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**KÁTŁ'ODEECHE FIRST NATION
COMMUNITY RATIFICATION PROCESS**

1. TITLE AND PURPOSE

- 1.1 The title of this document is the Kátl'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process.
- 1.2 The purpose of this document is to set out the procedure by which Kátl'odeeche First Nation will decide whether to approve its *Land Law* and the Individual Agreement with Canada, as required under the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management*.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 In this Ratification Process:

“Act” means the *First Nations Land Management Act*, S.C. 1999, c. 24;

“Advance Polls” means any early Voting Day held prior to the Official Voting Day to permit Eligible Voters who expect to be absent on the Official Voting Day to cast their ballots;

“Background Documents” means:

- a. the *Framework Agreement*;
- b. the *First Nations Land Management Act*;
- c. a summary of the *Framework Agreement*;
- d. a summary of the *First Nations Land Management Act*;
- e. a summary of the *Kátl'odeeche First Nation Land Law*; and
- f. a summary of the Individual Agreement.

“Ballot Question” means the question asked in the Ratification Vote in *Form 1*;

“Council” means the Chief and Councillors of the Kátl'odeeche First Nation;

“Department” means the Department/s of Indigenous Services Canada/Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada;

“Eligible Voter” means a Member of Kátl'odeeche First Nation who is 18 years of age or older on the Official Voting Day;

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“First Nation” means the Kátl'odeeche First Nation;

“*Framework Agreement*” means the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management* entered into between Canada and the signatory First Nations on February 12, 1996;

“Individual Agreement” means the Individual Agreement made between Kátl'odeeche First Nation and Her Majesty in right of Canada in accordance with clause 6.1 of the *Framework Agreement*;

“*Land Law*” means the proposed *Kátl'odeeche First Nation Land Law*;

“List of Eligible Voters” means the list of Members who are eligible to vote;

“Mail-in Ballot” means a ballot mailed or delivered by an Eligible Voter who is unable or does not wish to vote at the polls on Voting Days;

“Member” means a person whose name appears or is entitled to appear on the Kátl'odeeche First Nation membership list;

“Minister” means the Minister/s of Indigenous Services Canada/Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada;

“Official Voting Day” means the date set for holding the Ratification Vote;

“Ratification Documents” means the *Land Law* and the Individual Agreement;

“Ratification Officer” means the person appointed by Council and confirmed under clause 6.1a;

“Ratification Process” means this Kátl'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process;

“Ratification Vote” means a vote by the Eligible Voters on the Ballot Question conducted according to the Ratification Process;

“Regular Ballot” means a paper ballot used to cast a secret vote at the polls on Voting Days;

“Verifier” means an independent person appointed pursuant to clauses 8 and 44 of the *Framework Agreement*;

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“Voter Information Package” means the package of information containing voting information to be sent to all Eligible Voters; and

“Voting Days” means any Advance Polls, Official Day of Voting and additional day for voting.

- 2.2 Unless otherwise provided, words defined in the *Framework Agreement* 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 and words in the masculine include the feminine and words in the feminine include the masculine, as the context may require.

3. LIST OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS

- 3.1 Council will ensure that a preliminary List of Voters, effective the date of the ratification vote, is obtained from the Department, that this preliminary list is reviewed by Council to ensure that no deceased person is on the list, and that the list and Form 10 is sent to the Verifier as per clause 4.1.
- 3.2 When the Ratification Officer posts the Notice of Vote as per clauses 8.1 and 8.4.(b), a Member of the First Nation may apply to the Ratification Officer within ten days of posting of the List of Voters attached to the Notice of Vote to have the List of Voters revised if such Member believes that:
 - a. the name of a Voter has been omitted from the preliminary List of Voters; or
 - b. the name of a Voter is incorrectly set out or should not be included on the List of Voters.
- 3.3 A Member of the First Nation may, up to and including the Voting Day, apply to the Ratification Officer to have his or her name added to the List of Voters if that member can provide:
 - a. his or her current Certificate of Indian Status card; or
 - b. adequate proof of identification, age and First Nation membership.

