



Acadia First Nation

BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTION

FIRST NATION GOVERNMENT: ACADIA FIRST NATION

DATE: MARCH 30, 2020

Re: RESOLUTION RESPECTING THE 2020 ACADIA FIRST NATION ELECTION

At a duly convened meeting of Chief and Council of the Acadia First Nation held on March 30, 2020

QUORUM OF COUNCIL: 5

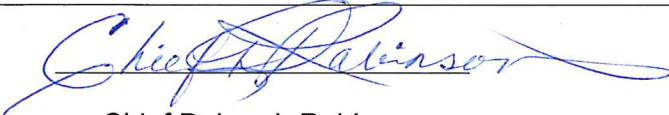





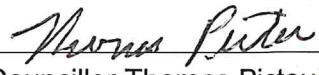
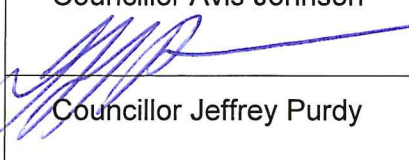

RECITALS:

1. The Acadia First Nation is a custom Band under the *Indian Act*.
2. The custom bylaws define their purpose and objective as being to provide for the good government of the Acadia First Nation and to promote the social / economic development of Band members, including through the application of "good Indian common sense".
3. Acadia First Nation would normally have an election in June 2020, but the Acadia First Nation communities are in serious danger from the Coronavirus pandemic health crisis.
4. The Province of Nova Scotia has declared a State of Emergency, and has made an Order prohibiting persons from gathering in groups of more than five (5).
5. Indigenous Services Canada has recommended that First Nations postpone elections during this health crisis and Federal Health authorities have recommended all Canadians practice social distancing, which includes:
 - a. Avoiding close contact with others by maintaining two (2) metres distance from other persons;
 - b. Cancelling or postponing gatherings of 50 people or more; and

- c. Encouraging ill people or people with high-risk medical conditions to avoid gatherings.
- 6. Social distancing during an election process (nomination meeting, campaigning, voting) is not conducive to the success of that democratic process.
- 7. The Chief and Council of the Acadia First Nation has authority under *Indian Act* section 81(1)(a) to provide for the health of residents on the reserve and to prevent the spreading of contagious and infectious diseases.
- 8. Our Band members are at risk of contagion, and Chief and Council must take steps to protect their health, while ensuring that a future 2020 election is safe, democratic and effective.
- 9. Acadia First Nation is a Mi'kmaq community and operates under Mi'kmaq custom and worldview principles, which would include protection of the health of our citizens, and the maintenance of good government during this crisis.

NOW IT IS RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The date for the 2020 election is hereby postponed, with the expectation that the election will be held in the autumn of 2020.
- 2. A new election date will be set once more is known about the extent of this pandemic. Those elected at that time will serve until the following election, which will be held within 30 days of June 16, 2025.
- 3. Until that new election date, the current Chief and Council will remain in office as the governance of the Acadia First Nation.

 Chief Deborah Robinson		
 Councillor Darlene Coulton	 Councillor Rachel Falls	 Councillor Andrew Francis
 Councillor Avis Johnson	 Councillor Michael Paul	 Councillor Thomas Pictou
 Councillor Jeffrey Purdy	 Councillor Charmaine Stevens	

A QUORUM OF Acadia First Nation COUNCIL CONSISTS OF 5 COUNCILLORS	Acadia First Nation COUNCIL <i>Yarmouth, N.S.</i> MEETING HELD AT:	
	DATED: 30 March, 2020	
	MOVED BY: Charmaine Stevens	SECONDED BY Avis Johnson