



Beausoleil First Nation Land Code

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To All Eligible Voting Members,

Please be advised that the Beausoleil First Nation will be conducting a Ratification Vote on the 9th day of December, 2017. The purpose of this Ratification Vote is to approve and adopt the *Beausoleil First Nation Land Code*, developed in 2015 by the Land Code Committee with the assistance of the community, and the Individual Agreement between Beausoleil First Nation and Canada, pursuant to the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Lands Management*.

The *Framework Agreement on First Nation Lands Management* provides the option to First Nations of withdrawing their reserve land from the land management provisions of the *Indian Act* in order to exercise control over their Land and resources for the use and benefit of their Members.

We want you to make an informed decision, so please review the background documents found on our website www.chimnissing.ca under the Lands and Leasing tab. You may also request to receive paper copies of the background documents by contacting the Ratification Officer, Janice Monague or the Beausoleil First Nation Lands and Resources Department.

Although Land and Resource Management is complex, the vote really comes down to one simple question: do you want Beausoleil First Nation to take over responsibility for the management and control of our lands and resources under the *Beausoleil First Nation Land Code*? You decide.

Attached, you will find your Voter Information Package containing:

- Newsletter from the Lands and Resources Department
- Notice of Vote
- Instructions on obtaining Background Documents
- Mail-in Ballot Package and instructions;
- Instructions on obtaining a unique VIN for Alternative Voting Methods
- Registration Document
- Addressed and Postage Paid Envelope (for Canadian residents only. If you reside in the United States or overseas, you will have to provide your own postage).

We encourage all of our members to participate in this vote as it is a step toward taking back control of our lands.

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Chief Mary King