



HENVEY INLET FIRST BAND COUNCIL

Chronological no.

2024/2025-046

Date of open meeting of Council

Tuesday, 28 January 2025

Location:

O&M Office 2
French River Reserve 13

ENACTING RESOLUTION

HENVEY INLET FIRST NATION RATIFICATION LAW

BACKGROUND


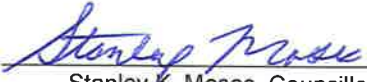
- A. HIFN wishes to establish a custom-based process for the ratification by eligible voters of matters of importance to Henvey Inlet First Nation in cases where no ratification process is prescribed by any other law.
- B. The draft law entitled “**HIFN Ratification Law**” attached as **Schedule “A”** to this enacting resolution was submitted to the eligible voters for approval by secret ballot on 27 October 2024.
- C. Attached as **Schedule “B”** to this enacting resolution is a certificate of Scott Jacobs, Returning Officer, certifying that the draft HIFN Ratification Law was approved by a majority of votes cast by eligible voters.
- D. Council has reviewed feedback from members received by Council and the Membership Code Restatement Working Group.
- E. Council wishes to proceed with the enactment of the draft law as approved by the eligible voters.

COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES:

- 1. The draft “HIFN Ratification Law” attached as **Schedule “A”** hereto is hereby enacted as a law of Henvey Inlet First Nation pursuant to our First Nation’s inherent jurisdiction to govern its internal affairs.
- 2. The Director of Finance/Administration shall certify two original copies of the HIFN Ratification Law and cause the law to be:
 - a. published in the Minutes of Council, and
 - b. posted for a minimum period of 30 days in the Henvey Inlet First Nation Administration Offices and on the Henvey Inlet First Nation website;
 and shall cause notice of the enactment of the HIFN Ratification Law to be published in the First Nations Gazette.
- 3. The HIFN Ratification Law shall come into full force and effect immediately.

MOVED BY: Stanley Moses

SECONDED BY: Lionel Fox

Quorum:	5 present in person	 M. Wayne McQuabbie, Chief	
 Carl Ashawasegai, Councillor		 Patrick D. Brennan, Councillor	 Brenda D. Contin, Councillor
 Lionel R. M. Fox, Councillor		_____ Maureen A. Kagagins, Councillor	 Stanley K. Moses, Councillor
_____ Deborah Newton, Councillor		_____	_____



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 govern 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, convened in person, by video-conferencing application, or by both 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.

RATIFICATION PROCEDURE

COMMUNITY MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

3. 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.

RATIFICATION VOTE QUORUM AND APPROVAL THRESHOLD

4. 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.

GENERAL

NOTICES

5. Council shall give the eligible voters at least twenty (20) days' notice of each Community Meeting and of a ratification vote by posting the notice:
 - 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.

Henvey Inlet First Nation

RATIFIACATION VOTE RESULTS – October 27, 2024

1. I, Scott Jacobs, was present at the Henvey Inlet First Nation Fire Hall on the 27th day of October, 2024 when the members of Henvey Inlet First Nation voted on the "Henvey Inlet First Nation Ratification Law". The polling station was opened at 10:00 am and remained open until 5:00 pm of that day.
2. The names of 1046 Eligible Voters appeared on the List of Eligible Voters.
3. The number of voters that constitutes a majority is over 50% of those that cast a valid ballot or 157 votes.
4. The Notice of Vote was posted on September 13, 2024. The First Nation took reasonable steps to locate all Eligible Voters. Voter packages were mailed to each of the 1046 on and off reserve eligible voters for whom the First Nation was able to establish confirmed mailing addresses. The mailing was complete on September 13, 2024, which is at least 42 days prior to vote date.
5. The results of the Community Approval Vote are as follows:
 - a. 172 Mail-in ballots were received;
 - b. 25 Voted in person at the polling station;
 - c. 118 Vote on-line via OneFeather voting platform
 - d. 0 Ballots were spoiled prior to being placed in the ballot box;
 - e. 1 Mail-in ballots were rejected prior to be placed in the ballot box;
 - f. 2 Ballots were spoiled during the counting of the ballots;
 - g. 313 Constitutes the total number of valid ballots cast.
6. The tally of votes is as follows:

YES	235	NO	78
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7. Based on the need to meet or exceed the requirements outlined in item 3, and the percentage of Voters in item 4 above, the "Henvey Inlet First Nation Ratification Law" was voted **IN FAVOUR** by the membership in accordance with the Land Code.
8. The results have been sent to Henvey Inlet First Nation Administration on October 27, 2024.



Ratification Officer

Oct 27/24
Date