

YELLOW QUILL FIRST NATION
COMMUNITY RATIFICATION PROCESS

In accordance with the passing of Laws

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YELLOW QUILL FIRST NATION COMMUNITY RATIFICATION PROCESS

1. TITLE AND PURPOSE

- 1.1 The title of this document is the “Yellow Quill First Nation Community Ratification Process.”
- 1.2 The purpose of this document is to set out the procedures by which Yellow Quill First Nation will decide whether to approve certain Laws, where necessary.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 In this Ratification Process:

Ballot Question means the question asked in the Ratification Vote outlined in Form 1;

Council means the Chief and Councillors of Yellow Quill First Nation;

Department means the Department of Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC);

Eligible Voter means a Member of Yellow Quill First Nation who is 18 years of age or older on Voting Day;

List of Registered Voters means the list of Eligible Voters who have registered to vote in the Ratification Vote, prepared in accordance with clause 3;

List of Voters means the list of Eligible Voters prepared in accordance with clause 3;

Member means a person whose name appears, or is entitled to appear, on the Yellow Quill First Nation Membership List;

Notice of Vote means the notice provided to all Eligible Voters with information including the date, place and time of the Ratification Vote, the Ballot Question, the procedure for registering as a Registered Voter, instructions for obtaining a copy of the Ratification Documents and the Ratification Process, and the name, office address, and telephone number of the Ratification Officer.

Ratification Documents means all documentation related to ratification of a Yellow Quill First Nation Law which is the subject of the Ratification Vote;

Ratification Process means this Yellow Quill First Nation Community Ratification Process;

Ratification Officer means the person appointed by Council under clause 4 to conduct the Ratification Vote;

Ratification Vote means a vote by the Registered Voters on the Ballot Question(s) according to the Ratification Process;

Registered Voter means an Eligible Voter who has registered to vote in accordance with clause 3;

Voting Day means the official date set for holding the Ratification Vote;

Yellow Quill First Nation means the Yellow Quill First Nation Band as named in the Law; and

Yellow Quill First Nation Law means the proposed Law which is the subject of the Ratification Vote and process.

- 2.2 Unless otherwise provided, words defined in a proposed Law have the same meaning in this Ratification Process.
- 2.3 When calculating time where anything is to be done within a time after, from, of or before a specified day, or where a time is expressed to begin after or to be from a specified day, the time does not include that day.
- 2.4 Words in the singular include the plural, words in the plural include the singular, words in the masculine include the feminine and words in the feminine include the masculine, as the context may require.

3. REGISTRATION OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS

- 3.1 In consultation with Council, the Ratification Officer appointed for the Ratification Vote will ensure that a List of Voters is prepared containing the full names, status numbers, birth dates, and addresses of the Eligible Voters.
- 3.2 At least 30 days before Voting Day, the Ratification Officer will make available for each Eligible Voter the Ratification Documents containing community information as described in clause 7 and the Voter Registration Document in Form 5.
- 3.3 An Eligible Voter who wishes to vote in the Ratification Vote must register with the

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Ratification Officer by:

- (a) completing and signing the Voter Registration Document in Form 5;
- (b) having a person witness the Eligible Voter's signature;
- (c) having the witness sign the Voter Registration Document; and
- (d) returning the Voter Registration Document to the Ratification Officer.

3.4 An Eligible Voter may register prior to or following the posting of the Notice of Vote.

3.5 A Voter Registration Document must be received by the Ratification Officer no later than close of the polling station on Voting Day.

3.6 The Ratification Officer will maintain an updated List of Registered Voters setting out the names of all Eligible Voters who have returned a valid Voter Registration Document in accordance with clause 3.

4. COUNCIL RESOLUTION

4.1 Council will pass a Council Resolution to:

- (a) appoint the Ratification Officer;
- (b) confirm the List of Voters;
- (c) approve the text of the proposed Yellow Quill First Nation Law and the Ratification Process;
- (d) order that the Ratification Vote be held to determine if the community approves of the Ratification Documents;
- (e) confirm the wording of the Ballot Question; and
- (f) set the Voting Day.

5. DUTY OF RATIFICATION OFFICER AND APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT

5.1 The Ratification Officer is responsible for overseeing the conduct of the Ratification Vote and has all the powers necessary to carry out that responsibility.

