# YELLOW QUILL FIRST NATION SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ELECTION LAW FOR RATIFICATION DECEMBER 2025

## **Fundamental Principles**

- The Yellow Quill First Nation Election Law (the "Law") provides for a process by which
  members of Yellow Quill First Nation will choose their leadership consistent with the
  Inherent Right to Self-government and its Treaty relationship.
- The Law is an exercise of self-government and self-determination under Yellow Quill's inherent jurisdiction.

#### **Table of Contents**

• The Table of Contents of the Law contains a list of Sections with page numbers and 5 Schedules including: Definitions in Section 3, Election Procedures in Sections 4-14, Election Appeals in Section 15, the Independent Appeal Tribunal in Section 17, Conduct of Chief and Council in Sections 18-19, Offences and Penalties in Sections 20-21, Amendment Procedures in Section 23, and Schedules 1 to 5.

## **Highlights and Overview**

- The Term of office of Chief and Council is extended to 4 years.
- The Election Day is moved from November to the 4th Thursday in April every 4 years.
- The next Election Day will be the 4th Thursday in April 2027.

## **Independent Appeal Tribunal**

 The Law provides for an Independent Appeal Tribunal formed by respected members of Treaty 4 First Nations other than members of Yellow Quill, Kinistin, or Fishing Lake First Nations, and will be composed of 5 persons chosen by a Chairperson.

### **Discipline Procedure**

 The Law provides for circumstances by which Chief and Council can be held accountable and consequences for improper conduct including suspension or removal from office.

### **Amendment Procedure**

 The Law provides for a process by which Yellow Quill First Nation may amend the Law with the involvement of members at Community Meetings.

## **Coming Into Effect**

• The Law will come into effect following a majority vote of the Electors of Yellow Quill First Nation, following which, it will be proclaimed by Chief and Council.

#### **Review**

• The Law provides for a review within 6 months, both before and following each Election, by the Governance Committee and Chief and Council.