 133.

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## PART 15 - CERTIFICATION

**135.** If the Proposed Document before the Members is approved, upon receipt of the Ratification Officer Certification (Form 11) and fifteen (15) days have passed without an appeal, Chief and Council shall approve and sign, by way of CR (Form 12), four (4) copies of the Naaknige and provide them to the Inaaknigewin Legislative Branch for safe keeping and posting to the Kina naaknigewnan teg.

## PART 16 - COMING INTO FORCE

**136.** These Rules and Procedures will come into force on MONTH DAY, YEAR after the *Statement of Law-Making Jurisdiction* has been made naaknige, as set out in the *Statement of Law Making Jurisdiction*, and in accordance with the MCFN Declaration of Rights.

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## FORM 1: COUNCIL RESOLUTION

### Commencement of Vote

**The Chief and Council of the MCFN, pursuant to the Statement of Law-Making Jurisdiction and the associated Rules and Procedures, do hereby resolve to:**

1. Direct that a vote to determine if the Members approve of the *(Proposed Document)*, be held in accordance with the Statement of Law-Making Jurisdiction and the associated Rules and Procedures;
2. Confirm the ballot question in the form attached as Form 2, Ballot Question;
3. Confirm the recommendation of the Chief Operating Officer that \_\_\_\_\_ *Name* \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed as Ratification Officer for the Ratification Vote of the *(Proposed Document)*;
4. Set the Ratification Day to be the Day, Month, Year; and
5. Set the electronic voting period to begin Day, Month, Year, and be open until Day, Month, Year at 7:00pm (ET), at which time electronic voting will be closed.

Approved and passed at a duly convened meeting of the Council of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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**FORM 2: BALLOT**

Do you approve:

*(The Proposed Document)*, dated Day, Month, Year:

**Mark this Ballot by placing an “X” in one of the following boxes:**

**YES**

☐

**NO**

☐

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### FORM 3: APPOINTMENT OF RATIFICATION OFFICER / DEPUTY RATIFICATION OFFICER / INTERPRETER AND OATH OF OFFICE

Day, Month, Year

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_ (address) \_\_\_\_\_, appointed under the MCFN *Approval Law*, to carry out the Ratification Vote of the (*Proposed Document*), to be held on the \_\_\_\_ day of (*month*), 20\_\_\_\_, accept the position of \_\_\_\_ (*Ratification Officer / Interpreter / Deputy Ratification Officer*)\_ and agree to:

- *comply with this Law and the Rules and Procedures, and all the laws of MCFN;*
- *fulfill the duties and responsibilities of my office as set out in this Law and Rules and Procedures;*
- *carry out my duties faithfully, honestly, impartially, and with integrity, and to the best of my abilities;*
- *keep confidential, both during and after my term of office, any matter or information which, under this Law, community law, or policy, is considered confidential; and*
- *always act in the best interests of the Eligible Voter and the community in carrying out my duties.*

Any violation of this Oath or failure to discharge my duties competently, as set out in the Law or its associated rules and procedures, shall render me liable to dismissal from service by the Chief Operating Officer.

_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Commissioner for Taking Oaths	_____ Date

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**FORM 4: NOTICE OF VOTE****TO: MEMBERS of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation**

**TAKE NOTICE** that a Ratification Vote will be held pursuant to the MCFN Approval Law and the Rules and Procedures on Day, Month, Year, in order to determine if Eligible Voters approve the *(Proposed Document)*.

The following question will be asked of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Eligible Voters by secret ballot:

“Do you approve:  
*(The Proposed Document)* dated Day, Month, Year?”

The vote will take place on Day, Month, Year, from 8:00a.m. until 7:00p.m (ET) at: *(Polling Location(s))*

Electronic voting will begin on Day, Month, Year, at X:00p.m (ET) and close on Day, Month, Year, at 7:00p.m (ET).

Mail-in ballots will be accepted by mail until 5:00p.m. (ET) on Day, Month, Year, and accepted by hand delivery until the close of polls on Day, Month, Year, at 7:00p.m (ET).