5.2 The Ratification Officer may appoint one or more Assistant Ratification Officers and may delegate any of the duties set out in the Ratification Process to such an assistant, except for:

- (a) the initialling of ballots; and
- (b) the counting of ballots.

5.3 Upon the appointment of an Assistant Ratification Officer, the Ratification Officer and

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each such assistant will execute an Appointment of an Assistant Ratification Officer in Form 3A.

- 5.4 If the Ratification Officer is unable to perform their duties, Council may appoint an acting Ratification Officer in their place.

6. NOTICE OF VOTE

- 6.1 The Ratification Officer, in consultation with Council, will post a Notice of Vote in Form 4 at least 30 days prior to Voting Day in public places on the Yellow Quill First Nation Reserve and through social media where it can be read by the Members.

- 6.2 The Notice of Vote will contain:

- (a) the date, place and time of the Ratification Vote;
- (b) the Ballot Question;
- (c) the procedure for registering as a Registered Voter;
- (d) instructions for obtaining a copy of the Ratification Documents and the Ratification Process; and
- (e) The name, office address and telephone number of the Ratification Officer.

- 6.3 Forthwith after posting the Notice of Vote, the Ratification Officer will provide a true copy of the Notice of Vote to Council.

7. COMMUNITY INFORMATION

- 7.1 The Ratification Officer will cause to be posted on a community website and in conspicuous places at Yellow Quill First Nation, the following information to the Membership including:

- (a) a copy of the Notice of Vote;
- (b) a copy of the proposed Yellow Quill First Nation Law;
- (c) a brief summary of the proposed Yellow Quill First Nation Law; and
- (d) a Voter Registration Document in Form 5.

- 7.2 The information posted in accordance with this clause will be available at least 30 days prior to Voting Day.

- 7.3 In addition to the information provided under this clause, Council may conduct or cause to be conducted:

- (a) visits at the homes of Eligible Voters;

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- (b) telephone contact with Eligible Voters;
- (c) information meetings at Yellow Quill and other appropriate places determined by Council;
- (d) hand delivery of the Voter Registration Document in Form 5, if requested by an Eligible Voter;
- (e) hand delivery of a Ballot Question in Form 1 at information meetings;
- (f) collection of Ballots at information meetings; and
- (g) such other information or activities as may be deemed appropriate.

7.4 Nothing in this clause precludes visits to, or telephone contact with, any Eligible Voter on Voting Day for the purpose only of assisting such Eligible Voter to vote.

8. AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

8.1 Notwithstanding clause 7, any Member may, on request, obtain a copy of the Ratification Documents at no cost.

9. PRELIMINARY PROCEDURES

9.1 The Ratification Officer, in consultation with Council, will:

- (a) designate the polling station;
- (b) prepare sufficient copies of regular ballots, which will be uniform in size, appearance, quality and weight;
- (c) prepare sufficient copies of the voting instructions, if required;
- (d) obtain a sufficient number of ballot boxes;
- (e) provide for a designated voting area at the polling station such that a Registered Voter can mark a ballot free from observation;
- (f) provide a sufficient number of lead pencils and blue or black ink pens for marking the ballot;
- (g) ensure that samples of the Ballot Question are posted or available for examination at the polling station; and
- (h) ensure that a Commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public will be available as required.

10. ADDITIONAL DAY OF VOTING

10.1 Immediately upon the close of the polling station on the official Voting Day, the Ratification Officer may, in their sole discretion, determine that an additional day for voting shall be held where less than 25% of the Eligible Voters actually voted by the close of the polling station on the official Voting Day, as a direct consequence of, but not limited to:

