



## **NOTICE REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE KAINAIWA/BLOOD TRIBE ELECTION REGULATIONS, 1995**

Amendments were made to the *Kainaiwa/Blood Tribe Election Regulations, 1995* by Blood Tribe Chief and Council on August 11, 2020 by **Band Council Resolution No. FY 20-21-11532** and August 19, 2020 by **Band Council Resolution No. FY 20-21-11535**.

Some of the amendments relate to ensuring the use of consistent terms in the Regulations and to clarify some procedural matters. Other amendments were made in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all Blood Tribe members, election officials and staff for the 2020 Council Election. Various public safety measures will be implemented for a new one (1) day walk-in nomination process and the nomination meeting and at each polling station. Some of these public safety measures include, among others, social distancing requirements, the provision of masks and gloves, and enhanced sanitizing and disinfecting of the designated locations for the nomination process, nomination meeting and polling stations.

Please note that the usual nomination meeting procedures, found in Section 9 of the Regulations, remain in place for future Council Elections when COVID-19 is no longer a global pandemic.

The amendments relating to the new one (1) day walk-in nomination process, nomination meeting and public safety measures are set out in Schedule II to the Regulations and will apply to the 2020 Council Election.

### **HIGHLIGHTED AREA SHOWS AMENDED SECTIONS AND NEW SECTIONS:**

**\*\*\*\*\*Amended on 11 August 2020 by Band Council Resolution No. FY 20-21-11532 by:**

- **amending paragraphs and sub-paragraphs: 2.02 and 2.02.01, 2.02.02, 2.02.03, 2.02.04 and 2.02.05 to correct paragraph and sub-paragraph numbering and other amendments; adding new sub-paragraph 2.01.01A**
- **amending sub-paragraph 3.03.04 to 3.03.04B and adding sub-paragraph 3.03.04A; amending sub-paragraph 3.03.05 to 3.03.05B and adding sub-paragraph 3.03.05A; amending sub-paragraphs 3.03.07, 3.03.08, 3.03.09, 3.03.10, 3.03.11, 3.03.15 and deleting sub-paragraph 3.03.17**
- **amending paragraphs 4.01 and 4.03**
- **amending paragraph 5.01**
- **amending paragraph 6.01 and sub-paragraph 6.03.01**
- **amending paragraphs 7.01 and 7.04**
- **amending paragraph 8.01**
- **amending sub-paragraph 9.04.02; adding paragraph 9.08A; deleting paragraph 9.09; adding paragraphs 9.09A, 9.09B and 9.09C**
- **amending sub-paragraph 11A.02.02**

- amending the heading for paragraph 12 and amending paragraph 12.01
  - amending the heading for paragraph 12A and deleting paragraph 12A.01; amending paragraph 12A.02 and sub-paragraphs 12A.02.01, 12A.02.02, 12A.02.04 and 12A.02.05
  - amending paragraphs 13.01 and 13.02
  - amending paragraph 14.01
  - amending paragraphs 15.01, 15.02, 15.05, 15.17 and adding paragraph 15.08A
  - amending paragraphs 16.01 and 16.02 and sub-paragraph 16.06.02
  - amending paragraphs 18.01 and 18.02
  - amending paragraph 19.02
  - amending paragraphs 19A.07, 19A.09, 19A.12; amending sub-paragraphs 19A.05.02; adding paragraph 19A.09A; deleting paragraph 19A.11
  - adding heading for new paragraph 23 and adding paragraph 23.01
- at a duly convened meeting of the Blood Tribe Council, a quorum existing.

\*\*\*\*\*Amended on 19 August 2020 by Band Council Resolution No. FY 20-21-11535 by:

- amending sub-paragraphs 12A.02.04 and 12A.02.05
- amending paragraph 13.02
- amending paragraph 16.01

at a duly convened meeting of the Blood Tribe Council, a quorum existing.

## ELECTION NOTICE

\*\*\*\*\*2.01 On or before the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October in every year in which a Blood Tribe Election is to be held pursuant to the Bylaw, the Blood Tribe Council shall issue a notice of Blood Tribe Election. The election shall be held no later than the last day of November. The notice shall contain:

- \*\*\*\*\*2.01.01 The date of the Blood Tribe Election,
- \*\*\*\*\*2.01.01A The date of any Advance Poll,
- \*\*\*\*\*2.01.02 The name of the Chief Electoral Officer,
- \*\*\*\*\*2.01.03 The date(s) of the walk-in nomination process, if it applies, and the date of the nomination meeting,
- \*\*\*\*\*2.01.04 The location of the polling stations, including the off-reserve polling station(s),
- \*\*\*\*\*2.01.05 Any other matters with respect to the election.

The said notice shall be posted in at least three prominent locations on or about the Reserve and shall be published in news media having circulation in the Reserve at the discretion of the Chief Electoral Officer.

## **CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER**

- 3.01 The Chief Electoral Officer shall be appointed by the Blood Tribe Council prior to the issue of the election notice.
- 3.02 The Chief Electoral Officer shall:
- 3.02.01 Be a member of the Blood Tribe,
  - 3.02.02 Be neither a Chief nor a Councillor nor shall he or she become a candidate in the Blood Tribe Election for which he or she is appointed or favour, promote or be associated with the campaign of any candidate, and
  - 3.02.03 Not be an employee of the Blood Tribe Administration or the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development or any Successor Department of the Government of Canada.
- 3.03 The duties of the Chief Electoral Officer are to act as the returning officer of the election, to appoint the Deputies, Interpreters, Scrutineers and other persons required to conduct the election and shall provide all necessary means and do all acts that may be required for the purpose of holding the election or taking the votes. The duties and the powers of the Chief Electoral Officer shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
- 3.03.01 To appoint Deputy Electoral Officers, Interpreters, Scrutineers and all other persons required in order that the election be held,
  - 3.03.02 To prepare the list of eligible voters,
  - 3.03.03 To prepare, post and announce the notice of Blood Tribe Election,
  - \*\*\*\*\*3.03.04A To publicize the dates of the walk-in nomination process, if it applies,
  - \*\*\*\*\*3.03.04B To publicize the date, time and place of the nomination meeting,
  - \*\*\*\*\*3.03.05A To supervise and have general conduct of the walk-in nomination process, if it applies,
  - \*\*\*\*\*3.03.05B To act as the chairman of the nomination meeting,
  - 3.03.06 To prepare lists of eligible and ineligible nominees, from among those nominated,
  - \*\*\*\*\*3.03.07 To ensure that the fees to be assessed pursuant to these Regulations are collected,
  - \*\*\*\*\*3.03.08 To procure the necessary materials and prepare the polling stations,
  - \*\*\*\*\*3.03.09 To establish the form to be utilized for the appointment of agents,
  - \*\*\*\*\*3.03.10 To conduct the advance poll,
  - \*\*\*\*\*3.03.11 To conduct the poll and to be responsible for all matters during polling,
  - 3.03.12 To close the poll and gather ballots,

- 3.03.13 To supervise the count of the vote,
  - 3.03.14 To declare the successful candidates,
  - \*\*\*\*\*3.03.15 To deal with the ballots in accordance with these Regulations,
  - 3.03.16 Subject to the provisions of the Bylaw, to generally oversee and supervise the conduct of the election and to act with respect to appeals as required by the Bylaw and these Regulations.
  - \*\*\*\*\*3.03.17 Deleted.
- 3.04 The Chief Electoral Officer shall be provided with sufficient support staff, space and resources by the Blood Tribe Council in order to fulfill his or her duties pursuant to the Bylaw and Regulations.

