



Norway House Cree Nation

Election Procedures Act

(Amended & Supported by the People – October 17, 2005)

(Ratified by Chief & Council – October 18, 2005)

**NORWAY HOUSE CREE NATION
ELECTION PROCEDURES ACT
-History-
(Revised & Adopted October, 2005)**

1. In 1997, Norway House Cree Nation took control of its own Election Procedures and in December, 1997, the people of Norway House Cree Nation adopted an Election Procedures Act which allowed the Norway House Cree Nation to be removed from Section 74 (Election Procedures), of the Indian Act and further assert its right to self-government by taking control of elections for Chief and Council in Norway House.
2. On November 20, 2000, the Supreme Court decision in the Corbiere case came into effect, which decision, among other things, allowed Band Members who were eligible to be electors, and who resided off the Reserve, to vote in elections for Chief and Council.
3. As a result of the Corbiere decision, the Norway House Cree Nation Chief and Council undertook a lengthy review of the December, 1997 Election Procedures Act, which act as written in 1997 already allowed off-Reserve members to vote in elections for Chief and Council.
4. The review of the 1997 Election Procedures Act took place over a period of many months, during which time numerous consultations took place between Chief and Council and members of Norway House Cree Nation and after the completion of a number of drafts, an amended Election Procedures Act was presented to the Norway House Cree Nation Band Membership at three Band meetings.
5. In the amended Election Procedures Act, (May, 2001) Chief and Council, in response to the Corbiere decision, further extended the rights of off-Reserve voters to allow them not only to vote in elections for Chief and Council, but to run for the offices of Chief, and Councillor, and to nominate eligible electors for the offices of Chief and Councillor.
6. At the third public meeting in July of 2001 to deal with the amended Election Procedures Act, a majority of those present when the vote was taken voted to defeat the amended Election Procedures Act in its entirety.
7. Since the Department of Indian Affairs requires a formal vote to be taken in order to amend custom election codes of this nature, the Chief and Council was left with the 1997 provisions of the Corbiere decision.
8. Since the failure to comply with the Corbiere decision would most certainly lead to numerous court challenges to the March, 2002 election, the Chief and Council, in consultation with the Department of Indian Affairs, was obliged to

make changes to the 1997 Election Procedures Act. The changes included the deleting of references that were specifically contrary to Corbiere and the

adding of provisions, such as the mail-in ballot process, to accommodate off-Reserve membership.

9. December, 1997 Election Procedures Act has been changed so as not to contravene the provisions of Corbiere.
10. The Chief and Council of the Norway House Cree Nation considered it in the best interests of the members of the Norway House Cree Nation and in order to comply with the Corbiere decision to proceed with the March, 2002 election under the 1997 Election Procedures Act, with the changes noted therein.
11. On September 7, 2005, The Council of the Norway House Cree Nation took the Election Procedures Act to the People to present the amendments as proposed. At the meeting, the People proposed and recommended some changes in the form of motions. These changes are noted as per the immediate following two pages titled “**Changes to December 1997....**”. At this time a vote could not be held as the provisions under Section 10.1 (c) of the Election Procedures Act could not be met.

In accordance with Sections 10.1(d) and 10.1(e), a second meeting was held on October 17, 2005, at which meeting a majority vote of those **electors** present supported the proposed amendments.

On October 18, 2005, Chief & Council, at their duly convened Council meeting, ratified the amendments to the Norway House Cree Nation Election Procedures Act.

**CHANGES TO DECEMBER 1997 NORWAY HOUSE CREE NATION
ELECTIONS PROCEDURES ACT AS NECESSITATED BY THE
CORBIERE DECISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA AND AS
PER THE PUBLIC MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2005.**

1. **Article 1.1 (a)** Changing date for the appointment of the Appeal Committee from thirty (30) days to **four** months, prior to the date of the election, as a result of the increased time required for the mail-in ballot process, implemented to accommodate the off-Reserve voting.

