



Beneficiary Referendum

May 2010

We'll Be Voting!



Garret Cletheroe
Our land claim agreements protect the rights of Beneficiaries. It is important all of us get out and vote on these policies to make sure our voice is heard. I will be voting!



Rae Mombourquette
I have a vested interest in the future and progress of my First Nation Government. You bet I'm going to vote on the 2010 Referendum!



Susan Burns
It is really important people get out and vote so our government can plan for the future. If not enough people show up, we'll have to just do it all again. I'll be voting.



Bill Webber
These three policies will let KDFN move forward and protect the interests of Beneficiaries. I will be taking the time to get out and vote.

Make Your Voice Heard: Vote!

All adult KDFN Beneficiaries are being asked to vote on three very important policies this spring. These policies are:

- the Settlement Land Policy
- the Investment Governance Policy
- the Consultation Policy Statement.

If you are a KDFN Beneficiary who is or will be 18 years old on June 15, 2010, please make sure you get out an vote. Make your voice heard!

Beneficiaries can vote in person at early, advance or regular voting times. Or you can vote using a mail-in ballot. If you live in an institution, you can arrange to have the mobile vote come to you.

See page 3 for details on how you can vote!

Upcoming Events!

VANCOUVER GATHERING: May 13th, 6-9pm

Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Center
1607 East Hastings St., Vancouver

Come to the meeting for beneficiaries in the Vancouver area on the three policies and referendum. For a ride, phone 604-808-4259 or call 1-877-633-7870 and ask for Jacquie Shorty. Dinner will be served.

YOUTH PIZZA DINNER: May 19th, 6-8pm

Nàkwät'à Kų (Potlatch House)

Beneficiaries from 18-25 are invited to come learn about the three policies and referendum. For a ride, call 633-7878.

BENEFICIARIES MEETING: May 26th, 5-9pm

Nàkwät'à Kų (Potlatch House)

Come to the meeting for eligible beneficiaries (18 and older) on the three policies and referendum. For a ride, call 633-7878. Dinner will be served.

Questions & Answers

<p>How were the three policies developed?</p>	<p>Chief and Council sent out calls to Beneficiaries to sit on three different working groups to develop the policies. The members of each group were:</p> <p>Investment Governance Policy & Consultation Policy working group: Joseph Fred, Fred Holloway, Renie Bruton, Shirley Bien, Edith Baker, Bill Webber</p> <p>Settlement Land Policy working group: Sean Smith, Dianne Smith, Joan Viksten, Tammy Joe, Charlie Burns</p> <p>Beneficiaries approved the final wording for the proposed policies at a meeting last September.</p>
<p>Is this referendum about payouts?</p>	<p>No, there is no question in this referendum about payouts. This referendum is about voting on three different policies only (land, investment and consultation).</p> <p>These three policies, if approved, will guide the development of new laws that will deal with managing our Settlement Lands, managing our money and consulting with beneficiaries.</p>
<p>Does the Investment Governance Policy have anything to do with payouts?</p>	<p>If the investment policy is approved, a KDFN <i>Investment Governance Act</i> will be developed. Then a trust fund will be set up to help KDFN manage the money it was paid under its Final Agreement. This trust fund will be managed by “Trustees” who will be KDFN Beneficiaries.</p> <p>The purpose of the trust fund will be to make sure KDFN Final Agreement monies are carefully managed for the benefit of current and future generations of Beneficiaries.</p> <p>When the Trust Fund is being designed, one of the many things KDFN will have to decide is whether or not the Trust Fund money can be used for payouts to individual Beneficiaries. KDFN will make this decision after consulting with KDFN Beneficiaries.</p>
<p>What happens if the policies are not approved in this referendum?</p>	<p>KDFN’s constitution states that Beneficiaries must approve a policy on each of the three topics (lands, investments and consultation). Therefore, KDFN will have to hold another referendum in the future on any policy that might not be approved in this referendum.</p> <p>Another referendum would cost the First Nation a lot of money to hold.</p>
<p>Why is it so important every adult Beneficiary votes?</p>	<p>KDFN’s constitution [section 16 (10)] says a majority of all Beneficiaries eligible to vote in the referendum must vote ‘Yes’ for a policy to be approved. If less than the majority of the adult Beneficiaries vote, the policies can’t be approved (even if everyone who voted said YES)!</p> <p>So if you are a beneficiary who is 18 or older by the day of the referendum, please vote! Let KDFN know what you think of the policies by voting YES or NO. Make your voice heard!</p>
<p>Is every KDFN citizen also a KDFN Beneficiary?</p>	<p>No, not all KDFN citizens are KDFN Beneficiaries. A KDFN Beneficiary is someone who is enrolled under Chapter 3 of Kwanlin Dün’s Final Agreement.</p> <p>Some KDFN citizens are Beneficiaries of other First Nations. For example, if a KDFN citizen voted on another First Nation’s land claim agreement, that person is likely a Beneficiary of that other First Nation. A person cannot be a Beneficiary of two First Nations.</p>