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- (a) severe inclement weather;
 - (b) death of a community member;
 - (c) natural disasters such as fires, floods, earthquake, tornado; or
 - (d) other natural disasters such as explosion, power failure or act of sabotage.
- 10.2 If the Ratification Officer determines that an additional day for voting is to be held, they will in their discretion, make the decision and such decision will be final.
- 10.3 Within 24 hours of the decision under clause 10.2, the Ratification Officer shall formally advise Council in writing.
- 10.4 The Ratification Officer and Council shall thereafter set a date for an additional day for voting which shall not be more than 20 days after the original date of the official Voting Day and shall determine the hours during which the polling station shall remain open on such additional day of voting.
- 10.5 The Ratification Officer shall post a notice showing the decision by the Ratification Officer, the reason for an additional day for voting, the number of Eligible Voters who voted on the original Voting Day, and the date of the additional day for voting. This notice shall be posted in public places and on social media outlets as determined by the Ratification Officer.
- 10.6 Only Eligible voters who are 18 years of age or older on the original Voting Day and who **did not vote on the original Voting Day** shall be entitled to vote on the additional day of voting.
- 10.7 Eligible voters may register on the additional day for voting by appearing in person at the polling station and completing and signing a Voter Registration Document in Form 5.
- 10.8 Voting on the additional day provided for in this section may be accomplished by voting up to the close of the polling station.
- 10.9 In the event that an additional day for voting is scheduled, the counting of ballots in accordance with section 14 will occur after the close of the polling station on the additional day of voting.

11. VOTING PROCEDURES AT THE POLLING STATION ON VOTING DAY

- 11.1 The polling station will be open from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Voting Day.
- 11.2 All voting at the polling station will be conducted by secret ballot.

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- 11.3 The Ratification Officer is responsible for determining whether a person is an Eligible Voter and a Registered Voter.
- 11.4 At the polling station, the Ratification Officer will:
- (a) before the first vote is cast, open the ballot box and request a Registered Voter to witness that the ballot box is empty;
 - (b) thereupon seal the ballot box and place their signature on the seal in front of the witness, and ask the witness to place their signature on the seal;
 - (c) keep the ballot box in view for reception of ballots;
 - (d) execute a Declaration of Ratification Officer in Form 6; and
 - (e) ensure that each witness executes a Statement of Witness in Form 7.
- 11.5 When a person at the polling station requests to vote, the Ratification Officer will:
- (a) ensure that the person is a Registered Voter;
 - (b) check the List of Registered Voters to ensure that the person has not already voted; and
 - (c) provide the Registered Voter with a ballot, on the back of which are affixed the Ratification Officer's initials so that the initials can be seen when the ballot is folded and placed in the ballot box.
- 11.6 The Ratification Officer will place on the List of Registered Voters, a line through the name of every Registered Voter receiving a ballot at the polling station.
- 11.7 Upon request, the Ratification Officer will explain the method of voting.
- 11.8 If the Ratification Officer determines that the name of a Registered Voter has been omitted, incorrectly set out, or incorrectly included on the List of Registered Voters, they will, in their sole discretion, make the necessary revision, and such revision will be final.
- 11.9 A Registered Voter may request special assistance from the Ratification Officer at the polling station.
- 11.10 The Ratification Officer will, on request and in the presence of a witness acceptable to the Registered Voter and the Ratification Officer, provide special assistance to a Registered Voter at the polling station by marking a ballot in secret as directed by the Registered Voter and immediately folding and depositing the ballot into the ballot box.
- 11.11 The Ratification Officer, after providing special assistance to a Registered Voter, will make an entry on the List of Registered Voters opposite the name of the Registered Voter

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indicating:

- (a) that the ballot was marked by the Ratification Officer at the request of the Registered Voter;
 - (b) the reason for the Registered Voter's request; and
 - (c) the name of the witness.
- 11.12 Except for a Registered Voter requiring special assistance, every Registered Voter receiving a ballot at the polling station will:
- (a) proceed immediately to a designated voting area;
 - (b) mark the ballot by placing a cross ("X") in the box marked "YES" or in the box marked "NO";
 - (c) fold the ballot so as to conceal the mark and expose the initials of the Ratification Officer; and
 - (d) immediately give the folded ballot to the Ratification Officer.
- 11.13 Upon receiving a marked ballot, the Ratification Officer, without unfolding it, will:
- (a) verify his or her initials;
 - (b) remove the perforated strip, if any; and
 - (c) deposit the ballot into the ballot box.
- 11.14 A Registered Voter at the polling station who receives a spoiled or improperly printed ballot, or who accidentally spoils a ballot when marking it, is entitled to receive another ballot from the Ratification Officer after returning the original ballot to the Ratification Officer.
- 11.15 The Ratification Officer will record a ballot returned in accordance with clause 11.14 as spoiled.
- 11.16 A Registered Voter at the polling station who receives a ballot and does not return it to the Ratification Officer will forfeit the right to vote and the Ratification Officer will make an entry on the List of Registered Voters stating that the Registered Voter left the polling station without delivering the ballot and will record the ballot as cancelled.
- 11.17 At the time set for closing the polling station, the Ratification Officer will declare the polling station closed, and entry will be denied to the polling station until all Registered Voters remaining in the polling station at that time have voted.
- 11.18 After close of the polling station, other than the polling station at which the Ratification Officer is presiding, the Assistant Ratification Officer in the presence of the Chief and a