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3.4 Where the Ratification Officer is satisfied that a revision is necessary to the List of Voters, he or she will make the revision and such revision will be final. This final list and the number of Eligible Voters will be forwarded immediately to the Verifier.

4. INFORMATION TO VERIFIER

4.1 At least 75 days before the Official Voting Day, Council shall by resolution in *Form 2* send, or cause to be sent, an electronic copy of the Ratification Process, the *Land Law*, and the list of Eligible Voters to the Verifier.

5. CONFIRMATION BY VERIFIER

5.1 Upon receipt of the documents under clause 4.1, the Verifier shall review the *Land Law* and the Ratification Process to determine whether they are consistent with the *Framework Agreement* and the *Act*.

5.2 In accordance with clause 8.9 of the *Framework Agreement*, the Verifier will, within 30 days of receiving the documents, issue a notice in *Form 3* to the First Nation, the Minister and the Lands Advisory Board stating whether the *Land Law* and the Ratification Process are consistent with the *Framework Agreement* and the *Act*.

6. COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

6.1 After the Verifier confirms the *Land Law* and this Ratification Process under clause 5.2, Council shall pass a Resolution in *Form 4* to:

- a. appoint the Ratification Officer;
- b. confirm the text of the *Land Law* and the Ratification Process;
- c. order that the Ratification Vote be held to determine if the Eligible Voters approve the Ratification Documents;
- d. Confirm that the *Land Law* and Individual Agreement shall be approved if at least 20% of the Eligible Voters participate in the vote, and at least 50% + 1 of the participating Eligible Voters vote in support of the Ratification Documents.
- e. confirm the wording of the Ballot Question; and
- f. set the Advance Polls and the Official Voting Day.

6.2 Council shall pass a Resolution in *Form 5* to confirm the Individual Agreement.

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7. DUTY OF RATIFICATION OFFICER AND APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT

- 7.1 Upon the appointment of the Ratification Officer, the Ratification Officer shall execute an Appointment of a Ratification Officer in Form 6.
- 7.2 The Ratification Officer is responsible for monitoring and overseeing the conduct of the Ratification Vote and has all the powers necessary to carry out that responsibility.
- 7.3 The Ratification Officer may appoint assistants and may delegate any of the duties set out in the Ratification Process to the assistants, except:
- a. the initialling of ballots;
 - b. the determination to hold an additional day for voting under clause 13.1;
 - c. the deposit of the Mail-in Ballots in the ballot box under clauses 14.13i and 17(c);
 - d. the safekeeping of ballot boxes under clause 15.23; and
 - e. the counting of ballots under section 19.
- 7.4 Upon the appointment of an assistant, the Ratification Officer and each assistant shall execute an Appointment of an Assistant Ratification Officer in Form 7.
- 7.5 If the Ratification Officer is unable to perform his or her duties, Council may appoint an acting Ratification Officer.

8. NOTICE OF VOTE

- 8.1 The Ratification Officer, in consultation with Council, shall post a Notice of Vote in Form 8 at least 45 days prior to the Official Voting Day in public places where it can be read by the Members.
- 8.2 Forthwith after posting the Notice of Vote, the Ratification Officer shall e-mail a true copy of the Notice of Vote to the Verifier.
- 8.3 The Ratification Officer shall publish the Notice of Vote in one or more newspapers at least 15 days prior to Official Voting Day.
- 8.4 The Notice of Vote shall contain the following information:

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- a. the date of the Official Voting Day and the date, place, and time of the polls, including any Advance Polls;
- b. that the Land Law and Individual Agreement shall be approved if at least 20% of the Eligible Voters participate in the vote, and at least 50% + 1 of the participating Eligible Voters vote in support of the Ratification Documents.
- c. the Ballot Question;
- d. the procedure for obtaining a Mail-in Ballot package that includes a voter declaration; and
- e. the name, office address, email address and telephone number of the Ratification Officer.