### **DEPUTY ELECTORAL OFFICERS**

- \*\*\*\*\*4.01 Deputy Electoral Officers as required in order to assist in the conduct of the election shall be appointed by the Chief Electoral Officer not less than four (4) weeks prior to the Blood Tribe Election.
- 4.02 Any Deputy Electoral Officer shall be:
  - 4.02.01 A member of the Blood Tribe,
  - 4.02.02 Twenty-one (21) years of age or over,
  - 4.02.03 Neither a Chief nor a Councillor nor shall he or she become a candidate in the Blood Tribe Election for which he or she is appointed or favour, promote, or be associated with the campaign of any candidate.
- \*\*\*\*\*4.03 The Deputy Electoral Officer shall perform all duties as assigned and delegated by the Chief Electoral Officer and the expression “Chief Electoral Officer” appearing in these Regulations and any Schedules to these Regulations shall include the Deputy Electoral Officers where such duties have been delegated to him or her.

### **INTERPRETERS**

- \*\*\*\*\*5.01 Interpreters shall be appointed as required for the conduct of the election by the Chief Electoral Officer not less than four (4) weeks prior to the Blood Tribe Election.
- 5.02 An Interpreter shall:
  - 5.02.01 Be an Indian within the meaning of the Indian Act,
  - 5.02.02 Be Twenty-One (21) years of age or over,
  - 5.02.03 Be fluent in the Blackfoot language,

- 5.02.04 Be able to read and write English,
- 5.02.05 Have a knowledge of Blackfoot names and families on the Reserve,
- 5.02.06 Have a knowledge of the sign language of the Blackfoot people,
- 5.02.07 Be neither a Chief nor a Councillor nor shall he or she become a candidate in the Blood Tribe Election for which he or she is appointed or favour, promote, or be associated with the campaign of any candidate.

## **SCRUTINEERS**

\*\*\*\*\*6.01 Scrutineers shall be appointed by the Chief Electoral Officer as required for the conduct of the election not less than four (4) weeks prior to the Blood Tribe Election.

6.02 A Scrutineer shall:

- 6.02.01 Be an Indian within the meaning of the Indian Act but not a Blood Tribe Member,
- 6.02.02 Be Twenty-One (21) years of age or over,
- 6.02.03 Be fluent in the Blackfoot language,
- 6.02.04 Be able to read, write and speak English, and
- 6.02.05 Not favour, promote, or be associated with the campaign of any candidate.

6.03 A Scrutineer shall:

- \*\*\*\*\*6.03.01 Act as a witness as to the conduct of the election, including attendance during the walk-in nomination process, if it applies, and at the nomination meeting, and
- 6.03.02 Report to the Chief Electoral Officer any breach of the Bylaw or these Regulations which may affect the outcome of the election.

## **AGENTS**

\*\*\*\*\*7.01 Agents may be appointed by candidates for office not less than two (2) weeks prior to the conduct of the election by filing with the Chief Electoral Officer an appointment in the form stipulated by the Chief Electoral Officer.

7.02 Agents shall be:

- 7.02.01 Members of the Blood Tribe,
- 7.02.02 Twenty-One (21) years of age or over,
- 7.02.03 Able to read, speak and write English.

7.03 Agents shall be entitled to observe the conduct of the election and the counting of the ballots but shall not:

7.03.01 Speak to or influence or interfere with any voter in the polling place, or

7.03.02 Obstruct or interfere with the Chief Electoral Officer in completing his or her duties in accordance with the Bylaw or Regulations.

\*\*\*\*\*7.04 No more than one (1) agent for each candidate may be appointed with respect to each polling place and no more than one agent per candidate may be present at the counting of votes but the non-attendance of any agent does not invalidate any act taken pursuant to the Bylaw or these Regulations.

## **VOTERS LIST**

\*\*\*\*\*8.01 No later than four (4) weeks prior to the Blood Tribe Election date, a preliminary list of eligible voters prepared from the list of Blood Tribe members maintained pursuant to the Blood Tribe Membership Code shall be posted at conspicuous places throughout the Reserve.

8.02 Any Blood Tribe member who is Twenty-One (21) years of age or over on the Blood Tribe Election date may apply to the Chief Electoral Officer to have:

8.02.01 His or her name or the name of any other person added to the list of eligible voters,

8.02.02 His or her name or the name of any other person deleted from the list of eligible voters.

8.03 The Chief Electoral Officer shall cause an investigation to be made into the eligibility of the person to be added or deleted and, as a result of the investigation, may add or delete as appropriate such person or persons who are the subject of any such application.

8.04 The Chief Electoral Officer shall furnish a copy of the findings to the person causing the investigation upon written request of such person therefor.

8.05 The Chief Electoral Officer shall be entitled to request any proof, affidavit or statutory declaration of any applicant or person subject to an investigation under this section.

\*\*8.06 The Chief Electoral Officer shall post the Final Voters List not later than fourteen (14) days prior to the Blood Tribe Election Date.

## **NOMINATIONS**

9.01 Not later than twenty one (21) days prior to the Blood Tribe Election date, a nomination meeting shall be convened at the time, date and place described in the Notice of Blood Tribe Election.

