

ATTENTION GARDEN RIVER FIRST NATION CITIZENS**VOTE MARCH 12TH, 2019 - APRIL 26TH, 2019**

On April 9th, 2018 Chief and Council approved the GRFN Strategic Plan which includes the **Election LAW under Objective 3 that Chief and Council: Develop and implement policies that support self determination and allow Council to focus on political gain.**

Garden River First Nation is continuing to proceed with a Referendum (Vote) of the Election Process. The process will be determined by a **VOTE on the KETEGAUNSEEBEE LEADERSHIP SELECTION LAW. The vote will be held from March 12, 2019 - April 26th, 2019.** It is our responsibility to leave a better Governance Structure for our future generations and give our citizens control over how we choose our leaders, eliminating one component of the Indian Act.

Election - the vote of the chief and councillors of a participating First Nation, including by way of a by-election.

Law - the principles and regulations established in a community by our own authority and applicable to its people, whether in the form of legislation or of custom and policies recognized and enforced by judicial decision.

CURRENT (INDIAN ACT)	*NEW CHANGES* LEADERSHIP SELECTION LAW
Name- Indian Act	Anishinabek Wiinawaa Enaak Konigwewaad (People Governing Each Other) Leadership Selection Law of Garden River First Nation
12 Council Members	8 Council Members
Appeals through Indian Act	Anishinabek Nation Getzidjig (Elders) Advisory Council shall act as the Ketegaunseebee Complaints and Appeals Board
2 Year Term	3 Year Term
All employees eligible	Person employed by Ketegaunseebee are ineligible to serve as chief or councillor. a) An employee may, if nominated, take a leave of absence when nominated until Election Day; b) If elected, the employee must resign his or her position.
Can run for both chief and councillor	A person may only be a candidate for one of the offices of chief or councillor in any election.
No deposit required	A non-refundable deposit of \$250 must be posted by all candidates for the position of chief. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 must be posted by all candidates for the position of councillor.

The required amount for a successful vote is 25% +1 of eligible voters to cast a ballot (**total of 450 + 1 = 451 ballots must be received**). To be considered a successful vote, **226** of those ballots received must vote "**yes**". Should the vote be successful on April 26th, 2019 this document will be implemented for the Chief and Council Election Vote on September 2019 and **removed from Section 74 of the Indian Act**. The citizens will determine the final document based on the results of the vote.

Governance Committee- Brandi Nolan (Chair), Andy Rickard (Council Portfolio), Sue Chiblow (Council Portfolio), Darrell Boissoneau (Committee Member), Alexis Vanderheyden (Committee Member), Jackie Rickard (Committee Member) and Kathryn Skov (Committee Member)