9. VOTER INFORMATION PACKAGE

- 9.1 The Ratification Officer shall, at least 45 days prior to the Official Voting Day, send a Voter Information Package to each Eligible Voter, at their last known address or e-mail.
- 9.2 Voter Information Packages may be e-mailed, mailed, couriered or hand delivered.
- 9.3 The Voter Information Package shall contain:
 - a. a copy of the Notice of Vote;
 - b. instructions on obtaining copies of the Ratification Documents, Background Documents, map(s) of the reserve land that will be subject to the Land Law and the Ratification Process which shall be available online; and
 - c. instructions for obtaining a Mail-in Ballot package.
- 9.4 Eligible Voters may request to receive a paper copy of the information in clause 9.3 by contacting the Ratification Officer.
- 9.5 Council may conduct or cause to be conducted:
 - a. visits at the homes of Eligible Voters;
 - b. telephone contact with Eligible Voters;

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- c. information meetings at Kátl'odeeche First Nation and other appropriate places; and
 - d. such other information activities as may be deemed appropriate.
- 9.6 Activities conducted in accordance with clause 9.5 may take place up until the day before the Official Voting Day.
- 9.7 Notwithstanding clause 9.6, personal visits, text, email, telephone or other contact with an Eligible Voter on Official Voting Day may take place for the purposes of assisting such Eligible Voter to vote.
- 10. INFORMATION TO THIRD PARTIES**
- 10.1 At least 28 days prior to Official Voting Day the Council shall send or cause to be sent the following information to persons who are not Members and who hold an interest in Kátl'odeeche First Nation land:
- a. the date of the Ratification Vote;
 - b. a letter from Kátl'odeeche First Nation explaining the effect of the Ratification Vote;
 - c. a summary of the Land Law;
 - d. a summary of the Act;
 - e. a summary of the Framework Agreement; and
 - f. the name, office address and telephone number of a person who may be contacted for purposes of obtaining copies of the Land Law and Background Documents or further information about the management of Kátl'odeeche First Nation land.
- 10.2 In addition to information provided in accordance with clause 10.1, Kátl'odeeche First Nation may meet with, or otherwise provide information directly to, persons who are not Members and who hold an interest in Kátl'odeeche First Nation land.
- 10.3 Nothing in this Ratification Process precludes Kátl'odeeche First Nation from providing information in any form it deems appropriate to a municipal corporation, regional district, another First Nation or other entity with an interest in land in the vicinity of Kátl'odeeche First Nation land.

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11. AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

- 11.1 The Ratification Officer shall ensure that the Ratification Documents, Background Documents and Ratification Process are available online and sufficient paper copies are available at the administrative offices of Kátł'odeeche First Nation.
- 11.2 Any person who holds an interest in Kátł'odeeche First Nation Land may, on request, obtain a copy of the Ratification Documents and Background Documents free of charge.
- 11.3 Any Member may, on request, obtain a copy of the Ratification Documents, Background Documents and Ratification Process.

12. PRELIMINARY PROCEDURES

- 12.1 The Ratification Officer, in consultation with Council, shall:
- a. designate the polling places;
 - b. prepare and initial sufficient copies of Regular Ballots and Mail-in Ballots, which shall be uniform in size, appearance, quality and weight;
 - c. prepare sufficient copies of the secrecy envelopes, the declaration envelopes, and the return envelopes, with prepaid postage where necessary;
 - d. prepare sufficient copies of the voting instructions;
 - e. obtain a sufficient number of ballot boxes;
 - f. provide for a designated voting area at the polls such that an Eligible Voter can mark a ballot free from observation;
 - g. provide a sufficient number of lead pencils and coloured ink pens for marking the ballot;
 - h. ensure that samples of the Ballot Question are posted or available for examination at the polls; and
 - i. ensure that a Commissioner for taking Oaths or Notary Public shall be available as required.