Delete “who are ordinarily resident in the Norway House Cree Nation Community” from last sentence.
2. **Article 1.1(b) (iii)** The reference to “ordinarily resident” as a requirement to be a candidate is deleted as the Corbiere decision does not allow a First Nation to discriminate against eligible electors based upon their residency.
3. **Article 1.1(g)** Again, the reference to “ordinarily resident” is deleted. (See explanation in item 2 of this attachment).
4. **Article 1.1 (h)** The former Article 1.1(h) now becomes 1.1(g) by virtue of the above deletions.
5. **Article 3.3** Changing the time for appointment of the Electoral Officer and the Appeal Committee, from thirty (30) days to four months prior to the date of the election, as a result of the increased time required for the mail-in ballot process, implemented to accommodate the off-Reserve voters.
6. **Article 4.1** Extending the period of time for the posting of the notices regarding nominations from seven (7) days up to two (2) months, prior to the date of the nomination meeting, to provide off-Reserve Members sufficient opportunity to participate in the nomination process.

Adding words to provide additional forms of notice regarding the nomination meeting to

off-reserve members to allow sufficient opportunity to participate in the nomination process.

Deleting the words “at least” and replacing it with “up to”.

Deleting the word “local” twice from Article 4.1. Adding “aboriginal” before the word “newspapers”.

- 7. Article 4.2 to 4.6** Adding provisions to the nomination process to allow off-reserve electors to participate in the nomination process.
- 8. Article 4.12** Deleting the reference to the announcing of the date of the election, being fourteen days from the date of the nomination meeting. This is deleted so as to provide the Electoral Officer with some discretion based on the increased time required for the election process, to accommodate the off-reserve electors under the mail-in ballot process.
- 9. Article 4.13** Deleting the words “at least” before the word “seven”.
- 10. Article 5.1** Providing additional wording to give advanced notice to off-reserve members regarding the election process.

Deleting the word “local” twice from last sentence in 5.1. Adding “aboriginal” before the word “newspapers”.
- 11. Article 5.14** Changing the time for the run off election from seven (7) days to thirty (30) days to accommodate the off-Reserve electors.
- 12. Article 5.15 (a)** Providing additional wording to give notice to off-reserve electors relating to the outcome of the election.

Deleting the word “local” twice from last sentence in 5.15 (a). Adding “aboriginal” before the word “newspapers”.

- 13. Article 6** A completely new provision to deal with the mail-in ballot process.
- 14. Article 8.1 (d)** Former Article 8.1 now becomes 9.1 by virtue of the above new provision.
- Removing the reference to “residency provisions”, as the reference to “ordinarily resident” has been deleted from the definition section of this code pursuant to the requirements of the Corbiere decision.
- 15. Schedules “A”, “B” and “C”** Completely new provisions to deal with the mail-in ballot process.

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WHEREAS the Indian Act allows First Nations to take control of their own election process;

AND WHEREAS it is the desire of the Norway House Cree Nation people to establish a recognized and approved form of Government to meet the needs of the Norway House Cree Nation people and to protect the sovereignty of the Norway House Cree Nation and the vested interests of the Band Members under all laws heretofore enacted;

AND WHEREAS it is the desire of the Norway House Cree Nation to continue its move toward self government and to that end establish a form of election procedures in accordance with current trends and practices of the Norway House Cree Nation.

ARTICLE ONE - DEFINITIONS

1.1 In this Act:

- a) **Appeal Committee** means a committee consisting of five (5) persons appointed by the Norway House Cree Nation Chief and Council which persons shall not participate or be involved in the election process in any manner whatsoever, including, but not limited to not being an **Electoral Officer, Scrutineer, Candidate**, and may not be involved in working for or on behalf of any **candidate** from the time election is called to the date of voting. The **Appeal Committee** shall be appointed four (4) months prior to the date of an election. The five (5) member **Appeal Committee** shall consist of five (5) members of the Norway House Cree Nation.

The persons appointed as referred to above are appointed for the purposes of dealing with any appeal from any of the matters related to the election as set out herein including any additional election procedures resulting from any appeal.

- b) **Candidate** means a person who:
- i) is the full age of eighteen (18) years, and
 - ii) is a member of the Norway House Cree Nation enrolled on the Band List; and
 - iii) has not been convicted of an offence for which he/she had been charged within three (3) years prior to the calling of the nomination for the election; and

- iv) whose nomination has been moved and seconded by persons who themselves are eligible to be **electors**, as defined herein.
- c) **Chief** means that members of Norway House Cree Nation elected as **Chief** pursuant to these procedures.
- d) **Councillor** means members of the Norway House Cree Nation elected as **Councillor** pursuant to these procedures.
- e) **Elector** means a person who:
 - i) is the full age of eighteen (18) years; and
 - ii) is a member of the Norway House Cree Nation enrolled on the Band List; and
 - iii) is not the **Electoral Officer** or his/her appointed assistant.
- f) **Electoral Officer** means a person appointed to the office by the Norway House Cree Nation **Chief and Council** from time to time for the purpose of carrying out the duties set out in these procedures.
- g) **Scrutineer** means a person appointed in writing by a **Candidate** to represent the **Candidate** during the voting procedure and during the counting of ballots. (Written appointment of the **Scrutineer** by the **Candidate** shall be delivered to the **Electoral Officer** 48 hours prior to the date of the election.)