How you can vote



Voting in Person at Nàkwät'à Kù (Potlatch House)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAY 16 MOBILE VOTE available starting today	17	18	19 EARLY VOTE 11-2	20 EARLY VOTE 11-2	21 EARLY VOTE 11-2	22 EARLY VOTE 11-2
23	24	25	26 EARLY VOTE 11-2	27 EARLY VOTE 11-2	28 EARLY VOTE 11-2	29 EARLY VOTE 11-2
30	31	JUNE 1 ADVANCE VOTE: 12-7	2 EARLY VOTE 11-2	3 EARLY VOTE 11-2	4 EARLY VOTE 11-2	5 EARLY VOTE 11-2
6	7	8	9 EARLY VOTE 11-2	10 EARLY VOTE 11-2	11 EARLY VOTE 11-2	12 EARLY VOTE 11-noon MOBILE VOTE ends at noon
13	14	JUNE 15 REGULAR VOTE: 9-7	16	17	18	19
20	21 MAIL Ballots must be received by 5					



Voting by Mail

All eligible Beneficiaries will be able to vote by mail if they want to!

All voters will be sent a voting package with three ballots (one for each policy) and a return envelope that is already addressed and stamped.

The package will also include detailed instructions on how and when to vote by mail.

Your mail-in packages should arrive by May 19th.

If you haven't received your voting package by then, please contact the Chief Returning Officer.



Mobile Voting

Beneficiaries who are not able to leave their homes or who are living in institutions (such as Copper Ridge, Macaulay Lodge or the jail) can still vote! We will come to you with a voting package.

You just need to call the Chief Returning Officer to arrange for the "mobile vote" to come to you.

The mobile vote will be available starting on May 16th. You can book a time until June 12th at noon.

CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER (CRO): Lois Moorcroft

Phone: 867-335-6569 ~ Fax: 867-668-4149 ~ Email: kdfnvote@gmail.com ~ Box 30120, Whitehorse, YT, Y1A 5M2

Please call the CRO to arrange for mobile voting, for questions about how to vote or about mail-in ballots.



KDFN has hired a referendum coordinator and fieldworkers to help inform KDFN Beneficiaries about this important Referendum. They will be knocking on doors and calling people with information about the three policies and details on how to vote. *Left to right are: Anne-Marie Miller, Charlene Burns, Honey-Starr Sidney, Jacquie Shorty (Referendum Coordinator), Mabel Logan (Admin Assistant), Mandy Jack and Dianne Smith.*

Find us online!

You can find up-to-date information about the KDFN Beneficiary Referendum online!

Website

Check out our website with photos and videos of KDFN Beneficiaries and information on the policies, referendum activities and voting details.

www.kwanlindun.com/referendum

Facebook

Have a Facebook account?

Send a friend request to: KDFN Referendum. It is a great way to get speedy updates on referendum news and events.

Definitions

REFERENDUM

A referendum is a formal vote where voters are asked to approve or reject something, usually by checking a "yes" or "no" box on a ballot.

BALLOT

The ballot is the piece of paper with the question being voted on and circles where people put an X beside yes or no.

CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER (CRO)

The CRO is an independent person hired to run a referendum. Their job is to make sure that the referendum happens according to the *Kwanlin Dun Referendum Code*.

Final Count on June 21st

The last day for voting in person is June 15. After the poll closes at Nàkwät' à Kù (Potlatch House) at 7 PM, election officers will count all of the ballots from mobile, early, advance, mail-in and regular voting. The Chief Returning Officer will announce the initial, summary Statement of the Vote for each question.

However, as the deadline for receiving mail-in ballots is 5 PM on June 21, the CRO will count the final mail-in ballots then. The Referendum Committee will announce the results after the final mail-in count on June 21.

The final results will be posted in KDFN's main administration building, in Yukon newspaper ads and on KDFN's website.

For info on the referendum:

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(check frequently for updates)

Need a ride to the polls?

If you need a ride to vote at the early, advance or June 15th polls, give us a call and we'll get you there!