- 9.02 The Chief Electoral Officer shall cause notices of the nomination meeting to be posted in conspicuous places throughout the Reserve and in local news media having circulation in the Reserve not less than seven (7) days prior to the date of the nomination meeting.
- 9.03 At the time, date and place scheduled for the nomination meeting, the Chief Electoral Officer shall:
- 9.03.01 Declare the meeting open for the purpose of receiving nominations for the offices of Chief and Councillor,
  - 9.03.02 Act as chairman of the nomination meeting which shall be open for the period commencing at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon and concluding at 7:00 o'clock in the evening local time,
  - 9.03.03 Declare nominations closed at the end of the said time period,
  - 9.03.04 If only one person shall have been nominated for the office of Chief, declare that person as duly elected by acclamation,
  - 9.03.05 If twelve or fewer persons have been nominated as Councillor, declare those persons as duly elected by acclamation,
  - 9.03.06 If the number of persons nominated for the office of Chief exceeds one, or the number of persons nominated for Councillor exceeds twelve, then declare that a poll will be held at the time, date and place specified in the Notice of Blood Tribe Election to elect the said Chief and/or Councillors as required.
- 9.04 Any person eligible to vote may nominate any other person eligible to stand for office pursuant to the Bylaw or Regulations for either the office of Chief or Councillor provided:
- 9.04.01 Each nomination shall be seconded by another eligible voter,
  - \*\*\*\*\*9.04.02 Each nomination shall be accompanied by the appropriate nomination fee payable at the time of nomination by the nominator, either by cash, certified cheque or money order, payable to the Blood Tribe at the time of nomination. Such fee shall be non-refundable except in the case of withdrawal of a candidate under these Regulations. No nomination is valid or shall be acted on by the Chief Electoral Officer unless it is accompanied by the fee specified. The nomination fee for each candidate for the office of Chief is Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars. The nomination fee for each candidate for the office of Councillor is Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars,
  - 9.04.03 Each nominator shall also provide sworn evidence in the form stipulated by the Chief Electoral Officer that he or she believes the nominee is eligible to be nominated and hold office pursuant to the Bylaw and Regulations.
  - \*\*\*9.04.04 A person shall only be nominated for either the office of Chief or the office of Councillor but not both.

- \*\*\*9.05 A person shall not be a candidate for both Chief and Councillor in the same election.
- 9.06 Following the nomination meeting, the Chief Electoral Officer shall cause to be posted a preliminary list of candidates. If within seven (7) days of posting, no notices are received under this section, the list shall be the final list of candidates for office.
- 9.07 An eligible voter may give the Chief Electoral Officer notice that one or more of the candidates is ineligible to hold office pursuant to the Bylaw or Regulations. In respect of such notice received within the seven (7) day limit, the Chief Electoral Officer shall convene a hearing to which the Chief Electoral Officer shall summon the said voter, the candidate and any other person in the Chief Electoral Officer's sole discretion. The Chief Electoral Officer shall resolve the matter at the hearing in a summary manner and may consider any information or evidence presented and shall not be bound by the rules of the evidence or procedure in so doing. The decision of the Chief Electoral Officer regarding the eligibility of candidates shall be final and binding.
- 9.08 Forthwith after any such hearing or hearings, the Chief Electoral Office shall post the final list of candidates.
- \*\*\*\*\*9.08A Only the legal name of each candidate, as it appears in the Blood Tribe membership list, shall be included on the preliminary and final list of candidates, and on the ballots, and each candidate is responsible for ensuring that eligible voters know their legal name.
- \*\*\*\*\*9.09 Deleted.
- \*\*\*\*\*9.09A At the nomination meeting, a nominee shall provide to the Chief Electoral Officer a criminal record check that clearly shows that he or she has not been convicted of an indictable offence during the three (3) year period prior to the date of the Blood Tribe Election.
- \*\*\*\*\*9.09B For greater certainty, the onus is on the nominee to provide the criminal record check to the Chief Electoral Officer and to ensure that his or her criminal record check meets the requirements set out in subsection 9.09A above.
- \*\*\*\*\*9.09C Such criminal record check must have been obtained within thirty (30) days prior to the nomination meeting.

## **ADVANCE POLL**

- \*\*11A.01 Where the Blood Tribe Council has determined that an advance poll should be held prior to the Blood Tribe Election Date, the Chief Electoral Officer shall follow the procedures for such advance poll as set out in this section 11A.
- \*\*11A.02 Not later than seven (7) days prior to the Blood Tribe Election date, the Chief Electoral Officer shall cause an advance poll to be held and such vote shall be conducted in the same manner as a vote on the Election Date, and all provisions in these Regulations respecting the conduct of the Blood Tribe Election on the



Election Date and all related matters apply, with all necessary modifications, to the holding of an advance poll, except that:

- \*\*11A.02.01 After eligibility to vote is confirmed in accordance with subsections 15.05, 15.06 and 15.07 of these Regulations, every eligible voter who presents himself or herself at the advance poll, and before being permitted to vote, shall be required by the Chief Electoral Officer to complete a statement that he or she is voting at the advance poll and such completed statements shall be kept securely in the custody of the Chief Electoral Officer with other records of the polling station,
- \*\*\*\*\*11A.02.02 The Chief Electoral Officer shall also make an entry in the eligible voters list in the electronic database of eligible voters and the column for remarks opposite the name of such voter to indicate that person voted at the advance poll,
- \*\*11A.02.03 The ballots cast shall be kept in a separate ballot box,
- \*\*11A.02.04 Immediately after the close of the advance poll, the Chief Electoral Officer shall seal the ballot box so that it cannot be opened and no ballots can be deposited into it without breaking the seal and the ballot box must remain sealed and kept securely in the custody of the Chief Electoral Officer until the close of the polling stations on the Election Date when the ballots shall be counted in accordance with sections 16.01 to 16.09 of these Regulations,
- \*\*11A.02.05 Immediately after the close of the advance poll, the Chief Electoral Officer shall advise the Deputy Electoral Officers of the names of all those eligible voters who voted at the advance poll, and the Chief Electoral Officer shall keep the list of eligible voters, which will indicate those eligible voters who voted at the advance poll, securely in his or her custody until the Election Date at which time that list shall be used on the Election Date.

#### **\*\*\*\*\*ESTABLISHMENT OF POLLING STATIONS**

- \*\*\*\*\*12.01 The Chief Electoral Officer shall ensure that all locations for the polling stations as set out in the Notice of Blood Tribe Election issued by Blood Tribe Council shall be available for the Blood Tribe Election. At each polling station, the Chief Electoral Officer shall provide polling booths or compartments for eligible voters to mark their ballots in secret and free from observation.

#### **\*\*\*\*\*OFF RESERVE POLLING STATION**

\*\*\*\*\*12A.01 Deleted.