ARTICLE TWO – COMPOSITON OF COUNCIL

2.1 The Norway House Cree Nation Council shall consist of one (1) **Chief** and six (6) **Councillors** who shall be elected in accordance with these procedures.

ARTICLE THREE – TENURE OF COUNCIL

3.1 The **Chief and Councillors** shall hold office for four (4) years.

3.2 An election for **Chief and Councillors** shall be held every four (4) years, within thirty (30) days of the second Tuesday in March.

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3.3 Four (4) months prior to the date of an election, **Chief and Council** shall appoint an **Electoral Officer** and the members of the **Appeal Committee**. A written statement setting out the name of the Electoral Officer and the member or members of the **Appeal Committee** shall be posted in the Norway House Cree Nation Government Administration and Council Offices and such other places on the Norway House Reserve as the **Chief and Council** deem necessary.

ARTICLE FOUR – NOMINATIONS

4.1 The **Electoral Officer** shall, at up to two (2) months before the nomination meeting, post in the Norway House Cree Nation Government Administration and Council Offices, and such other places on the Norway House Reserve as he/she deems necessary, and shall cause to be published and advertised on radio and television and in aboriginal newspapers and shall cause to be published in a Winnipeg daily newspaper, in a Brandon daily newspaper, and a Thompson daily newspaper and shall publish on the Norway House Cree Nation web site, a written notice setting out:

- a) the time, date and place where the nomination meeting is to be held, and
- b) the offices open for election, and
- c) the voters list, containing a list of all eligible **Electors** as defined herein.

A copy of the Election Procedures Act will be provided to those individuals seeking nomination.

4.2 The candidate must file with the **Electoral Officer** the completed nomination papers, in the form as attached hereto as Schedule “A”. In the nomination papers (Schedule “A” hereof) the candidate shall indicate the office/offices he/she is seeking and will confirm that if nominated in accordance with these provisions he/she will run for that office or those offices as indicated. The candidate shall also have Part II of the nomination completed, which will include the candidate’s nominator and seconder.

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4.3 The nomination papers, Schedule “A)” should be obtained from the **Electoral Officer** prior to the nomination meeting and should be forwarded in completed form to the **Electoral Officer** prior to the nomination meeting. All documentation received by the **Electoral Officer** on or before the date of the nomination meeting, shall be held by the **Electoral Officer** as confidential documentation and the contents of this documentation shall not be disclosed to any third party, including the Chief and Council of the day, and shall be held by the **Electoral Officer** until the time for all appeals as set out in this Election Code has expired.

Once the time for all appeals has expired, any and all documentation received by the **Electoral Officer** in connection with the election shall be destroyed by the **Electoral Officer**.

In the event that a person who filed the nomination papers referred to herein was either not formally nominated in accordance with these provisions or chose not to stand for election, although nominated, that person shall be entitled to receive all of the documentation he/she filed with the **Electoral Officer** with a written request, the **Electoral Officer** shall return all of the documentation.

4.4 Upon receiving the nomination papers, the **Electoral Officer** shall review same to ensure that the nomination papers are in order for filing.

4.5 Should the **candidate** file all required documentation for nomination purposes, the **Electoral Officer** shall confirm receipt of the nomination paper by issuing a nomination paper receipt in the form attached here to as Schedule “A” III.

4.6 In the event that the **candidate** does not meet the requirements for nomination, the **Electoral Officer** shall advise the candidate of the deficiencies by ordinary mail or in person if the **candidate** personally files the nomination papers. The **Electoral Officer** shall then give the **candidate** the opportunity to correct or amend the deficiencies prior to the close of nominations.

4.7 The **Electoral Officer** shall attend at the time and place set out in the notice and shall declare the meeting open for the purpose of receiving the nomination of **candidates** for office.

