

BEARDY'S & OKEMASIS FIRST NATION REFERENDUM – MAY 16, 2017

The 3 Documents to vote on:

1. **Constitution Act** – Fundamental Law of the Nation, empowers the Nation.
2. **Financial Management Act** – Regulates the Financial Procedures of the Nation.
3. **Executive Act** – Regulates Chief and Council to govern responsibly.

On Treaty Day you will receive a ballot where you can vote on these 3 Acts/ Laws.

Constitution

A constitution is the fundamental law of a nation, it can be written or unwritten. It creates, empowers, and regulates nations.

It defines rights and responsibilities of citizens. A constitution is a solid foundation for First Nation's to move ahead in self-government and in nation-building activities. Your constitution is specific to your community. It should address your community's sense of itself, how you are governed, how the membership has input into governance, key positions of your government and your sovereign powers.

Executive Act

The Executive Act determines how Chief and Council will govern. It will determine how they make decisions. It will create financial accountability measures to ensure fair governance. It will outline their roles and responsibilities. It will define how and when they take holidays. It will ensure disciplinary measures are provided and regulated. The Executive Act regulates council; Conflict of Interest, Remuneration/Salary, Conduct, Authority, Disciplinary Action, Accountability and Vacating Office.

Financial Management Act

The Financial Management Act creates internal controls that monitor and guide the decision making, management and reporting of the Nations finances. It creates accountability mechanisms for Council and the administration of the Nation. It specifies reporting procedures to the Nation Members on the Nation finances. It sets conflict of interest procedures for those that make decisions regarding the Nations finances. It sets regulations for financial reporting, risk management, borrowing of funds, investing. It deals with audit procedures and governance of the Finance Committee.

Why a Referendum?

Council would like Nation Members to vote on these Laws. Laws govern the Nation, so therefore they should be voted in by their Membership. Creating your own Laws is part of the process of asserting your sovereignty.

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