Copies of the *(Proposed Document)*, the MCFN Approval Law, and the Rules and Procedures may be obtained from the Ratification Officer or the MCFN Governance Department, who can be reached at 905-768-1133 ext. XXXX, or online at WEBSITE.

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE** that all Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Members 18 years of age or over, as of the date of the Ratification Vote, are eligible to vote by mail-in ballot, electronic ballot, or in-person.

To obtain a mail-in ballot, a MCFN Eligible Voter **must** complete a **Request for a Mail-In Ballot Package Form**, and submit it to:

To vote electronically, an Eligible Voter must register with the Electronic Voting Service Provider with their own, separate, email address. A link to register can be found here: *(include link to Electronic Voting Service Provider)*. If an Eligible Voter forgets their password, to obtain a new online password for electronic voting, an Eligible Voter should select the “forgot password” link on the Electronic Voting Service Provider’s website and follow the steps to reset the password. If an Eligible Voter has any questions regarding electronic voting, the following individuals may be contacted:

\_\_\_\_\_, Ratification Officer, *(address, phone number, and email address)*; or

\_\_\_\_\_, Deputy Ratification Officer, *(address, phone number, and email address)*

**DATED** at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ratification Officer Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ratification Officer Signature

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**FORM 5: REQUEST FOR A MAIL-IN BALLOT PACKAGE**

Please complete and return this form to \_\_\_\_\_, Ratification Officer, by mail  
\_\_\_\_\_, email \_\_\_\_\_, or by hand delivery to \_\_\_\_\_

*As outlined in Section 49 of the Statement of Law-Making Jurisdiction Rules and Procedures, an Eligible Voter must request a mail-in ballot package, for the purpose of voting by mail-in ballot for a Ratification Vote.*

I request that a mail-in ballot package be provided to me:

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Band Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Of the following 3 choices, I want the mail-in ballot package to be provided to me as follows:

☐ I (or someone on my behalf), will pick it up at the MCFN Administration Building Main Desk (2789 Mississauga Road);

**-OR-**

☐ To be sent by regular letter mail through Canada Post to my address, as noted above;

**-OR-**

☐ To be sent by regular letter mail through Canada Post to the following alternate mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(street address, city/town, province, postal code)

**I confirm that the above information is correct.**

Signature of MCFN Member \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**FORM 6: DECLARATION OF ELIGIBLE VOTER, MAIL-IN BALLOTS****(Must accompany mail-in ballot)**In the matter of the Ratification Vote being held on Day, Month, Year:I, \_\_\_\_\_ (*please print your name*), solemnly declare that,

(1) I am a Member of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and my band registry number is \_\_\_\_\_;

If you do not know your band registry number, please provide your birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_.

(2) I currently reside at: \_\_\_\_\_.

(3) I will have reached 18 years of age, or older, as of the date of this Ratification Vote, and I do not know of any reason why I would be disqualified from voting in this Ratification Vote. My date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_.

(4) I have read and understood the information package regarding the (*Proposed Document*), and I have voted freely and without interference.**I have marked my mail-in ballot, folding it and showing the initials marked on the back of the mail-in ballot, and have placed the mail-in ballot in the secrecy envelope.****I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it has the same force and effect as if made under Oath. I understand that it is an offence to make a false statement in this Declaration.**

Signature of Eligible Voter: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DECLARATION OF WITNESS**\_\_\_\_\_ I know the Member and I witnessed the Member's signature and I am at least 18 years old; **OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ I did assist the Member in marking the mail-in ballot according to the directions of the Member and I am at least 18 years old.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (*please print your name*), verify that the above statement was declared to me on the date below and my Band Registry Number/Date of Birth is \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

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## FORM 7: DECLARATION OF RATIFICATION OFFICER, MAIL-IN BALLOTS

### (Mail-in Ballots)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Ratification Officer for the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, in \_\_\_\_\_ (place), DO SOLEMNLY MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) I followed the rules and procedures outlined in the Statement of Law Making Jurisdiction and the Statement of Law Making Jurisdiction Rules and Procedures; and
- (2) I make this affidavit in fulfillment of my role as Ratification Officer and for no improper purpose.