4.8 The **Electoral Officer** shall maintain order at all times during the nomination meeting and may cause to remove any person who in his/her opinion is disrupting or otherwise interfering with the meeting.

4.9 The **Electoral Officer** shall keep the nomination meeting open for a period of not less than four (4) hours. At the end of the four (4) hour period, the **Electoral Officer** shall declare the meeting closed and shall receive no further nominations of **candidates** for office.

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4.10 A person may be a **candidate** for both the office of **Chief** and the office of **Councillor**. In the event of a person being elected to both the office of **Chief** and the office of **Councillor**, the provisions of Article 5.13 hereof shall govern.

4.11 If the number of **candidates** does not exceed the number of offices open for election at the end of the nomination meeting, the **Electoral Officer** shall declare such **candidates** elected by acclamation.

4.12 The **Electoral officer** shall, if the number of **candidates** for **Chief** is greater than one, and if the number of **candidates** for Council exceeds the number of offices open for election, announce the date of the election.

4.13 The **Electoral Officer** shall organize a public forum seven (7) days before the date of the election. **Candidates** for office may make a presentation at the forum. The **Electoral Officer** shall make such rules as are reasonably necessary for the holding of a public forum and, in all cases, the decision of the **Electoral Officer** shall be final. Only **Electors** as defined herein may attend this public forum.

ARTICLE FIVE – ELECTIONS

5.1 The **Electoral Officer** shall, within forty-eight (48) hours following the nomination meeting, post in the Norway House Cree Nation Government Administration and Council Offices, and such other places on the Norway House Reserve as he/she deems necessary, including radio and television and in aboriginal newspapers and shall cause to be published in a Winnipeg daily newspaper, in a Brandon daily newspaper, and a Thompson daily newspaper and shall publish on the Norway House Cree Nation website, a notice setting out:

- a) the times, dates and location where voting will take place, all of which voting will take place on the Norway House Cree Nation Reserve, and
- b) a list of the **candidates** for the office of **Chief** and for the offices of **Councillor**, and
- c) the date the public forum will be held pursuant to Article 4.13 hereof.

5.2 Any **candidate** for the office of **Chief** or **Councillor** may withdraw at any time up to five (5) days before the election by filing with the **Electoral Officer** a notice in writing of his/her intention to withdraw.

5.3 Any person who believes his/her name should be included on the voter's list may apply to the **Electoral Officer** for a determination.

5.4 The **Electoral Officer** shall not be bound by any rules of evidence and the decision of the **Electoral Officer** shall be final and binding. Any appeal to a court of law shall be founded in law and not in fact.

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5.5 The **Electoral Officer** may appoint such person or persons to assist in the polling as he/she deems necessary.

5.6 The **Electoral Officer** shall keep the polling station open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

5.7 The **Electoral Officer** shall secure such equipment as is necessary to ensure to secrecy of voting.

5.8 The **Electoral Officer** shall maintain order at all times during the voting and may cause to remove any person who in his/her opinion is disrupting or otherwise interfering with the voting.

5.9 A person presenting himself/herself for the purpose of voting shall, upon being confirmed by the **Electoral Officer** or his/her assistant as an **elector**, be given one (1) ballot upon which to register his/her vote. The **Electoral Officer** or his/her assistant shall initial each ballot as it is given to the **elector**.

5.10 Each ballot must be marked with an "x" being placed beside the name of the **candidate** or **candidates** for whom the **elector** intends to vote and such instruction shall be clearly posted at the place of voting by the **Electoral Officer**.

5.11 The **Electoral Officer** shall appoint a Cree interpreter or interpreters to assist **electors** where required.

5.12 The **Candidate** shall have the right to be present when the **Electoral Officer** opens the ballot box. If the **candidate** so chooses, one (1) **scrutineer** on behalf of the **candidate**, (in place of the **candidate**), may be present when the **Electoral Officer** opens the ballot box. The **candidate** shall appoint such scrutineer by filing a notice in writing with the **Electoral Officer**. Immediately following the close of the poll, the **Electoral Officer** shall open the ballot box and:

- a) Examine the ballots and reject any that are not:

- i) initialed by the **Electoral Officer** or his/her assistant, or
 - ii) properly marked in accordance with these procedures,
- b) Count the votes given for each **candidate** from the ballots, and
- c) Publicly declare to be elected the **candidate** for **Chief** and the six (6) **candidates** receiving the highest number of votes for **Councillor**, subject to a person being elected for both the office of **Chief** and the office of **Councillor**, that person shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of the close of the polls, declare in writing to the **Electoral Officer** whether he/she intends to hold the office of **Chief** or **Councillor**.

