



MAIL-IN BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

CONTENTS OF MAIL-IN BALLOT PACKAGE

1. Complete information on the Agreement and Referendum;
2. A ballot;
3. **"Envelope No. 1"**: the Ballot Envelope into which you insert your ballot after marking it. You must also complete Box 1 of your "Voter Declaration Form" pre-printed on the Ballot Envelope;
4. **"Envelope No. 2"**: the outer, larger-sized, postage-paid (if mailed in Canada) return envelope, into which you put "Envelope No. 1." "Envelope No. 2" is addressed to the Chief Referendum Officer. Send it by mail.

DEADLINE FOR RETURNING THE BALLOT ENVELOPES WITH BALLOT

In order for your mail-in ballot to be valid, it *must* be received by the Chief Referendum Officer by the close of polls on the last principal and roving poll day: 8:00 p.m. on March 26, 2010. If you are returning the Ballot envelopes by mail, ensure you leave enough time (normally *one week* before the deadline, if mailed in Canada) for the package to arrive by this deadline. Ballot envelopes received *after* this deadline will not be opened and will be considered "spoiled ballots."

HOW TO VOTE:

- a) Using a pencil or pen, mark the ballot in the circle (cross, check mark or other anonymous marks) next to your choice, "Yes" or "No" (French and Cree words are also indicated), so as to clearly indicate your response to the Referendum Question.

Note: If required, another person may help you to mark your ballot. If so, this person must complete Box 2 of your "Voter Declaration Form" as described in step d).

- b) Fold the ballot to conceal the mark indicating your choice.
- c) Place the ballot into the inner envelope marked "Envelope No. 1" and "Ballot," and seal that envelope.

Note: If more than one Mail-In Ballot Package was provided to your household, you must ensure that only one (1) ballot goes into each inner "Envelope No. 1."



- d) Complete and sign Box 1 of your "Voter Declaration Form" printed on the outside of "Envelope No. 1." If a person assisted you in marking the ballot, ensure that the information in Box 1 of your "Voter Declaration Form" is duly completed before you signed it, and ensure that the person assisting you in marking the ballot completes and signs Box 2 of your "Voter Declaration Form."
- e) Place the inner envelope marked "Envelope No. 1" and "Ballot" in the outer, pre-addressed, envelope marked "Envelope No. 2," and seal that envelope.
- f) Mail or hand-deliver "Envelope No. 2" with its sealed contents to the Chief Referendum Officer or to a Local Referendum Officer. You are responsible for ensuring that the envelope containing your ballot is received by the Chief Referendum Officer or a Local Referendum Officer before 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 26, 2010.

REQUESTING A REPLACEMENT BALLOT

If you inadvertently spoil or lose the ballot from the Mail-In Ballot Package, you may obtain another if:

- a) you return the spoiled ballot to the Chief Referendum Officer or a Local Referendum Officer;
- or**
- b) in the case where you cannot return the ballot which had been provided in the Mail-In Ballot Package, you must provide a written affirmation, signed in the presence of and witnessed by the Chief Referendum Officer, his deputy, a local Referendum Officer, a Justice of the Peace, a notary public or a commissioner for oaths, which states that you have spoiled, discarded or lost the ballot included in the Mail-In Ballot Package, and will destroy the ballot if it is later found.

NOT EXERCISING MAIL-IN BALLOT AND INSTEAD VOTING AT A POLLING CENTRE OR ROVING POLL

If, after receiving the Mail-In Ballot Package, you decide not to use it and instead wish to vote in person at a polling centre or a roving poll, you will be entitled to do so if:

- a) you return the unused ballot to the Referendum Officer in charge of the polling centre or roving poll you attend in order to exercise your vote;
- or**
- b) in the case where you cannot return the unused ballot which had been provided in the Mail-In Ballot Package, you instead provide to the Chief Referendum Officer, his deputy or any Local Referendum Officer a written affirmation that you have spoiled, discarded or lost the ballot included in the Mail-In Ballot Package, and will abstain from later using it in the event the ballot is later found. This affirmation must be signed in the presence of and witnessed by a Referendum Officer in charge of that polling centre or roving poll, or by a Justice of the Peace, a notary public or a commissioner for oaths.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

If you are not sure that your "Envelope No. 2" containing your mail-in ballot will be received by mail by Chief Referendum Officer Lawrence Jimiken before 8:00 p.m. on March 26, 2010, you can have it delivered in person to any Referendum Officer in a Polling Centre or to an on-duty team member on a Roving Poll before the above-mentioned deadline.

For information on the location of the nearest Polling Centre, you may call the Chief Referendum Officer at the toll-free number: 1-888-761-1655.