



DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

TAKE NOTICE THAT, on November 12, 2016, a vote will be held by secret ballot to determine if a majority of the electors of the Snuneymuxw First Nation are in favour of:

- the Snuneymuxw First Nation 79 Acre Reserve Specific Claim Settlement Agreement (“Settlement Agreement”);
- the absolute surrender, pursuant to sections 38 and 39 of the *Indian Act*, of all rights and interests of any kind to certain lands described in the Settlement Agreement; and
- the Thlap’qwu Community Settlement Trust (“Trust”).

A copy of the Settlement Agreement and the Trust are attached to this Notice of Referendum, and summary of the main features of those documents may be found in the attached information packages.

Electors are members of the Snuneymuxw First Nation who are at least 18 years of age on the date of the referendum, which is November 12, 2016.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT the question to be submitted to the electors is as follows:

“As a Voter of the Snuneymuxw First Nation, do you

- (a) **agree** to and approve the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement, and the Trust Agreement, assent to the absolute surrender of any and all of its rights and interests in the Surrendered Lands in accordance with sections 38 and 39 of the *Indian Act*;
- (b) **authorize and direct** the Chief and Council of the Snuneymuxw First Nation to sign all documents and do everything necessary to give effect to the 79 Acre Reserve Specific Claim Settlement Agreement, the absolute surrender and the Trust Agreement?”

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT the referendum will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2016 and the electors may vote between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., local time, at a polling station located at:

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| Purpose: | Referendum Vote |
| Date: | Saturday, November 12, 2016 |
| Time: | 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. |
| Location: | Snuneymuxw Administration Building |
| (Polling Station) | 668 Centre St. Nanaimo, BC V9R 4Z4 |

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT:

1. Electors may vote either by a mail-in ballot or in person at a polling station, but not both.
2. A mail-in ballot package (including a Notice of Referendum, mail-in ballot, and information package) will be mailed or delivered to electors who reside off the reserve and for whom an address has been provided by the First Nation to the electoral officer. At the request of an elector who resides on the reserve, the electoral officer will provide the elector with these documents.
3. If an elector was mailed, delivered or provided a mail-in ballot, the elector may only vote in person at a polling station if:
 - a) the elector returns the mail-in ballot to the electoral officer or deputy electoral officer; or
 - b) where the elector has lost the mail-in ballot, the elector provides the electoral officer or deputy electoral officer with a written affirmation that the elector has lost the mail-in ballot, signed by the elector in the presence of the electoral officer, deputy electoral officer, a justice of the peace, a notary public or a commissioner for oaths.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT an information meeting will be held on

Purpose: Information Meeting
Date: Saturday, October 22, 2016
Time: 12:00 noon
Location: Snuneymuxw Recreation Centre
1145 Totem Rd.
Nanaimo, BC V9R 1H1

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT a list of electors is being posted at the same time and at the same location as this Notice of Referendum. Upon request, the electoral officer or deputy electoral officer will confirm whether or not the name of a person is on the list of electors. Any application for a change to the list of electors may be made to the electoral officer at the address listed below.

DATED at Vancouver, British Columbia, this 19th day of September, 2016.



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