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5.13 If a person is elected to both the office of **Chief** and the office of **Councillor**, that person shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of the close of the polls, declare in writing to the **Electoral Officer** whether he/she intends to hold the office of **Chief** or **Councillor**.

In the event that the person elected to both offices chooses to be **Chief**, then the person with the next highest vote total for **Councillor**, (ie. the person who received the 7th most votes for **Councillor**) shall be declared the 6th **Councillor** elected.

In the event that the person elected to both offices chooses to be a **Councillor**, then the person with the next highest vote total for **Chief**, (ie. the person receiving 2nd highest votes for the office of **Chief**) shall be declared elected as **Chief**.

5.14 If there is a tie between two (2) **candidates** for **Chief** and two (2) **candidates** receiving the sixth highest number of votes for **Councillor**, there shall be a run-off election between these two (2) **candidates** held in accordance with these procedures thirty (30) days or sooner after the date of the election that gave rise to the tie.

5.15 Within twenty-four (24) hours of the public declaration of the **candidates** elected for office, the **Electoral Officer** shall:

- a) Provide to each **candidate** and shall post in the Norway House Cree Nation Government Administration and Council Offices, and such other places on the Norway House Reserve as he/she deems necessary including radio and television and in aboriginal newspapers and shall cause to be published in a Winnipeg daily newspaper, in a Brandon daily newspaper, and a Thompson daily newspaper and shall publish on the Norway House Cree Nation web site, a written statement setting out:
 - i) the **candidates** elected, subject to any votes, and
 - ii) the number of votes cast for each **candidate**, and
 - iii) the number of ballots rejected.

5.16 The **Electoral Officer** shall, after counting the ballots deposit all of the ballots in a sealed envelope/envelopes in the presence of the **candidates** or their **scrutineers** personally present at the counting of the ballots, which envelope/envelopes shall be initialed by the **Electoral Officer** or his/her representative, and the **candidate** or his/her **scrutineer**, and retain possession of the ballots for a period of thirty (30) days or until he/she is served with a notice of appeal, at which time he/she shall forward the ballots along with the voter's list and any other documentation which he/she considers relevant, to the **Appeal Committee**.

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ARTICLE SIX – ABSENTEE VOTING

6.1 Absentee voting shall be meant for those **electors** residing away from the Norway House Cree Nation and those who expect to be absent on the day of voting.

6.2 Within three (3) days of the close of nominations the **Electoral Officer** shall mail to all off-reserve **electors** a voters identification form, together with a ballot paper with a **candidate** listing, a secured ballot envelope, an envelope confirming the identity of the **elector**, and a self-addressed return envelope for returning of the ballot and the voters

6.3 identification forms, all of which forms are attached hereto as Schedules “B” (I), “B” (II), “B” (III), “B” (IV), “B” (V), AND “B” (VI).

6.4 In order for the absentee ballot to be counted, a completed voter identification form, together with a completed ballot/ballots must be returned to the **Electoral Officer**, in the envelopes, Schedules “B” (IV), “B” (V) and “B” (VI) on or before 12:00 noon on the date of the election. All ballots received after the date of the election shall not be counted.

6.5 In addition to all of the documents referred to as Schedules “B” (I), “B” (II), “B” (III), “B” (IV), “B” (V), and “B” (IV), the **Electoral Officer** shall forward instructions for the completion of the ballot papers, the form of which is attached hereto as Schedule “C” hereof.

6.6 Upon receipt of the voters identification form together with the mail-in ballot/ballots, the **Electoral Officer** shall check the elector's name on the voting list and shall secure the sealed absentee voting envelope until the date of the election. At the opening of the polls, the **Electoral Officer**, in the presence of the candidates and/or their

scrutineers shall open the absentee voting envelope and deposit the absentee voting ballot into the ballot box.