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13. ADDITIONAL DAY FOR VOTING

- 13.1 Immediately upon the close of the polls on the Official Voting Day, the Ratification Officer may, in his or her sole discretion, determine that an additional day for voting shall be held, where participation may have been affected as a direct consequence of, but not limited to:
- a. severe inclement weather;
 - b. death of a community Member;
 - c. natural disasters such as fire, earthquake, tornado; or
 - d. other disasters such as explosion, power failure, act of sabotage.
- 13.2 Within 24 hours of the decision under clause 13.1, the Ratification Officer shall formally advise the Verifier and Council in writing.
- 13.3 The Ratification Officer and Council shall, within 2 days of receiving the Ratification Officer's written decision under clause 13.2, 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 polls shall remain open on such additional day for voting.
- 13.4 The Ratification Officer shall publish a notice showing the decision, the reason for an additional day for voting, the number of Eligible Voters who voted by the Official Voting Day, the date of the additional day for voting, and shall notify all Eligible Voters by mail, hand delivery service or e-mail.
- 13.5 Eligible Voters who did not vote by the close of the polls on the Official Voting Day shall be entitled to vote on the additional day for voting.
- 13.6 Voting on the additional day provided for in this section may be accomplished by extending the receipt of Mail-in Ballots up to the close of the polls on the additional day for voting.
- 13.7 To be valid, Mail-in Ballots must be received by the close of the polls on the additional day of voting.
- 13.8 In the event that an additional day for voting is scheduled, the counting of ballots in accordance with section 19 shall occur after the close of polls on the additional day for

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13.9 In the event that an additional day for voting is scheduled, the period of days under sections 20 and 21 shall be calculated from the additional day for voting.

14. MAIL-IN BALLOTS

14.1 An Eligible Voter may cast a Mail-in Ballot.

14.2 The Ratification Officer shall send a Mail-in Ballot Package to all off-reserve members and others on request by mail

14.3 Mail-in Ballot packages may be mailed, couriered or hand delivered to the Eligible Voter.

14.4 The Mail-in Ballot package shall contain a pre-folded and initialled ballot in *Form 1*, a secrecy envelope, a declaration envelope in *Form 9*, a return envelope and voting instructions.

14.5 To cast a Mail-in Ballot, an Eligible Voter shall:

- a. mark the ballot by placing an **X** in the box marked "YES" or in the box marked "NO";
- b. enclose and seal the ballot inside the secrecy envelope;
- c. enclose and seal the secrecy envelope in the declaration envelope;
- d. complete and sign the outside of the declaration envelope in the presence of a witness who is at least 18 years of age;
- e. enclose and seal the signed and witnessed declaration envelope in the return envelope, with prepaid postage where necessary; and
- f. deliver the sealed return envelope to the Ratification Officer.

14.6 A Mail-in Ballot may be delivered to the Ratification Officer by mail, courier or hand delivery.

14.7 A Mail-in Ballot shall be received by the Ratification Officer no later than the close of the polls on the Official Voting Day.

14.8 An Eligible Voter who inadvertently spoils or loses a Mail-in Ballot may obtain another

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ballot by contacting the Ratification Officer, and the Ratification Officer shall make an entry on the List of Eligible Voters indicating that a second Mail-in Ballot was provided to the Eligible Voter.

- 14.9 After the Ratification Officer has received a Mail-in Ballot, and opens the return envelope, the Ratification Officer shall:
- a. confirm that the sender of the Mail-in Ballot is an Eligible Voter;
 - b. confirm that the declaration envelope was duly signed and witnessed;
 - c. record the date when the Mail-in Ballot package was received;
 - d. confirm that no other Mail-in Ballot package has been received from the Eligible Voter; and
 - e. store the Mail-in Ballot package in a secure location until the Official Voting Day.
- 14.10 The Ratification Officer may contact an Eligible Voter if a declaration envelope is not completed properly in order to:
- a. allow the Eligible Voter to correct the declaration; or
 - b. to provide confirmation to the Ratification Officer of the Eligible Voter's identity and that the Mail-in Ballot was completed by the Eligible Voter,
- and the Ratification Officer, in his or her sole discretion, may make the determination to accept or reject the Mail-in Ballot.
- 14.11 The Ratification Officer is responsible for the safekeeping of Mail-in Ballot packages until such time as the packages are opened, verified and deposited in a Mail-in Ballot box in accordance with clause 14.13.
- 14.12 The Ratification Officer shall, after the last mail delivery on the Official Voting Day and prior to the close of the polls on that day, retrieve any Mail-in Ballot packages from the mail.
- 14.13 After retrieving any Mail-in Ballot packages in accordance with clause 14.12 and after the close of the polls on the Official Voting Day, the Ratification Officer shall in the presence of one or more Eligible Voters who shall act as witnesses:

