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NOTICE TO MEMBERS BONAPARTE FIRST NATION ELECTION CODE (2024) RATIFICATION VOTE – DECEMBER 12, 2024

Bonaparte First Nation Chief and Council have called a Ratification Vote to approve the *Bonaparte First Nation Election Code (2024)* that will take place on December 12, 2024.

Beginning in 2022, the Nation worked to complete a legal review and significant revisions of the previous draft of the Code. In spring 2024, the Nation began comprehensive community engagement with family pods to discuss, review, receive feedback from the membership and revise the Code. The Nation's engagement team held multiple community meetings to review the Code, and the most recent draft was reviewed at the Annual General Meeting.

Canada has reviewed four drafts of the Code and has confirmed that the Code is compliant with the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* as it provides for voting rights of off-reserve members and follows basic principles of natural justice, including fairness.

It is now up to the voters of the Nation to decide whether or not to ratify the Code. BFN voters will have the chance to vote by mail and in person at one of three (3) polling stations in the community, in Kamloops and in the Lower Mainland.

If the Code is approved by the voters, the next election will be held pursuant to the *Bonaparte First Nation Election Code (2024)*.

We strongly encourage you to participate in this important ratification vote. If you have any questions about the Code, please contact Marilyn Porter at governance@bonaparte.band or call (250) 457 9624

If you have any questions about the ratification vote process, please contact:

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