- \*\*\*\*\*12A.02 For greater certainty, a vote held at any off-reserve polling station(s) shall be conducted in the same manner as a vote at the polling stations on the Reserve, and all provisions in these Regulations respecting the conduct of the Blood Tribe Election and all related matters apply to that polling station(s), except that:

- \*\*\*\*\*12A.02.01 The Chief Electoral Officer shall designate a certain number of Deputy Electoral Officers to attend to the off-reserve polling station(s) for the purposes of conducting the vote at those station(s) and shall delegate to such Deputy Electoral Officer(s) the duties of the Chief Electoral Officer to be carried out at those polling station(s),
- \*\*\*\*\*12A.02.02 The Chief Electoral Officer shall ensure that proper procedures are in place that will keep the list of eligible voters current between all polling stations, including the off-reserve polling station(s), so as to ensure that an eligible voter is voting at one polling station only,
- \*\*12A.02.03 The ballots cast shall be kept in separate ballot boxes,
- \*\*\*\*\*12A.02.04 Immediately after the close of the off-reserve polling station(s), the Deputy Electoral Officer(s) shall tabulate the ballots on site at the off-reserve polling station(s). The tabulation of ballots from the off-reserve polling station(s) shall be livestreamed so that the Chief Electoral Officer at the polling station on the Reserve and eligible voters may watch the process and see the results. The Chief Electoral Officer shall ensure that the results from the off-reserve polling station(s) are properly recorded and that they will be counted with the ballots from the main polling station on the Reserve.
- \*\*\*\*\*12A.02.05 The Deputy Electoral Officer(s) shall ensure that the tabulated results are provided to the Chief Electoral Officer to be kept with the other materials that he or she is required to keep under these Regulations.

## **BALLOT BOXES**

- \*\*\*\*\*13.01 At each polling station, the Chief Electoral Officer shall provide as many ballot boxes as are required for the purposes of the election.
- \*\*\*\*\*13.02 At each polling station, the Chief Electoral Officer shall, immediately before the commencement of any poll, open the ballot boxes and call the Scrutineers and agents and such other persons as may be present to view that the ballot boxes are empty. The Chief Electoral Officer shall then lock and seal the boxes to prevent them from being opened without breaking the seal and shall place them in public view for the reception of ballots. The tabulation of ballots from the off-reserve polling station(s) and any other polling station(s) on the Reserve shall be livestreamed so that the Chief Electoral Officer at the main polling station on the Reserve and eligible voters may watch the process and see the results. The Chief Electoral Officer shall ensure that the results from all polling station(s) are properly recorded and that they will be counted with the ballots from the main polling station on the Reserve.

## **MATERIALS**

\*\*\*\*\*14.01 At each polling station, the Chief Electoral Officer shall cause to be provided sufficient ballot papers in the form prescribed by the Chief Electoral Officer containing the list of candidates for Chief and for Councillor listed in alphabetical order. Such ballot papers shall be retained after preparation by the Chief Electoral Officer under lock and key and shall be delivered by the Chief Electoral Officer to Deputy Electoral Officer(s) at each polling station immediately prior to the opening of the poll.

14.02 In each compartment, the Chief Electoral Officer shall cause to be provided sufficient materials for marking the ballot papers and a sufficient number of explanatory directions for voting.

## **VOTING PROCEDURE**

\*\*\*\*\*15.01 Only the Electoral Officers, Scrutineers, Interpreters, candidates, agents, and others concerned with the conduct or carrying out of the election in an official capacity, and the eligible voters who are present and are actually engaged in voting, shall be entitled to remain in the polling station(s) during the time appointed for voting.

\*\*\*\*\*15.02 Every polling station shall be kept open on the Blood Tribe Election day from 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon until 7:00 o'clock in the evening of the said day (local time).

15.03 All voting shall be by secret ballot.

15.04 An eligible voter may vote once only for Chief and for the number of Councillors he or she chooses, not exceeding the number of Councillors to be elected. A ballot containing votes for more than the number of Councillors to be elected is void.

\*\*\*\*\*15.05 When a person whose name is on the list of eligible voters attends the polling station for voting purposes, the Chief Electoral Officer or Deputy Electoral Officer, as the case may be, shall:

15.05.01 Verify that the name of the person is registered on the list of eligible voters,

15.05.02 Initial a ballot to indicate valid issuance of same,

15.05.03 Provide the ballot to the eligible voter on which to register his or her vote,

15.05.04 Cause to be placed in the proper column of the eligible voters list a mark opposite the name of the person receiving the ballot to indicate the issuance of a ballot to that person.

15.06 A Chief Electoral Officer shall not issue a ballot to any person whose name does not appear in the eligible voters list, unless the voter is sworn in for voting purposes.

- 15.07 If the Chief Electoral Officer is satisfied that such person is eligible to be added to the voters list the Chief Electoral Officer shall require such person to be sworn in and shall add his or her name to the eligible voters list.
- 15.08 The Chief Electoral Officer shall when requested to do so explain the mode of voting to any eligible voter.
- \*\*\*\*\*15.08A For greater certainty, no unofficial cameras or other recording devices, or beverages, of any kind will be allowed in the voting compartment.
- 15.09 On receiving a ballot, each eligible voter shall:
- 15.09.01 Forthwith proceed to the compartment provided for marking ballots and shall mark the ballot by placing his or her mark (which must be either “X”, “+” or “”) opposite the name of the candidate or candidates for whom the person wishes to vote,
  - 15.09.02 Fold the ballot so as to conceal the name of the candidates and the marks on the face of the ballot but so as to expose the initials of the Chief Electoral Officer,
  - 15.09.03 On leaving the compartment, forthwith deliver the ballot to the Chief Electoral Officer.
- 15.10 On receiving a ballot the Chief Electoral Officer or Deputy Electoral Officer shall, without unfolding the ballot, verify his or her initials and at once deposit the ballot in the ballot box in the presence of the voter and of all other persons entitled to be present.
- 15.11 While any eligible voter is in the compartment for the purpose of marking his or her ballot, no other person shall be allowed in the same compartment or be in any position from which the person can see the manner in which such eligible voter marks his or her ballot, except as otherwise specifically provided in the Bylaw or these Regulations.
- 15.12 On the request of any eligible voter who is unable to read or write English or is incapacitated by blindness, deafness or otherwise from voting in the manner prescribed by these Regulations, an Interpreter or Scrutineer shall assist the voter as follows:
- 15.12.01 In the case of a voter who cannot read, write or speak English, the Interpreter shall:
    - 15.12.01.01 Explain the mode of voting to the voter,
    - 15.12.01.02 Identify the candidates,
    - 15.12.01.03 Call the Blackfoot names of the Candidates on the ballot,
    - 15.12.01.04 Allow the voter to mark his own ballot.
  - 15.12.02 In the case of a voter who is deaf, the Interpreter shall through sign language:
    - 15.12.02.01 Explain the mode of voting,
    - 15.12.02.02 Identify the candidates,