ARTICLE SEVEN – APPEALS

7.1 Within thirty (30) days after the posting of the written statement by the **Electoral Officer**, pursuant to Article 5.15, any **candidate** or **elector** who has reasonable grounds to believe:

- a) that there was a corrupt practice in connection with the election, or
- b) that these procedures were not complied with, or
- c) a person did not qualify to be a candidate or elector as defined herein, may appeal the election of a **candidate** or **candidates** by filing a written notice of appeal with the **Electoral Officer** setting out the grounds of the appeal.

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7.2 Upon receipt of the above appeal, the **Electoral Officer** shall forthwith cause a meeting of the **Appeal Committee** to be convened.

7.3 The **Appeal Committee** shall hear the appeal within thirty (30) days of the filing of the notice of appeal and shall deliver its decision within ten (10) days of the hearing appeal. The **Appeal Committee** shall not be bound by any rules of evidence. The decision of the **Appeal Committee** shall be final and binding. Any appeal to a Court of Law shall be founded in law and nor in fact.

Where the **Appeal Committee** finds that a **candidate** or **candidates** have not been elected to office in accordance with these procedures, that candidate whose election violated these procedures shall vacate the office to which he/she was elected, and the **Electoral Officer** shall hold a nomination meeting and election for the vacant office or offices in accordance with Article 4 of these procedures.

ARTICLE EIGHT – REMUNERATION OF ELECTORAL OFFICER

8.1 The Norway House Cree Nation **Chief** and **Council** shall have the authority from time to time to set the remuneration for the **Electoral Officer** and his/her assistants, and for members of the **Appeal Committee**, in such manner as they determine.

ARTICLE NINE – VACANCY OF OFFICE

9.1 The office of **Chief** or **Councillor** becomes vacant when a person who holds that office:

- a) dies,
- b) reigns in writing from his/her office, or
- c) is convicted of an offence for which he/she has been charged by indictment and has exhausted such appeals to any appeal courts, or
- d) ceases to qualify as a **candidate** by virtue of Article 1.1 (b) hereof, or
- e) fails to attend (3) consecutive duly constituted **Council** meetings without being excused from attendance by a quorum of **Council**, or
- f) is guilty of a corrupt practice, accepting a bribe, dishonestly or malfeasance, in connection with an election.

Any person who ceases to hold office by virtue of Article 9.1 (f) shall not be eligible to be a **candidate** for a period of six (6) years.

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9.2 Where the office of **Chief** and **Councillor** becomes vacant more than six (6) months before the date when another election would ordinary be held, a special election shall be held in accordance with these procedures to fill that vacancy or vacancies.

9.3 In the event that a majority of **Chief** and **Council** tender their resignations on the same date, then a special election shall be held, in accordance with these procedures to fill the position of **Chief** and all six (6) **Council** positions.

ARTICLE TEN – AMENDING PROCEDURE

10.1 The **Election Procedures Act** shall be amended pursuant to the submission of any proposed amendment to the **Chief** and **Council**, which proposed amendment will be presented to the people for discussion and review purposes at a general Band meeting, which general Band meeting will comply with the following procedures:

- a) Two (2) weeks prior to the general Band meeting, notice will be posted in the **Norway House Cree Nation Government Administration** and Council offices and such other places on the Norway House Reserve as are customarily used for the purposes of giving notice, which notice shall indicate the date, time, place, and purpose of the meeting which notice shall include a copy of the draft form of **Election Procedures Act** together with a reference to any amendments that are being made thereto.

- b) Voting with respect to the amendment at the general Band meeting will be by a secret ballot.
- c) A simple majority of the **electors**, as defined in Article 1.1 (e) of this Election Procedures Act, must support the proposal to amend.
- d) In the event that an insufficient number of **electors**, as defined herein, attend the general Band meeting to consider and vote in favour of the amendment, a second meeting shall be held within one (1) month, for which a second meeting notice shall be given in the same manner as was provided for the first meeting.
- e) At the second meeting a simple majority of those **electors**, as defined herein, attending the meeting shall be sufficient to support the proposed amendment.
- f) In the event a majority of those **electors** referred to in Article 10.1 (e) hereof vote in support of the proposed amendment, then same will be presented to **Chief and Council** at the next day duly constituted meeting of **Chief and Council**. At that meeting **Chief and Council** will review same and direct a review of the form and content of the proposed amendment by their administration and legal counsel and following receipt of those reviews **Chief and Council** will entertain a motion to accept or reject the amendment.