Sworn before me at City/Town of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ City, in the Province of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*A Commissioner, etc*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Ratification Officer*

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Dated for Reference the 5th day of October 2021

*Inaaknigewin Committee*

## FORM 8: DECLARATION OF RATIFICATION OFFICER, ELECTRONIC BALLOTS

## (Electronic Ballots)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Ratification Officer for the Mississaugas of the  
Credit First Nation, in \_\_\_\_\_ (*place*), DO SOLEMNLY  
MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) I followed the rules and procedures outlined in the Statement of Law Making Jurisdiction and the Statement of Law Making Jurisdiction Rules and Procedures; and
- (2) I make this affidavit in fulfillment of my role as Ratification Officer and for no improper purpose.

Sworn before me at City/Town of \_\_\_\_\_ City, in the Province of \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

*A Commissioner, etc*

Ratification Officer

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**FORM 10: STATEMENT AS TO VOTING RESULTS**

The following are the results of the Ratification Vote, held by the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, for *(Proposed Document)*, held on Day, Month, Year:

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Members were entitled to vote;
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ Members voted;
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_ % of eligible Members voted;
- (d) The 50% + 1 (simple majority) threshold \_\_\_\_\_ met;  
(was/was not)
- (e) \_\_\_\_\_ Members voted **in favour** of ratifying the *(Proposed Document)*;
- (f) \_\_\_\_\_ Members voted **against** ratifying the *(Proposed Document)*;
- (g) \_\_\_\_\_ ballots were rejected; and
- (h) \_\_\_\_\_ ballots were spoiled.

A simple majority \_\_\_\_\_ achieved.  
(was/was not)

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day, \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Ratification Officer*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Ratification Officer*

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**FORM 11: RATIFICATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Ratification Officer for the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, in \_\_\_\_\_ (*place*), DO SOLEMNLY MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) I followed the rules and procedures outlined in the Statement of Law Making Jurisdiction and the Statement of Law Making Jurisdiction Rules and Procedures;
- (2) I have confirmed the results of the Ratification Vote for the (*Proposed Document*), and a simple majority (*was / was not*) achieved; and
- (3) I make this affidavit in fulfillment of my role as Ratification Officer and for no improper purpose.

Sworn before me at City/Town of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ City, in the Province of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*A Commissioner, etc*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Ratification Officer*

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**FORM 12: COUNCIL RESOLUTION**  
**(Approval of Law following Vote)**

Whereas the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation desires to provide a naaknige appropriate to our culture and traditions respecting...; and

Whereas....;

*(however many Whereas statements as the Department or Council would like to include in its CR regarding context of the Proposed Document, principles followed, etc)*

Whereas a Ratification Vote was held on Day, Month, Year; and

Whereas *(number of voters)* cast ballots representing *(percent)* of Eligible Voters; and

Whereas *(number of voters)* voted in favour of the *(Proposed Document)*, representing *(percent)* of the ballots cast;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation's *(Proposed Document)* has been approved and comes into force on Day, Month, Year.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Chief

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Councillor

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Councillor

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 Councillor

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Councillor

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### FORM 13: DECLARATION OF DESTRUCTION OF BALLOTS & RATIFICATION MATERIAL

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Ratification Officer for the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, in \_\_\_\_\_ (*place*), DO SOLEMNLY MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) I followed the rules and procedures outlined in the Statement of Law Making Jurisdiction and the Statement of Law Making Jurisdiction Rules and Procedures;
- (2) I confirm that I have destroyed all of the ballots and Ratification Vote materials from the (*Proposed Document*); and
- (3) I make this affidavit in fulfillment of my role as Ratification Officer and for no improper purpose.

Sworn before me at City/Town of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 \_\_\_\_\_ City, in the Province of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_. )  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 \_\_\_\_\_ )

\_\_\_\_\_  
*A Commissioner, etc*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Ratification Officer*

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*Inaaknigewin Committee*

## **SCHEDULE 1: MODEL LAW RATIFICATION PROCESS FLOW CHART**

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**CONFIDENTIAL**

*Dated for Reference the 21st day of July 2021*

*Inaaknigewin / Enaaknigejigg Committee*

# Model Law Ratification Process

