

Health and Safety Measures for the Land Designation Referendum Vote and Information Meeting during COVID

We will be hosting an Information Meeting and Vote for Okanagan Indian Band to amend a designation and designate lands for commercial, industrial, tourism, institutional, recreational, and residential purposes as outlined in Annex "A" of the Notice of Referendum. The following protocols must be followed to ensure that safety measures and procedures are implemented during the pandemic.

Pre-vote practice

- Consider voting by mail to limit in person voting.
- Contact Adina Chang, Electoral Officer, by phone at 236-334-4732 or by email at Adina.Chang@sac-isc.gc.ca to receive your mail-in ballot, if you have not already received an Information Package containing a ballot.
- Please review the specific COVID 19 safety measures that need to be taken for in-person voting (see below).

During the Information Meeting on January 4, 11, and 18, 2023

- You can participate in the Information Meeting from your home by Zoom video conference.
- The Zoom link is listed in the Notice of Referendum document which is enclosed in the mailed Information Package and posted in the Okanagan community.

During voting day on February 1, 2023

- You must wear a mask while in the polling station.
- We will have new masks available at the polling station for people who are not able to bring their own.
- Please respect a 6 foot (2m) distance between people.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in the polling station.
- You are encouraged to bring your own pens/pencils when voting in person.
- Pens and pencils will be available for the voters. Pens and pencils in the polling station will be sanitized between use.
- There will be routine cleaning of voting tables, voting booths/ screens and other surfaces after each use of these areas by the voters.
- There will be polling station staff and onsite signage to clearly explain the process for these health and safety measures.