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member of Council will act as a witness and will:

- (a) seal the ballot box at the polling station such that no further ballots may be deposited in that ballot box;
- (b) initial the seal; and
- (c) forthwith transport the sealed ballot box to the Ratification Officer at the polling station at which they are presiding.

12. ORDERLY VOTING

- 12.1 Council, with the assistance of the Ratification Officer, will ensure that peace and good order are maintained at the polling station.
- 12.2 The Ratification Officer will allow only one Registered Voter at a time into a designated voting area, except for a Registered Voter receiving special assistance.
- 12.3 As long as a Registered Voter is inside the building and present at the polling station when the polling station closes, the Registered Voter will be allowed to vote.
- 12.4 No person will:
 - (a) interfere or attempt to interfere with a Registered Voter when the Registered Voter is voting;
 - (b) obtain or attempt to obtain information as to how a Registered Voter is about to vote or has voted; or
 - (c) mark a ballot in a way that identifies the Registered Voter.

13. REJECTED BALLOTS

- 13.1 A cast ballot will be rejected if that ballot:
 - (a) was not supplied by the Ratification Officer or Assistant Ratification Officer;
 - (b) was not marked as either "YES" or "NO";
 - (c) was marked as both "YES" and "NO";
 - (d) was marked outside a box marked "YES" or "NO" such that the Ratification Officer cannot reasonably discern the intent of the Registered Voter; or
 - (e) has any writing or mark which can identify the Registered Voter.
- 13.2 A ballot marked with anything other than a cross ("X"), or marked with anything other than a lead pencil or blue or black pen, will not be rejected if:
 - (a) the mark is in a box;

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- (b) the mark does not identify the Registered Voter; and
- (c) in the opinion of the Ratification Officer, the intent of the Registered Voter is clear.

14. COUNTING OF BALLOTS

- 14.1 After the ballots have been deposited in the ballot box at the polling station, the Ratification Officer, in the presence of the Chief and at least 1 Council member and any Registered Voter who may be present, will:
- (a) count the number of spoiled ballots;
 - (b) examine all ballots contained in the ballot boxes;
 - (d) reject any ballots as required under clause 13; and
 - (e) count the number of ballots marked “YES”, the number of ballots marked “NO” and the number of rejected ballots.
- 14.2 When the results of the Ratification Vote have been determined, the Ratification Officer will execute a Certification by Ratification Officer in Form 8.
- 14.3 The Ratification Officer will seal in separate envelopes the spoiled ballots, rejected ballots, ballots cast in favour, and ballots cast against, and will thereupon:
- (a) affix their signature to the seals; and
 - (b) request the Chief or a Council member affix their signatures to the seals.
- 14.4 The Ratification Officer will retain the separate envelopes for at least 60 days in their secure possession, and may, unless otherwise instructed by Council, thereafter destroy the ballots cast, including the rejected ballots and the spoiled ballots.

15. PROCEDURAL AMENDMENTS

- 15.1 In order to give effect to and carry out the objectives and purpose of a Ratification Vote, the Ratification Officer, Council or its designate may agree upon a variation of the procedural requirements of this Community Ratification Process if they:
- (a) deem it necessary to do so; and
 - (b) reasonably believe the variation will not result in any substantive change to those procedural requirements.
- 15.2 The Ratification Officer will state in writing the nature and basis of any variation made to this Community Ratification Process and make a copy of the statement publicly available.
- 15.3 The Ratification Officer may modify any form appended to this Community Ratification

Process to add or update, but not remove any material details.

16. OBJECTIONS

16.1 An Eligible Voter may file an objection with the Ratification officer if the Eligible Voter has reasonable grounds for believing that:

- (a) there was a violation of, or irregularity in, this Community Ratification Process; and
- (b) the final result of the Ratification Vote might have been different but for the violation or irregularity.

