

## NOTICE OF RATIFICATION VOTE

August 7, 2019

### TO: THE MEMBERS OF GARDEN RIVER FIRST NATION

TAKE NOTICE that a **Ratification Vote** of the Voters of Garden River First Nation pursuant to the Voting Protocol of the Garden River First Nation Western Boundary (the "Voting Protocol") will be held on **Saturday, September 7, 2019** to determine if the Voters of Garden River First Nation approve and assent to the Garden River First Nation Western Boundary (the "Settlement Agreement") between Canada and Ontario and Garden River First Nation summarized in this Notice and attached as Appendix "A."

The following Ballot Question will be asked of the Voters of Garden River First Nation by secret ballot, as set out in the Settlement Agreement:

As a Voter of Garden River First Nation, do you:

- (a) **agree to** all of the terms and conditions of the Garden River First Nation Western Boundary Settlement Agreement initialed by the negotiators for Garden River First Nation, Canada and Ontario on June 26, 2019, and dated for reference June 26, 2019, which settles and releases the Garden River First Nation Western Boundary; and
- (b) **authorize and direct** present and future Chiefs and Councils of Garden River First Nation to act on behalf of Garden River First Nation and its Members, to sign all documents and do everything necessary to give effect to the Garden River First Nation Western Boundary Settlement Agreement?

**Information Meeting** for purposes of the Ratification Vote will be held on:

DATE: **Saturday, August 24, 2019**  
TIME: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
LOCATION: Garden River Education/Rec Centre

The **Ratification Vote** will take place on

DATE: **Saturday, September 7, 2019**  
TIME: 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
LOCATION: Education / Rec Centre  
48 Syrette Lake Rd  
Garden River First Nation

Garden River First Nation approval of the Settlement Agreement will occur if, in a Second Ratification Vote on the Ballot Question, if a majority (over 50%) of the votes cast by the Voters are in favour of the Settlement Agreement and of authorizing Council to execute the Agreement.

Included with this Notice of Ratification Vote are copies of the Settlement Agreement (without the Voting Protocol and forms), and such other information as the Garden River First Nation Council determines.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that a Voters List is posted with this Notice of Ratification Vote. Articles 6.2 and 6.3 of the Voting Protocol provide:

- 6.2 A Member may apply to the Ratification Officer before the Voting Day to have the Voters List revised if such Member believes that:
- 6.2.1 the name of a Voter has been omitted from the Voters List; or
  - 6.2.2 the name of a Voter is incorrectly set out or should not be included on the Voters List.
- 6.3 A Member of Garden River First Nation may, up to and including the Voting Day, apply to the Ratification Officer to have their name added to the Voters List if that Member provides:
- 6.3.1 proof of eligibility to vote by completing the Declaration of Membership and Eligibility to Vote Form substantially in the form of **Appendix D**. This proof shall include documentation that verifies that the Voter's name is recorded on the Band List, and that the Voter is at least eighteen years old on the date of the Ratification Vote and not disqualified from voting in band elections.
  - 6.3.2 Upon receipt and confirmation of the information in the Declaration of Membership and Eligibility to Vote form, the Ratification Officer will revise the Voters List.

And further take notice that an application for an amendment to the Voters List or a request for a copy of the Voting Protocol or forms should be made to the Ratification Officer at:

P.O. Box 101, SSM  
Sault Ste Marie, ON P6A 5L2

*Toll-Free: 1.866.286.7130*  
*Email: vaughn\_johnston@hotmail.com*

And further take notice that Article 16 of the Voting Protocol provides that a Voter may file an objection within seven (7) days following the Voting Day.

DATED at Garden River First Nation, in the Province of Ontario, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.



Vaughn Johnston  
Ratification Officer  
Garden River First Nation