



# HENVEY INLET FIRST NATION

## HENVEY INLET FIRST NATION RATIFICATION LAW

**Enacted pursuant to the custom and inherent jurisdiction  
of Henvey Inlet First Nation**

### **APPLICATION AND INTERPRETATION OF THIS LAW**

#### **APPLICATION**

1. The rules herein shall apply to the ratification of matters by the eligible voters of Henvey Inlet First Nation where no other approval or ratification process is prescribed by law.

#### **INTERPRETATION**

2. In this law,
  - a. **"Community Meeting"** means a meeting of the eligible voters of Henvey Inlet First Nation, which may include other participants by invitation and which may be convened in person, by two-way video-conferencing application or by a combination of those methods.
  - b. **"Eligible Voter"** means a person enrolled as a member of Henvey Inlet First Nation who has attained the age of eighteen (18) years.

### **APPROVAL BY RATIFICATION**

#### **REQUIREMENTS**

3. A matter submitted to the Eligible Voters pursuant to this law shall be deemed ratified and approved if:
  - a. at least twenty-five percent (25%) of Eligible Voters, or such higher percentage of Eligible Voters as Council may specify by Council by resolution, cast votes in respect of the matter; and
  - b. a majority of the votes cast approve the matter.

### **PROCEDURE**

#### **COMMUNITY MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

4. Prior to a ratification vote in respect of a matter, Council shall convene a minimum of two (2) Community Meetings to discuss the matter and to receive input from the Eligible Voters.

#### **NOTICE**

5. Council shall give the eligible voters at least twenty (20) days' notice of a ratification vote and of each Community Meeting by posting a notice in writing:
  - a. in a public place in Henvey Inlet First Nation's administration offices;
  - b. on a member-accessible page of Henvey Inlet First Nation's website; and
  - c. by such other means as Council may deem appropriate.

#### **CONTENT OF NOTICE – COMMUNITY MEETING**

6. Notice of a Community Meeting shall include:
  - a. the date, time, and place of the meeting and the methods of participation;
  - b. a brief description of the matter to be discussed at the meeting;

- c. the name and telephone number of a member of Council who may be contacted for further information;
- d. a feedback form which may be completed by any eligible voter and returned to Council; and
- e. such other information as Council may deem appropriate.

**CONTENT OF NOTICE – RATIFICATION VOTE**

7. Notice of a ratification vote shall include:

- a. a copy of the law or resolution which is subject to the ratification vote and a plain language summary thereof;
- b. the date, time, and place of the in-person poll and the particulars of other methods of voting;
- c. the name and telephone number of a member of Council who may be contacted for further information; and
- d. such other information as Council may deem appropriate.

**IN FORCE DATE**

8. This law shall come into force and take effect immediately on enactment by Council.