- 15.12.02.03 Allow the voter to mark his or her own ballot.
- 15.12.03 In the case of a voter who is blind, the Interpreter shall:
  - 15.12.03.01 Explain the mode of voting to the voter,
  - 15.12.03.02 Call out the names of the candidates in English or Blackfoot as requested,
  - 15.12.03.03 In the case of a person who is blind or physically incapable of marking his or her ballot due to physical handicap, a Scrutineer shall mark the said ballot as instructed by the voter and shall initial on the face of the ballot in a conspicuous place at the bottom to indicate that the ballot was marked by the Scrutineer pursuant to instructions from the voter.
- 15.13 An Interpreter or Scrutineer shall not in anyway influence an eligible voter to cast a vote for any particular candidate.
- 15.14 The Chief Electoral Officer shall mark on the voters list opposite the name of any eligible voter so assisted, the fact that the voter was so assisted by an Interpreter or Scrutineer and the reasons therefor.
- 15.15 An eligible voter who has inadvertently dealt with his or her ballot paper in such a manner that it cannot be conveniently used shall return it to the Chief Electoral Officer who shall thereupon write the work “cancelled” upon the spoiled ballot and cause the said spoiled ballot to be preserved separate and apart from the ballot box. The Chief Electoral Officer shall then issue another unmarked ballot to the voter.
- 15.16 Any eligible voter who has received a ballot paper and who leaves the polling booth without delivering same to the Chief Electoral Officer in a manner provided by the Regulations or who refuses to vote shall forfeit his or her right to vote at the election and the Chief Electoral Officer shall make an entry in the eligible voters list in the column for remarks opposite the name of such voter to show that such voter received the ballot paper and declined to vote. In the case where the ballot paper is returned to the Chief Electoral Office, the Chief Electoral Officer shall mark upon the face of the ballot paper the word “declined” and all ballot papers so marked shall be preserved separate and apart from the ballot box.
- \*\*\*\*\*15.17 Promptly at 7:00 o’clock in the evening of election day, the Chief Electoral Officer shall publicly declare that the polls are closed, however, all eligible voters who are inside the polling station at such time but who have not yet voted shall be allowed to vote.
- 15.18 Notwithstanding sections 15.02 and 15.17, the Chief Electoral Officer may, in his or her absolute discretion, extend the time for voting at any polling station.

## **CLOSING THE POLL**

- \*\*\*\*\*16.01 Immediately after the close of the poll the Chief Electoral Officer shall in the presence of such of the scrutineers, the candidates or their agents, and all other persons who may be present open the ballot boxes and proceed to count the votes, and shall include the tabulated results from the off-reserve polling station(s) and any other polling station on the Reserve in such count.
- \*\*\*\*\*16.02 The Chief Electoral Officer shall not permit more than one agent of any candidate or that candidate to be present at the same time in any polling station during the counting of the votes.
- 16.03 In the course of counting the votes, the Chief Electoral Officer shall only open one ballot box at a time.
- 16.04 The Chief Electoral Officer shall examine all the ballots and shall reject ballots on the following grounds:
- 16.04.01 Ballots which have not been supplied by the Chief Electoral Officer,
  - 16.04.02 Ballots upon which votes have been given for more candidates than are to be elected,
  - 16.04.03 Ballots upon which anything appears by which the voter can be identified,
  - 16.04.04 Such ballots are void and shall not be counted. On the back of such ballots the Chief Electoral Officer shall:
    - 16.04.04.01 Endorse “rejected” if the ballot is rejected as void, and
    - 16.04.04.02 Endorse “reason objected to” if any objection is made to the rejection, and shall initial each endorsement.
  - 16.04.05 The Chief Electoral Officer shall make a note of any objection made by a candidate or agent to any ballot paper found in the ballot box and any questions arising out of the objection shall be decided by the Chief Electoral Officer in his or her sole and absolute discretion. The decision of the Chief Electoral Officer on the acceptance or rejection of any ballot paper shall be final and binding.
- 16.05 Every objection shall be numbered and the corresponding number shall be placed on the back of the ballot paper and initialled by the Chief Electoral Officer.
- 16.06 The Chief Electoral Officer shall then count the ballots cast for each candidate on the ballot papers not rejected, and shall prepare a written statement in words and as well in figures under the following heads:
- 16.06.01 The date of the election,
  - \*\*\*\*\*16.06.02 The number of persons who voted at the polling station,

- 16.06.03 The number of ballots for each candidate,
  - 16.06.04 The number of ballot papers supplied by the Chief Electoral Officer,
  - 16.06.05 The number of rejected ballot papers,
  - 16.06.06 The number of unused and cancelled ballot papers.
- 16.07 The written statement shall then be signed by the Chief Electoral Officer, the Scrutineers, and those of the candidates or their agents who are present and desire to sign it.
- 16.08 At the completion of the counting of the ballots and in the presence of the candidates or agents of the candidates and the scrutineers, the Chief Electoral Officer or the Deputy Electoral Officer shall make up and seal separate packets containing:
- 16.08.01 The used ballot papers that have not been objected to and have been counted,
  - 16.08.02 The used ballot papers that have been objected to but have been counted,
  - 16.08.03 The rejected ballot papers,
  - 16.08.04 The spoiled ballot papers,
  - 16.08.05 The unused, declined and cancelled ballot papers,
  - 16.08.06 The notes taken of objections made to ballot papers found in the ballot box,
  - 16.08.07 The list of eligible voters,
  - \*\*16.08.08 The statements taken at the advance poll.
- and such packets shall be verified on the face thereof by a description and the signature of the said Chief Electoral Officer.
- 16.09 The said materials shall be retained by the Chief Electoral Officer under lock and key until the time for all appeals shall have passed without an appeal, or the conclusion of any appeal shall have been reached, at the end of which time such materials may be destroyed by the Chief Electoral Officer in the presence of a Scrutineer.

## **SECRECY OF VOTING**

- \*\*\*\*\*18.01 Every person in attendance at a polling station shall maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of the voting.
- \*\*\*\*\*18.02 No person shall interfere or attempt to interfere with an eligible voter who is marking his or her ballot paper or obtain or attempt to obtain at the polling station, information as to how a voter is about to vote or has voted.

#### **\*\*\*\*APPEAL BOARD**

\*\*\*\*19.01 For the purpose of hearing any appeals resulting from the conduct of the Blood Tribe Election, and for deciding whether any person elected to the office of Chief or Councillor continues to be eligible to hold office or should be removed from office the Blood Tribe Election Appeal Board (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) is hereby established.