16.2 An objection by an Eligible Voter must be received by the Ratification Officer within 5 days of the Voting Day (or additional Voting Day, if such a day is required).

16.3 An objection must be made in writing and must:

- (a) identify the name, address and telephone number of the Eligible Voter making the objection;
- (b) summarize the grounds for the objection; and
- (c) be accompanied by a signed declaration setting out the grounds for the objection.

16.4 The Ratification Officer may, if the material provided under clause 16.3 is insufficient to decide the validity of the objection, conduct such further investigations as they deem necessary.

16.5 If an objection is filed under this clause, the Ratification Officer will, within 15 days of Voting Day (or additional Voting Day, if such a day is required) determine whether the objection is valid.

16.6 If the Ratification Officer determines the objection is valid, they may allow the objection and call another Ratification Vote.

16.7 If the Ratification Officer determines that:

- (a) there was neither a violation of, nor an irregularity in this Ratification Process; or
- (b) there was a violation of, or an irregularity in, this Ratification Process but the final result of the Ratification Vote was not affected thereby,

the Ratification Officer will dismiss the objection.

17. CERTIFICATION OF YELLOW QUILL FIRST NATION LAW

- 17.1 The Yellow Quill First Nation Law will be approved if at least 25% + 1 of all Eligible Voters vote to approve the Law, and they are a majority of those voting.
- 17.2 If the Yellow Quill First Nation Law is approved, the Ratification Officer will as soon as practicable sign a Certification of Ratification to conclude the Vote in Form 11 and send a copy of the approved Yellow Quill First Nation Law and a declaration of the results of the vote to Council.
- 17.3 Upon completion of the Certification in Form 11, the Ratification Officer will certify the Yellow Quill First Nation Law with their initials, and send a copy of the Yellow Quill First Nation Law to the Yellow Quill First Nation Council and the Minister of Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada.

Form 1
Ratification Process

BALLOT QUESTION

Do you approve of:

- **The *Yellow Quill First Nation Election Law* dated for reference October 14, 2025 and authorize Chief and Council to sign and proclaim the Law in force.**

EXPLANATION

A **“YES”** vote means a vote in favour of Yellow Quill First Nation passing its *Yellow Quill First Nation Election Law* dated for reference October 14, 2025.

A **“NO”** vote means rejecting Yellow Quill First Nation passing its *Yellow Quill First Nation Election Law* dated for reference October 14, 2025.

YES

NO

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Mark this Ballot by placing a Cross (✕) in one of the above boxes.

Form 2
Ratification Process

FIRST NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
(Commencement of Vote)

The Council of Yellow Quill First Nation, in accordance with clause 4 of the Yellow Quill First Nation Community Ratification Process, do hereby resolve to:

1. Confirm _____ as the Ratification Officer;
2. Confirm the List of Voters;
3. Approve the text of the Yellow Quill First Nation Community Ratification Process, dated for reference _____, 20____;
4. Approve to proceed with community ratification of the *Yellow Quill First Nation* _____
_____ *Law*;
5. Hold a Ratification Vote to determine if the community approves the Ratification Documents in accordance with the Yellow Quill First Nation Community Ratification Process;
6. Confirm the Ballot Question in the form attached as Annex #1; and
7. Set the Voting Day to be the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Dated at Yellow Quill First Nation, in the Province of Saskatchewan on the ____day of _____
_____, 20____.

Chief

Councillor

Councillor

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Councillor

(* A quorum for this Band consists of 5 Council members)

**Form 2A
Ratification Process**

**FIRST NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
(List of Eligible Voters)**

The Council of Yellow Quill First Nation, in accordance with the Yellow Quill First Nation Ratification Process, do hereby resolve to:

1. Confirm this addendum to the List of Eligible Voters:
2. Confirm that the attached list of Members are deceased; and
3. Request that the Ratification Officer consider removal of the deceased Members from the list of Eligible Voter.

Dated at Yellow Quill First Nation, in the Province of Saskatchewan on the ____ day of _____, 20____.

Chief

Councillor

Councillor

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Form 3
Ratification Process

APPOINTMENT OF RATIFICATION OFFICER

Date

I, _____, agree to act as Ratification Officer for the Ratification Vote to determine if the voters of the Yellow Quill First Nation approve the Ratification Documents, and I will discharge my duties in accordance with the Yellow Quill First Nation Community Ratification Process and the requirements of confidentiality.