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SCHEDULE "A"
NOMINATION PAPER - PART I
 PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

<p>1. Name as I wish it to appear on the ballot</p> <p>For the office of Chief [] Councillor []</p> <p>Family Name First Name</p>	<p>For Electoral Officer or Deputy</p> <p>Electoral Officer USE:</p> <p>Received on: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p>
<p>2. Candidate's residential address:</p> <p>Postal code:</p> <p>Treaty No.</p>	<p>Time: _____</p> <p>Received By: _____</p> <p>Signature _____</p>
<p>Candidate's Phone Numbers:</p> <p>Home: _____ Business: _____ Fax: _____</p>	

CONSENT OF NOMINEE

I, the undersigned,

Am eligible to be a candidate.

Wish for my name to appear on the ballot paper.

Have attached the signatures of my nominator and seconder.

Do hereby consent to this nomination.

 Signature of Person nominated as Candidate

 Date

SCHEDULE "A"
NOMINATION PAPER – PART II

(Please print clearly)

I, _____ Treaty # _____ nominate _____

for the office of _____.

Signature

I, _____ Treaty # _____ second the nomination.

for the office of _____.

Signature

SCHEDULE "A"

NOMINATION PAPER – PART III

Receipt for Nomination Paper

(To be completed **after** nomination is **verified** by the Electoral Officer or Deputy Electoral Officer.)

I, the undersigned, in my capacity as Electoral Officer or Deputy Electoral Officer for the Norway House Cree Nation issue this receipt, for the nomination paper nominating

_____ as candidate for the office of
_____ of the Norway House Cree Nation.

Date

Electoral Officer or Deputy Electoral
Officer

VOTER'S IDENTIFICATION FORM

I am a Member of the Norway House Cree Nation pursuant to the provisions of the Norway House Cree Nation Band Membership Code and Rules.

PART ONE

I, _____
First Name **Middle Name** **Last Name**

Treaty Number _____

MAILING ADDRESS

Street #/PO Box

City

Province

Postal Code

PART TWO

I do hereby declare that:

I am an eligible elector.

I am a Norway House Cree Nation Band Member.

I will be 18 years of age on or before election day.

I am not otherwise disqualified by the Norway House Cree Nation Election Code from voting.

I have not/will not attempt to vote again in this election.

I will notify the Electoral Officer of any changes to the information

Signature

Date

In order for the completed ballot to be counted, the ballot must be received by the Electoral Officer on or before the date of the election.

**SCHEDULE "B" (II)
BALLOT FOR CHIEF**

FO R C HIEF	NAME OF CANDIDATES	Vote for one person only. Mark and "X" or "✓" opposite names of the person for whom you vote.

**SCHEDULE "B" (III)
BALLOT FOR COUNCILLORS**

FO R CO UN CI LL OR S	NAME OF CANDIDATES:	
	Vote for six people only.	
	Mark and "X" or "✓" opposite names of the person(s) for whom you vote	

**SCHEDULE "B" (IV)
ENVELOPE 1**

RETURN ENVELOPE

THE ELECTORAL OFFICER

Norway House Cree Nation

P.O. Box 250

Norway House, MB R0B 1B0

**SCHEDULE "B" (V)
ENVELOPE 2**

CONFIRMATION OF VOTE ENVELOPE

I, _____ of the _____, Treaty No. _____

Certify that I have not submitted any other voting paper for this election.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2005.

Signature

Received: _____

SCHEDULE "B" (VI)
ENVELOPE 3

BALLOT ENVELOPE

INSERT BALLOT PAPER AND SEAL

DO NOT MAKE ANY MARKS ON THIS ENVELOPE

SCHEDULE “C”

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF BALLOT PAPERS

- 1. Upon receiving your ballot paper, fill out same accordingly marking with either and “X” or “✓” one choice for Chief and a maximum of six choices for Councillor.**
- 2. Along with your ballot paper you should have received three envelopes: i.) The envelope that requires your personal information: ii.) Blank envelopes which hold your ballot paper; iii.) A self-addressed stamped envelope to ELECTORAL OFFICER.**
- 3. Once you complete your ballot, place same in ballot envelope.**
- 4. Place the ballot envelope with the ballot in the envelope with your personal information envelope and seal it.**
- 5. Place both envelopes in the self-addressed stamped envelope and mail it as soon as possible.**
- 6. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the ballot paper and/or absentee voting, please call the Norway House Cree Anton at (204) 359-6786 during regular business hours Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**