\*\*\*\*\*19.02 The Board shall consist of five (5) Blood Tribe members who are appointed by the Blood Tribe Council at the same time as Council issues the notice of Blood Tribe Election.

\*\*\*\*19.03 A member of the Board shall:

19.03.01 Be Twenty-One (21) years of age or over,

19.03.02 Not be the holder of office as Chief or a Councillor,

\*\*\*\*19.03.03 Not be a candidate for office as Chief or a Councillor, and

19.03.04 Abstain from active involvement in the campaign or promotion of any candidate or participate in the nomination of any candidate.

19.04 The Board shall be appointed for a term commencing on appointment and terminating upon the appointment of a new Board prior to the next Blood Tribe Election. In the event that a member of the Board dies, resigns or otherwise becomes incapable of performing his or her duties during the term, the Blood Tribe Council may appoint a new member for the balance of that term. Members of the Board may be reappointed for successive terms and for future Blood Tribe Elections.

\*\*\*\*19.05 The Board shall be responsible to conduct, hear and determine in accordance with the Bylaw and these Regulations:

19.05.01 Any appeal from a Blood Tribe Election; and

19.05.02 Any recommendation of the Blood Tribe Council or appeal of a Petitioner regarding the eligibility to hold office and removal from office of a Chief or Councillor.

#### **\*\*\*\*APPEALS**

\*\*\*\*19A.01 Any eligible voter may lodge an appeal against a Blood Tribe Election by filing within ten (10) working days of the Election (hereinafter referred to as the “Appeal Period”) a written document on which shall appear:

\*\*\*\*19A.01.01 The grounds pursuant to the Bylaw and the Regulations upon which the election is appealed,

\*\*\*\*19A.01.02 The evidence in support of the grounds,

\*\*\*\*19A.01.03 The signature of the person initiating the appeal.



- \*\*\*\*19A.02 Such notice of appeal shall be:
- \*\*\*\*19A.02.01 Accompanied by a certified cheque or money order payable to the Blood Tribe Administration in the sum of \$50.00 which shall be non-refundable, and
  - \*\*\*\*19A.02.02 Sent to the Board by registered mail to the following address:  
Chairman  
Blood Tribe Election Appeal Board  
Blood Tribe Administration Office  
PO Box 299  
Standoff, Alberta T0L 1Y0
- \*\*\*\*19A.03 The Board shall not receive or consider any appeals with respect to the eligibility of candidates, the decision of the Chief Electoral Officer under section 9.07 of these Regulations being final and binding.
- \*\*\*\*19A.04 If no appeals are received by the Board within the Appeal Period, the Chairman shall notify the Chief Electoral Officer and the Blood Tribe Council that the results of the Blood Tribe Election are final and binding.
- \*\*\*\*19A.05 If an appeal is received by the Board within the Appeal Period, the Chairman shall:
- \*\*\*\*19A.05.01 Immediately notify the Chief Electoral officer who shall immediately provide the Board with the mailing addresses of all affected candidates, and
  - \*\*\*\*\*19A.05.02 Cause a copy of the appeal to be served on all candidates for the office of Chief or Councillor who are affected by the appeal no later than seven (7) working days after the Appeal Period has expired (hereinafter referred to as the “Appeal Service Period”) by mailing such copy by registered mail to each affected candidate.
- \*\*\*\*19A.06 Any such candidate may reply to the appeal setting out his or her response in writing to the grounds of appeal set out in the appeal and providing any and all evidence in support of his or her position.
- \*\*\*\*\*19A.07 Any such reply shall be served on the Board no later than seven (7) days after the Appeal Service Period has expired (hereinafter referred to as the “Appeal Reply Period”) by mailing such reply by registered mail to the Board at the following address:

Chairman  
Blood Tribe Election Appeal Board

Blood Tribe Administration Office  
PO Box 299  
Standoff, Alberta T0L 1Y0

- \*\*\*\*19A.08 The appeal and the replies to the appeal, if any, and the evidence supplied in connection with each, shall constitute the record for purposes of the appeal.
- \*\*\*\*\*19A.09 The Board shall meet to hear and determine the appeal or appeals in ten (10) working days from the expiry of the Appeal Reply Period.
  - \*\*\*\*\*19A.09A The Board shall give seven (7) working days' notice of the hearing date to the Appellant and the Respondent and give each party full opportunity to present his or her evidence and submissions at the hearing. The hearing will be held on the date set out in the notice.
- \*\*\*\*19A.10 In its deliberations, the Board may, in its sole discretion:
  - \*\*\*\*19A.10.01 Examine the record,
  - \*\*\*\*19A.10.02 Conduct hearings of the Appellant, the Respondent and any witnesses which either may call and the Board may permit to be heard,
  - \*\*\*\*19A.10.03 Cause the appearance as a witness of the Appellant or Respondent or any witnesses who may, in the Board's opinion, assist the Board in deciding the appeal, and
  - \*\*\*\*19A.10.04 Generally conduct the proceedings in any way which the Board, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate in order to decide the appeal and the Board may make or establish such procedures, regulations and orders governing the conduct of any such hearings, or any proceedings of the Board, as the Board determines to be necessary and appropriate in the circumstances.
- \*\*\*\*\*19A.11 Deleted.
- \*\*\*\*\*19A.12 The decision of the Board must be rendered in writing within fourteen (14) days of the conclusion of the hearing and shall be final and binding on all parties and not subject to further review by the Blood Tribe Council, the Board or any Court of Law. Copies of the decision shall be provided to the Appellant, the Respondent and to the Blood Tribe Council.
- \*\*\*\*19A.13 The decision of the Board shall either:
  - \*\*\*\*19A.13.01 Uphold the appeal and, in the sole discretion of the Board, if the circumstances warrant:
    - \*\*\*\*19A.13.01.01 Declare that the entire election be set aside and that a new election be conducted forthwith for all of the

positions for Councillor, or for the position of Chief, or for both; or

\*\*\*\*19A.13.01.02 Declare that only one or some of the positions for Councillor be declared vacant and that a new election for the one or more positions shall be held forthwith; or

\*\*\*\*19A.13.01.03 Declare that a candidate for office as Chief or Councillor is in breach of the Bylaw and/or the Regulations and thereby disqualified from holding that office and that the candidate with the next highest number of votes is elected as Chief or Councillor;

\*\*\*\*19A.13.02 Dismiss the appeal.

\*\*\*\*19A.14 Any person filing an appeal may, at any time before a final decision has been rendered by the Board, withdraw the appeal and such appeal shall thereupon be deemed to have been dismissed.

