

NOTICE:

Potential Decision of Election Process

The Band Council intends to consider a resolution opt into the First Nations Elections Act (FNEA) for the 2017 election.

The changes will include:

- ◆ An increase from two year to four year terms
- ◆ Candidates can only run for one position, Chief or Council
- ◆ Only Band members can run for the position of Chief
- ◆ Off-reserve voters will be required to request a mail-in ballot
- ◆ Ability to require a nomination fee
- ◆ Candidates must accept nominations in writing to be on the ballot
- ◆ The Indian Act Election process will no longer apply
- ◆ A Custom Election Code is required to opt out of FNEA
- ◆ The Band appoints an Electoral Officer (EO) and the Minister's approval is NOT required
- ◆ Appeals would be directed to the federal court which can set aside an election

Band members with concerns regarding OKIB entering into the FNEA process are asked to contact Jenelle Brewer at 250-542-4328, or email jenelle.brewer@okanagan.org, or visit www.okib.ca

Community Engagement processes will occur between Now and September 2016; these may include information events, mail outs, and surveys.