

Okanagan Indian Band Designation Process

Information Meeting
January 4, 2023



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Introduction

- Okanagan Indian Band is in the process of amending the designation of Lot 1 and designating **Lot 13-1** save and except the Right of Way and **Lot 14** on Duck Lake Indian Reserve No. 7.
- This information meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss the designation process, and answer questions about the designation and its purpose

Designation

Identifies Band land for a specific use,
purpose and term

Requires:

- A Band vote
- Informed consent
- Band Council Resolution
- Federal Ministerial Order

Lands to be designated



Source: Google Earth 2020

NOTE

- Designated land retains reserve land status
- Okanagan Indian Band by-laws continue to apply
- Tax exemptions continue to apply

The information and designation documents detail the:

- Term (number of years)
- Purpose (what the designation is for)
- Legal land description (area of land)
- Environmental site assessment
- Key terms of a future lease

Why Designate Land?

- To generate revenue
- Provide the leaseholder the ability to obtain long-term financing
- Provides the Band membership with an opportunity to be involved in community planning

WHO?

The designation requires the participation of the:

- Chief and Council
- Okanagan Indian Band voters
- Project Team

How?

Provide information about the designation to the Okanagan Indian Band membership by way of:

- Information meetings
- Notices

Mail and distribute information packages to all Okanagan Indian Band voters for whom the Band office has addresses for

Hold a Referendum Vote

A successful designation has the following:

1. The Okanagan Indian Band voters consent to the designation
2. Chief and Council provide a BCR stating their confidence in the voting results:
 - Okanagan Indian Band voters have provided informed consent
 - effort was made to include off-reserve electors
3. The Minister approves the designation

Key Steps Following a Successful Designation

- ISC and OKIB work together to negotiate any new leases
- An environmental review is completed
- Any new lease or sublease would be done only with the consent of OKIB Council by way of a Band Council Resolution

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BALLOT

Okanagan Indian Band
Amendment of Designation of Lot 1 and
Designation of Lots 13-1 and 14, Save and Except Lot 158 of
Duck Lake Indian Reserve No. 7

Referendum date: February 1, 2023

Are you in favour of, and do you approve of, the Amendment of the 1987
Designation of Lot 1 and Designation of Lots 13-1 and 14, Save and Except
Lot 158, for the purposes set out in Annex "A" to the Notice of Referendum
signed by the Electoral Officer and dated November 16, 2022?

YES

NO

{Clearly mark your choice with an X or ✓}

Voter Declaration Form

INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA
VOTER DECLARATION FORM

In order for your vote to be counted by mail-in ballot this declaration must be completed and signed by you and a witness who is at least 18 years old, and be returned to an Electoral Officer with your sealed ballot envelope.

A. Voter Declaration

I, _____, solemnly declare that:
(Please print your name)

1. I am a member of the Okanagan Indian Band.
2. I am at least 18 years of age on February 1, 2023.
3. My Okanagan Indian Band number is _____ and my date of birth is _____.
4. I do not know of any reason why I would be disqualified from voting in this designation process.
5. I have read and understood the mail-in ballot package sent to me (including the information package regarding the proposed designation), and, in marking the mail-in ballot, I have voted freely and without compulsion or undue influence of anyone.
6. I understand that by voting by mail-in ballot, I will not be entitled to vote in person at a polling station.

Mailing address of Voter: _____

Signature of Voter	Date
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B. Witness Declaration

Declared before me (print name): _____

at: _____ (City/Town)

Date (month): _____

Address of Witness: _____

Telephone number of Witness (____) _____

Signature of Witness: _____

<input type="checkbox"/>	Check box if you also assisted the Voter in completing Part A of this form
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Voter Declaration Form Part A

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Mailing address of Voter: _____

Signature of Voter

Date

Voter Declaration Form Part B

B. Witness Declaration

Declared before me (print name): _____

at: _____ (City/town)

