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Re: 2020 Lands Advisory Board Directors Election

This is the Report of the Electoral Officer on the 2020 election of LAB Directors.

All Directors elected in this election will begin their **three-year** term as Director immediately after the close of the 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM). Their term will expire immediately after the close of the 2023 AGM.

Western Region (British Columbia)

Background:

- Number of operating FNs: 52
- Number of open seats: 2
- Number of operating FNs that participated 28 (54%)

Candidates:

- Chief Russ Chipps, Beecher Bay First Nation
- Councillor Howard E. Grant, Musqueam Indian Band
- Chief Leah George-Wilson, Tsleil-Waututh Nation
- Joe Hall, Tzeachten First Nation
- Chief Willie Sellers, Williams Lake Indian Band

Vote Split:

- Chief Russ Chipps, **5 votes**
- Councillor Howard E. Grant, **5 votes**
- Chief Leah George-Wilson, **18 votes**
- Joe Hall, **18 votes**
- Chief Willie Sellers, **6 votes**

Successful Candidates: **Chief Leah George-Wilson and Joe Hall**

Prairie Region (Manitoba)

Background:

- There were no open seat/s in Manitoba

Prairie Region (Saskatchewan, Alberta and NWT)

Background:

- Number of operating FNs: 11
- Number of open seats: 1
- Number of operating FNs that participated 9 (82%)

Candidates:

- Carl Austin Bear, Muskoday First Nation
- Chief Evan Taypotat, Kahkewistahaw First Nation

Vote Split:

- Carl Austin Bear, **8 votes**
- Chief Evan Taypotat, **1 vote**

Successful candidate: **Carl Austin Bear**

Eastern Region

Background:

- Number of operating FNs: 25
- Number of open seats: 1

Candidate:

- William (Bill) McCue, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation

Successful Candidate: **William (Bill) McCue**, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation – Elected by acclamation

Process Summary (five user friendly steps):

1. The appointment, of a proxy by BCR or letter/email from the chief, if the First Nation's Chief chooses not to be the First Nation's representative.
2. The registration of each appointed representative as a voter.
3. The opportunity for each FN, through their appointed representative, to nominate candidate/s
4. The formal acceptance or declination of a nomination by the nominated candidate/s
5. The opportunity for each First Nation's representative to vote.

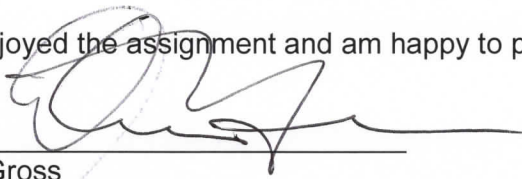
Recommendation:

A considerable amount of time was again dedicated to reaching out to encourage the participation of the First Nations. As the numbers above indicate, 54% of the Western FNs and 82% of the Sask/NWT FNs participated. This was a considerable improvement over last year's process. To achieve this participation level a liberal interpretation of 6.1(b), in particular, of the rules was required.

That the LAB adjust the rules as follows:

The Chief of each Operational First Nation will be the FN's representative, unless another person (proxy) is appointed by BCR or letter from the Chief in which case that person becomes the FN's representative, and the representative will have the opportunity to nominate, if the FN wishes to make nomination/s, and to vote on behalf of their FN.

I enjoyed the assignment and am happy to provide any additional information you may need.



Al Gross
Electoral Officer