

Instructions for voting by mail

Dear Voter,

As indicated in the Notice of Referendum attached, a referendum will be held soon to obtain the Wolastoqiyiq Wahsipekuk's approval to designate lands to be leased for a economic development project.

Because you are a member of this First Nation, you will be entitled to vote if you are at least 18 years old on the day of the referendum. Your kit contains everything you need to vote by mail:

- A ballot initialled by the Electoral Officer where you will find the referendum question;
- An white envelope entitled "Voter Declaration Form" in which you will place your ballot;
- A self-addressed pre-stamped beige envelope.

Please read the following instructions to ensure that your ballot is not rejected.

Ballot:

- 1. Make a mark** (for exemple: ✓, X, \, +, /, o, ●, ■) in the circle of your choice.
- 2. Fold the ballot.** The initials of the Electoral Officer on the back of the ballot must be visible.
- 3. Place the ballot inside the white envelope** entitled "Voter Declaration Form" and seal it.

Voter Declaration Form:

- 4. Complete the "Voter Declaration Form"** which is printed on the envelope, and remember to sign it. Also, have the form confirmed by a witness who is at least 18 years old, Indigenous person or not. Note that "Voter declaration forms" that are not signed will be rejected and will not be counted in the referendum.
- 5. Place the "Voter Declaration Form" envelope,** which is signed and sealed and contains the ballot, inside the large beige self-addressed pre-stamped envelope.
- 6. Seal that envelope** and return it to us as soon as possible. The Electoral Officer must receive your envelope **by 8:00 p.m. the day before the referendum.** Since the referendum is a Saturday and there is no delivery of mail by Post Canada. Ballots received after this date will not be counted.

Note that to be counted, your ballot must be accompanied by the “Voter Declaration Form” signed by you and confirmed by a witness.

If you accidentally spoil your ballot, a new ballot can be provided to you, after you return the first ballot to the Electoral Officer.

Even if you have received a voting kit in the mail, you can vote in person on polling day at the polling station address indicated in the Notice of Referendum. Only one vote will be counted; the vote you will cast in person the day of the referendum.

If you have any questions on the referendum do not hesitate to contact us at this toll-free number **1-833-659-3040**.

Sincerely,

Maryse Larivière
Electoral Officer
Indigenous Services Canada