#### **\*\*\*\*\*PROCEDURES DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

\*\*\*\*\*23.01 Notwithstanding sections 7.03, 7.04, and 9 of the Regulations or any section relating thereto, in the event that the Blood Reserve is in a state of emergency pursuant to the *Blood Tribe/Kainai Emergency Protection Bylaw*, being Bylaw No 04-2020, not less than 3 months prior to the date on which a Blood Tribe Election is to be held, and in order to ensure the safety and wellbeing of Blood Tribe members, election officials, administrative support staff, and any other individuals allowed to be present at the nomination walk-in process, nomination meeting and polling stations, the procedures to be followed for agents, nominations, the nomination meeting and any public safety measures shall be in accordance with Schedule II.

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#### **\*SCHEDULE I**

(A schedule pertaining only to electronic ballot counting)

\*\*\*6.05 Ballot Box: The voter shall hand his or her voted ballot to the operator of the ballot tabulator who shall deposit it into the ballot tabulator in the presence of the voter.

## **\*SCHEDULE II**

(A schedule pertaining only to certain procedures which are to apply during a state of emergency)

### **CITATION**

1.01 This Schedule may be cited as the “Kainaiwa/Blood Tribe Election Regulations, 1995, Schedule II” (hereinafter referred to as “Schedule II”). The words and phrases used in the *Kainaiwa/Blood Tribe Election Bylaw, 1995* (hereinafter referred to as the “Bylaw”) and in the *Kainaiwa/Blood Tribe Election Regulations, 1995* (hereinafter referred to as the “Regulations”) shall have the same meaning in this Schedule as they do in the Bylaw and Regulations.

### **AGENTS**

2.01 Notwithstanding the provisions prescribed for agents set out in subsections 7.03 and 7.04 of the Regulations, the following provisions shall apply:

2.01.01 Agents shall be entitled to observe the conduct of the counting of the ballots from the livestream; and

2.01.02 No more than one (1) agent shall be appointed for each candidate and the non-attendance of any agent during the counting of the ballots during the livestream shall not invalidate any act taken pursuant to the Bylaw or the Regulations.

### **NOMINATION AND NOMINATION MEETING PROCEDURES**

3.01 Notwithstanding the procedures prescribed for nominations set out in section 9 of the Regulations, the procedures for nominations and the nomination meeting shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures set out below.

### **NOTICE OF NOMINATION WALK-IN PROCESS AND NOMINATION MEETING**

4.01 The Chief Electoral Officer shall cause notice of the nomination walk-in process and nomination meeting to be posted in conspicuous places throughout the Reserve and in local news media having circulation in the Reserve not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date the walk-in nomination process is to commence.**ONE (1) DAY WALK-IN NOMINATION PROCEDURES**

5.01 No later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the Blood Tribe Election date, a walk-in nomination process shall commence at the time, date and locations described in the Notice of Blood Tribe Election.

5.02 The Chief Electoral Officer will attend to one (1) of the designated locations and will delegate one (1) Deputy Electoral Officer to attend to each of the other designated locations.

- 5.03 For greater certainty and in accordance with section 4.03 of the Regulations, the Deputy Electoral Officers at each of the other designated locations will perform all the duties that the Chief Electoral Officer will perform for the walk-in nomination process and the expression "Chief Electoral Officer" in this part 5 of this Schedule shall include the Deputy Electoral Officers.
- 5.04 At the time, date and locations scheduled for the commencement of the walk-in nomination process, the Chief Electoral Officer shall:
- 5.04.01 Declare the walk-in nomination process open for the purposes of eligible voters picking up and dropping off nomination packages for the offices of Chief and Councillor;
  - 5.04.02 Immediately, after declaring the walk-in nomination process open, open the secure box into which the completed nomination packages will be placed and call the Scrutineers and such other persons as may be present to view that the secure box is empty;
  - 5.04.03 Lock and seal the secure box to prevent it from being opened without breaking the seal and shall place the box in public view for the reception of completed nomination packages and the seal shall not be broken until the walk-in nomination process is officially closed and the nomination meeting is to commence;
  - 5.04.04 Act as supervisor of the walk-in nomination process; and
  - 5.04.05 Declare the walk-in nomination process closed at the end of the said time period.
- 5.05 Any eligible voter may nominate any other person eligible to stand for office pursuant to the Bylaw or Regulations for either the office of Chief or Councillor provided:
- 5.05.01 Each nomination shall be seconded by another eligible voter;
  - 5.05.02 Each nomination shall be accompanied by the appropriate nomination fee payable;
  - 5.05.03 The nomination fee shall be paid by money order only made payable to the Blood Tribe at the time of dropping off the completed nomination package;
  - 5.05.04 The nomination fee shall be non-refundable except in the case of withdrawal of a candidate under the Regulations;
  - 5.05.05 No nomination is valid or shall be acted upon by the Chief Electoral Officer unless it is accompanied by the fee specified;
  - 5.05.06 The nomination fee for each candidate for the office of Chief is Five Hundred (\$500.00) dollars. The nomination fee for each candidate for the office of Councillor is Three Hundred (\$300.00) dollars;
  - 5.05.07 Each nominee shall provide to the Chief Electoral Officer a criminal record check that clearly shows that he or she has not been convicted of an indictable offence during the three (3) year period prior to the date of the Blood Tribe Election;

- 5.05.08 For greater certainty, the onus is on the nominee to provide the criminal record check to the Chief Electoral Officer and to ensure that his or her criminal record check meets the requirements set out in subsection 5.05.07 above;
- 5.05.09 Such criminal record check must have been obtained within thirty (30) days prior to the nomination meeting;
- 5.05.10 Each nominator shall also provide sworn evidence in the form stipulated by the Chief Electoral Officer that he or she believes the nominee is eligible to be nominated and hold office pursuant to the Bylaw and Regulations;
- 5.05.11 A person shall only be nominated for either the office of Chief or the office of Councillor but not both; and
- 5.05.12 A person shall not be a candidate for both Chief and Councillor in the same election.