Ratification Officer

Form 3A
Ratification Process

APPOINTMENT OF AN ASSISTANT RATIFICATION OFFICER

Date

I, _____, Ratification Officer, appoint _____ to act as my assistant in carrying out my duties in accordance with the Yellow Quill First Nation Community Ratification Process for the purpose of the Ratification Vote.

Ratification Officer

I, _____, agree to act as an assistant to the Ratification Officer for the purpose of the Ratification Vote and promise to carry out all assigned duties to the best of my abilities and in accordance with the Yellow Quill First Nation Community Ratification Process and the requirements of confidentiality.

Assistant Ratification Officer

Form 4
Ratification Process

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**TO: MEMBERS OF YELLOW QUILL
FIRST NATION**

TAKE NOTICE that a Ratification Vote will be held in accordance with the Yellow Quill Community Ratification Process on the following date:

_____, 20____ (**Voting Day as per Community Ratification Process**)

Vote 9:00 am to 8:00 pm
Yellow Quill Band Hall
Yellow Quill First Nation Reserve

This Vote will be conducted to determine if the Eligible Registered Voters of Yellow Quill First Nation approve the **Yellow Quill First Nation** _____ **Law**. The following ballot question will be asked of the Eligible Registered Voters of Yellow Quill First Nation:

DO YOU APPROVE OF:

- **The Yellow Quill First Nation** _____ **Law, dated** _____, 20____

Copies of any information regarding the Ratification Process may be obtained from the Yellow Quill First Nation Administration Office:

Box 40 Yellow Quill, SK S0A 3A0
1-306-322-2281

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE, that all members of Yellow Quill First Nation 18 years of age or older, as of the date of the Voting Day are eligible to cast a vote on Voting Day.

YELLOW QUILL MEMBERS MUST COMPLETE A VOTER REGISTRATION FORM TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE

Voter registration documents will only be provided to Eligible Voters who have an address on record with Yellow Quill First Nation. Voter registration documents are also available from the Ratification Officer at the address and telephone number appearing below.

DATED at Yellow Quill First Nation, Province of Saskatchewan this _ day of _____, 20__.

Ratification Officer
Box 40, Yellow Quill Saskatchewan, S0A 3A0
Telephone: 1-306-322-2281 Facsimile:
1-306-322-2304

Certified true copy: _____

Note: All Registered Voters will vote by secret ballot. If an Eligible Voter has not received a Voter Registration Document by _____, 20____, please contact the Ratification Officer or Yellow Quill First Nation Administration Office so that the necessary forms can be supplied to you.

Copies of any Ratification Documents and the Ratification Process may be obtained from the Yellow Quill First Nation Administration Office, Box 40, Yellow Quill, Saskatchewan, S0A 3A0 Province of Saskatchewan, telephone 306 322 2281.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that all Members of Yellow Quill First Nation 18 years of age or older as of the date of the Ratification Vote are eligible to vote, **PROVIDED THAT SUCH MEMBERS COMPLETE A VOTER REGISTRATION DOCUMENT TO BE PLACED ON THE LIST OF REGISTERED VOTERS.** Voter registration documents will only be provided to Eligible Voters whose address is on record with the Yellow Quill First Nation. Voter registration documents are also available from the Ratification Officer at the address and telephone number appearing below.

DATED at Yellow Quill First Nation, in the Province of Saskatchewan this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Ratification Officer
Box 40, Yellow Quill, Saskatchewan S0A 3A0
Telephone: (306) 322 2281 Facsimile: (306) 322 2304

NOTE: All Registered Voters will vote by secret ballot. If an Eligible Voter has not received a Voter Registration Document by _____, 20____ please contact the Ratification Officer so that the necessary form can be supplied to you.

Form 5
Ratification Process**VOTER
REGISTRATION
DOCUMENT****To Vote in the Yellow Quill First Nation Ratification Vote**

I, _____, am registering as a Registered Voter for
(Print full name)

the Ratification Vote, and I will be able to attend the polling station in person.

My mailing address is: _____

_____ Postal/Zip Code
My phone number is: _____

I confirm that I am at least 18 years of age, or will be 18 years of age by __, 20__ and I am a Member of the Yellow Quill First Nation, and that:
My Treaty Number is _____ and my Date of Birth is _____; And that I have signed this Voter Registration Form together with a witness to my signature.