Date (m/d/y): _____

Address of Witness: _____

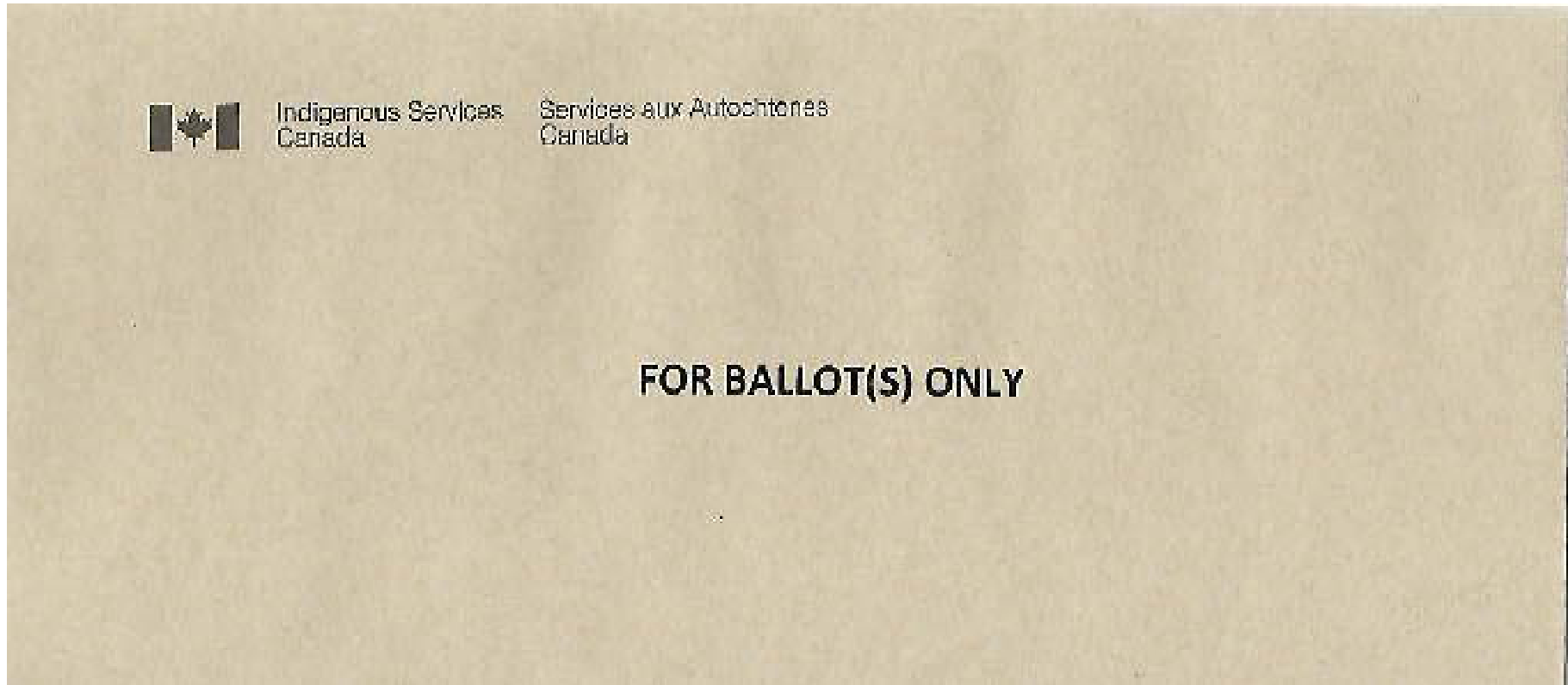
Telephone number of Witness: (____) _____

Signature of Witness: _____



Check box if you also assisted the Voter in completing Part A of this form

The Ballot Envelope



How to send in your mail-in ballot

- The ballot must be received by the Electoral Officer before the close of polls on February 1, 2023.
- If you are mailing in your ballot, please ensure there is enough time for your ballot to reach our Vancouver office by February 1, 2023 at 3:00 pm.
- You can also hand delivery your ballot to Sherry Louis in person before February 1st
- You may also drop off your ballot to one of the polling stations the day of the vote.

When & Where?

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Polling Station

The Head of the Lake Hall
118 Head of the Lake Road
Vernon, BC V1H 2A3

Questions are Welcomed!

Questions?
Please ask 😊

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