5.06 The following procedures shall apply to the walk-in nomination process:

- 5.06.01 The walk-in nomination process will commence at the designated locations at 9:00 a.m. in the morning and conclude at 4:00 p.m. in the afternoon on the day of the walk-in nomination process, however those individuals who are waiting in line, either inside or outside due to public safety measures, to drop off their completed nomination packages shall be allowed to drop off their nomination packages;
- 5.06.02 During the walk-in nomination process, nomination packages consisting of a checklist, a nomination form, an envelope, and other required forms and documents, will be available for pick-up by any eligible voter intending to run for the office of Chief or Councillor at the designated locations;
- 5.06.03 The Chief Electoral Officer will ensure that the individual picking up a nomination package is an eligible voter intending to run for the office of either Chief or Councillor;
- 5.06.04 During the walk-in nomination process, the nominee and his or her nominator and seconder will also attend to the same designated location for the purposes of dropping off a completed nomination package in the envelope designated for that purpose into a secure box that will be in the custody of the Chief Electoral Officer;
- 5.06.05 During the walk-in nomination process, election officials and administrative support staff will be available to assist nominees, nominators and seconders with the nomination form and will ensure that:
  - 5.06.05.01 for each nominee a criminal record check that meets the requirements set out in subsection 5.05.07, obtained within thirty (30) days prior to the walk-in nomination process, and money order for the appropriate nomination fee amount, is included; and
  - 5.06.05.02 the nomination form has been declared before a Commissioner for Oaths who will be available to assist with that process;

5.06.06 At the conclusion of the walk-in nomination process at each of the designated locations:

5.06.06.01 the Chief Electoral Officer will ensure the secure box is kept secure until such time as the nomination meeting commences at the designated location he or she is at; and

5.06.06.02 each of the Deputy Electoral Officers at each of the other designated locations will ensure the secure boxes are kept secure and will immediately transport the secure boxes to the designated location of the nomination meeting where they will be dealt with by the Chief Electoral Officer in accordance with part 6 of this Schedule.

## **NOMINATION MEETING PROCEDURES**

6.01 No later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the Blood Tribe Election date, a nomination meeting shall commence at the time, date and location described in the Notice of Blood Tribe Election.

6.02 At the time, date and location scheduled for the nomination meeting, the Chief Electoral Officer shall:

6.02.01 Declare the nomination meeting open for the purposes of opening all secure boxes and the nomination envelopes for the offices of Chief and Councillor;

6.02.02 Act as chairperson of the nomination meeting; and

6.02.03 Declare the nominations closed at the end of the said time period.

6.03 The following procedures shall apply to the nomination meeting:

6.03.01 The nomination meeting will occur on the same day as the walk-in nomination process concludes, commencing at 6:00 p.m. in the evening and concluding at 9:00 p.m. in the evening;

6.03.02 Only the Chief Electoral Officer, Deputy Electoral Officer(s), Scrutineers, administrative support staff, and security officers (if necessary), will be in attendance at the nomination meeting;

6.03.03 The nomination meeting will be live-streamed so that Blood Tribe members will be able to view it;

6.03.04 The Chief Electoral Officer will open each secure box and open each nomination envelope individually;

6.03.05 The Chief Electoral Officer will read and announce the names of each nominee, nominator and seconder and the office for which they are being nominated;

6.03.06 The names of each candidate will be entered into a computer by the administrative support staff and written on a flip chart so that Blood Tribe members viewing the nomination meeting will be able to see the names of the candidates for each of the offices of Chief and Councillor;

- 6.03.07 If only one person shall have been nominated for the office of Chief, the Chief Electoral Officer shall declare that person as duly elected by acclamation;
- 6.03.08 If twelve (12) or fewer persons have been nominated for the office of Councillor, the Chief Electoral Officer shall declare those persons as duly elected by acclamation; and
- 6.03.09 If the number of persons nominated for the office of Chief exceeds one (1), or the number of persons nominated for Councillor exceeds twelve (12), the Chief Electoral Officer shall declare that a poll will be held at the time, date(s) and location(s) specified in the Notice of Blood Tribe Election to elect the said Chief and Councillors as required.
- 6.04 Following the nomination meeting, the Chief Electoral Officer shall cause to be posted a preliminary list of candidates. If within seven (7) days of posting, no notices are received under this section, the list shall be the final list of candidates for office.
- 6.05 An eligible voter may give the Chief Electoral Officer notice that one (1) or more of the candidates is ineligible to hold office pursuant to the Bylaw or Regulations. In respect of such notice received within the seven (7) day limit, the Chief Electoral Officer shall convene a hearing to which the Chief Electoral Officer shall summon the said voter, the candidate and any other person in the Chief Electoral Officer's sole discretion. The Chief Electoral Officer shall resolve the matter at the hearing in a summary manner and may consider any information or evidence presented and shall not be bound by the rules of the evidence or procedure in so doing. The decision of the Chief Electoral Officer regarding the eligibility of candidates shall be final and binding.
- 6.06 Forthwith after any such hearing or hearings, the Chief Electoral Office shall post the final list of candidates.
- 6.07 Only the legal name of each candidate, as it appears in the Blood Tribe membership list, shall be included on the preliminary and final list of candidates, and on the ballots, and each candidate is responsible for ensuring that eligible voters know their legal name.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY MEASURES**

- 7.01 In addition to any other procedures prescribed in the Regulations or this Schedule, in order to ensure the safety and wellbeing of Blood Tribe members, election officials, administrative support staff, and any other individuals allowed to be present, the following public safety measures shall be implemented and enforced at the designated locations for the walk-in nomination process, nomination meeting and polling stations for any advance polls and polls on the Election Day.
- 7.02 All election officials, administrative support staff and Commissioners for Oaths will be equipped with name tags and personal protective equipment ("PPE") including but not limited to, masks, gloves, hand sanitizers and disinfecting solutions or cloths.
- 7.03 Physical distancing of at least two (2) metres between individuals will be implemented and enforced at the designated locations for the walk-in nomination process and nomination meeting and at each polling station.



- 7.04 At all times, the number of individuals that will be allowed into the designated locations for the walk-in nomination process and at each polling station shall be based upon the recommendation of the Director of Emergency Management.
- 7.05 All individuals entering the designated locations for the walk-in nomination process and the polling stations will be provided a mask and gloves upon entering such buildings.
- 7.06 Elders and other individuals requiring physical assistance will be allowed to move to the front of the line and will be assisted by election officials or administrative support staff.
- 7.07 If the weather is not favourable for individuals waiting in line and outside for the walk-in nomination process or at the polling stations, they will be provided a ticket or number by election officials or administrative support staff in order to allow them to wait in their vehicles until they have been summoned to attend inside the building by election officials or administrative support staff.
- 7.07.01 At the polling stations, provided an eligible voter has been provided a ticket or number by election officials or administrative support staff, they will be allowed to vote.
- 7.08 Administrative support staff shall sanitize and disinfect all tables and voting compartments regularly.
- 7.09 Any other public safety measures that are required in order to ensure the safety and well-being of individuals shall be implemented as necessary.

**\*Schedule II included pursuant to the amendment of August 11, 2020, by addition of paragraph 23 and sub-paragraph 23.01 to the *Kainaiwa/Blood Tribe Election Regulations, 1995*.**