Signature of Eligible Voter

Date

Signature of Witness
(must be 18 years of age)

Print Name of Witness

For Ratification Officer's Use Only

This is to certify that this Eligible Voter has been registered and his or her full name, band number and date of birth have been placed on the List of Registered Voters.

Date

Ratification Officer

Form 6
Ratification Process

DECLARATION OF RATIFICATION OFFICER
(Regular Polling Station)

CANADA)
)
Province of Saskatchewan)

I, _____, Ratification Officer, of Yellow Quill First Nation,
in the Province of Saskatchewan, DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

1. I was personally present at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on the _____ day of _____
20__ when Registered Voters of Yellow Quill First Nation voted in a Ratification Vote
concerning the Ratification Documents.
2. Immediately before the Ratification Vote began, I opened ballot box number #__.
3. I saw that the ballot box was empty and I asked Registered Voters who were present to
witness that the ballot box was empty.
4. I then properly sealed the ballot box, in front of those persons who were present, and kept
it in view for the reception of ballot papers.

AND I MAKE THIS SOLEMN DECLARATION conscientiously believing it to be true
and knowing that it is of the same force as if made under oath and by virtue of the *Canada
Evidence Act*.

DECLARED BEFORE me at)
Yellow Quill First Nation)
in the Province of Saskatchewan,
) this ____ day of _____, 20____.)
)
_____))
A Commissioner for Oaths in and for the)
Province of Saskatchewan. My commission
expires: _____.

Ratification Officer

Form 7
Ratification Process

STATEMENT OF WITNESS
(Regular Polling Station)

Date

I, _____, was personally present at the polling station at Yellow Quill First Nation on the _ day of _____, 20__ when Registered Voters of Yellow Quill First Nation were to vote in a Ratification Vote concerning the Ratification Documents, and

1. I am a Registered Voter.
2. I witnessed that the ballot box #_ was empty before any votes were cast in the Ratification Vote.
3. I witnessed the Ratification Officer seal the ballot box and sign the seal.
4. I signed the seal, as requested by the Ratification Officer.

Witness

Form 8
Ratification Process

CERTIFICATION OF RATIFICATION OFFICER
(Conclusion of Vote)

CANADA)
)
Province of Saskatchewan)

I, _____, Ratification Officer for Yellow Quill First Nation in the Province of Saskatchewan, DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

1. I was present at Yellow Quill First Nation on the ____ day of _____, 20____ when Registered Voters of Yellow Quill First Nation voted concerning approval of the *Yellow Quill First Nation* _____ Law in accordance with the Yellow Quill First Nation Community Ratification Process.
2. A true copy of the Notice of Vote is attached as Exhibit “1” to this Declaration.
3. In accordance with the Yellow Quill First Nation Community Ratification Process, I posted the Notice of Vote at least 30 days prior to Voting Day.
4. The voting procedure, including the handling of ballots and the counting of results, was conducted according to the Yellow Quill First Nation Community Ratification Process.
5. The names of _____ Eligible Voters appeared on the List of Voters.
6. The number of Eligible Voters who registered was _____ and their names were entered on the List of Registered Voters.
7. The number of Registered Voters who constituted a majority was _____.
8. The results of the Ratification Vote are as follows:
 - (a) _____ regular ballots were cast in the Ratification Vote;
 - (b) _____ ballots were spoiled;
 - (c) _____ ballots were rejected and not opened or deposited into the ballot box;
 - (d) _____ ballots were cancelled;

- (e) _____ ballots were rejected;
 - (f) _____ ballots were marked “YES” for the Ballot Question; and
 - (g) _____ ballots were marked “NO” for the Ballot Question.
 - (h) _____ registered voters who did not cast a ballot.
9. Based on the need to meet or exceed the number of Registered Voters and the number of Eligible Voters in item 8, above, the Ratification Documents were *approved/not approved* by the Registered Voters.

AND I MAKE THIS SOLEMN DECLARATION conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the *Canada Evidence Act*.

DECLARED BEFORE me at

Yellow Quill First Nation)

in the Province of Saskatchewan,

) this ____ day of _____ 20____.

)

) _____

) Ratification Officer

_____)
A Commissioner for Oaths in and for the

Province of Saskatchewan. My commission

expires: _____.

Form 9**Ratification Process****REPORT OF RATIFICATION OFFICER**

(Conclusion of Vote)

CANADA)
)
Province of Saskatchewan)

I, _____, Ratification Officer, of _____, in the Province of Saskatchewan, DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE YELLOW QUILL FIRST NATION COMMUNITY RATIFICATION PROCESS:

1. I was present at Yellow Quill First Nation on the _____ day of _____, 20____ when Registered Voters voted concerning approval of the *Yellow Quill First Nation* _____ Law.
2. A copy of the Notice of Vote is attached as Exhibit "1" to this Declaration.
3. I posted A Notice of Vote at least 30 days prior to Voting Day.
4. I arranged for the Notice of Vote to be posted in public places on the Yellow Quill First Nation Reserve at least 30 days prior to the Voting Day.
5. A copy of the Notice of Vote was provided to each person on the List of Voters at their last known address at least 30 days prior to the Voting Day.
6. Door-to-door visits, community information meetings, and telephone contacts were made in the community.
7. The names of _____ Eligible Voters appeared on the List of Voters.
8. The number of Eligible Voters who registered was _____ and their names were entered on the List of Registered Voters.
9. The number of Registered Voters who constituted a majority was _____.
10. The number of Eligible Voters who constituted the minimum percentage required for approval of the *Yellow Quill First Nation* _____ Law was _____.
11. The results of the Ratification Vote are as follows:
 - (a) _____ regular ballots were cast in the Ratification Vote;

- (b) _____ ballots were spoiled;
 - (c) _____ ballots were rejected and not opened or deposited into the ballot box;
 - (d) _____ ballots were cancelled;
 - (e) _____ ballots were marked “YES” for the Ballot Question; and
 - (f) _____ ballots were marked “NO” for the Ballot Question.
 - (g) _____ registered voters who did not cast a ballot.
12. Based on the need to meet or exceed the number of Registered Voters in item 10, and the number of Eligible Voters in item 11, the Ratification Documents were *approved/not approved* by the Registered Voters.

AND I MAKE THIS SOLEMN DECLARATION conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the *Canada Evidence Act*.

DECLARED BEFORE me at Yellow Quill)
First Nation in the Province of Saskatchewan,)
this __day of _____, 20__)

A Commissioner for Oaths in and for the
Province of Saskatchewan. My commission
Expires: _____.

) _____
) Ratification Officer
)

Form 10
Ratification Process**FIRST NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION**
(Submission to Ratification Officer at Conclusion of Vote)**WHEREAS:**

1. The *Yellow Quill First Nation* _____ *Law* was submitted to a Ratification Vote at Yellow Quill First Nation on the ____ day of _____, 20____;
2. The Ratification Vote was conducted in accordance with the Yellow Quill First Nation Community Ratification Process confirmed by the Chief and Council;
3. The Registered Voters *approved/did not approve* these documents at the Ratification Vote held on the ____ day of _____, 20____.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of Yellow Quill First Nation in accordance with this Yellow Quill First Nation Community Ratification Process, do hereby resolve as follows:

1. To send to the Ratification Officer the *Yellow Quill First Nation* _____ *Law*, attached hereto as Annex "1", for certification by the Ratification Officer if the Law was approved.

Dated at Yellow Quill, in the Province of Saskatchewan this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Chief

Councillor

Councillor

Councillor

Councillor

Councillor

Councillor

Councillor

(* A quorum for this Band consists of 5 Council members)

Form 11
Ratification Process

CERTIFICATION OF LAW

Whereas the *Yellow Quill First Nation* _____ *Law* was submitted to a Ratification Vote at Yellow Quill First Nation on the _ day of _____, 20__;

And Whereas I have reported that the Ratification Vote was conducted in accordance with the Yellow Quill First Nation Community Ratification Process confirmed by me as the Ratification Officer;

And Whereas the *Yellow Quill First Nation* _____ *Law* and was approved by the Registered Voters at the Ratification Vote on the _ day of _____, 20__.

Therefore, I hereby certify on the bottom of each page of the *Yellow Quill First Nation* _____ *Law*; attached as Annex "1" hereto that this Law has been passed by a majority of Eligible Voters and that the Law is immediately in effect.

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Ratification Officer