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- a. open a ballot box to be used only for the Mail-in Ballots;
- b. request that one or more Eligible Voters witness that the ballot box is empty;
- c. place his or her signature on the seal;
- d. ask the witnesses to place their signatures on the seal;
- e. forthwith seal the ballot box;
- f. in the presence of the witnesses, open each Mail-in Ballot package;
- g. check the List of Eligible Voters to ensure that the Eligible Voter has not previously voted by Mail-in Ballot or in person;
- h. if the Eligible Voter has already voted, set aside the unopened declaration envelope;
- i. if the Eligible Voter has not already voted, deposit the Mail-in Ballot in its unopened secrecy envelope into the ballot box; and
- j. record on the List of Eligible Voters that the Eligible Voter cast a Mail-in Ballot.

14.14 The Ratification Officer shall reject the Mail-in Ballot and note the reason for the rejection on the List of Eligible Voters and on the unopened declaration envelope, and shall forthwith place the unopened declaration envelope into a suitable envelope retained for that purpose, where:

- a. an Eligible Voter has previously voted in person or by Mail-in Ballot;
- b. a voter is not an Eligible Voter;
- c. a Mail-in Ballot is not accompanied by a declaration envelope; or
- d. the declaration envelope is not completed properly and cannot be verified by the Ratification Officer under clause 14.10.

14.15 The Ratification Officer shall:

- a. execute a Declaration of Ratification Officer in Form 11; and

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- b. ensure that each witness executes a Statement of Witness in Form 12 and 13.

15. VOTING PROCEDURES AT THE POLLS ON VOTING DAYS

- 15.1 The Ratification Officer and Council shall post the locations of the polling stations and the hours that the polls shall be opened on the Notice of Vote.
- 15.2 The polls shall be opened during the hours specified on the Voting Days.
- 15.3 All voting at the polls shall be by secret Regular Ballot.
- 15.4 No proxy voter shall be used at any time.
- 15.5 The Ratification Officer is responsible for determining whether a person is an Eligible Voter.
- 15.6 At each poll, the Ratification Officer shall:
 - a. before the first vote is cast, open the ballot box and request an Eligible Voter to witness that the ballot box is empty;
 - b. thereupon seal the ballot box and place his or her signature on the seal in front of the witness, and ask the witness to place his or her signature on the seal;
 - c. keep the ballot box in view for reception of Regular Ballots;
 - d. execute a Declaration of Ratification Officer in Form 14; and
 - e. ensure that each witness executes a Statement of Witness in Form 15.
- 15.7 When a person at a poll requests to vote, the Ratification Officer shall:
 - a. ensure that the person is an Eligible Voter;
 - b. check the List of Eligible Voters to ensure that the person has not already voted;
 - c. check the List of Eligible Voters to ensure that the person has not already voted by Mail-in Ballot, in which case the Eligible Voter may cast a Regular Ballot and the Mail-in Ballot shall be rejected under clause 16.14; and
 - d. provide the Eligible Voter with a Regular Ballot, on the back of which are

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affixed the Ratification Officer's initials so that the initials can be seen when the ballot is folded.

- 15.8 The Ratification Officer shall record, on the List of Eligible Voters, the name of every Eligible Voter receiving a Regular Ballot at a poll.
- 15.9 The Ratification Officer shall establish a process of ongoing communication by telephone, online or other effective means between polls, where there are more than one polling station.
- 15.10 Upon request, the Ratification Officer shall explain the method of voting.
- 15.11 If the Ratification Officer determines that the name of an Eligible Voter has been omitted, incorrectly set out or incorrectly included on the List of Eligible Voters, he or she shall, in his or her sole discretion, make the necessary revision and such revision shall be final.
- 15.12 An Eligible Voter may request special assistance from the Ratification Officer at the polls.
- 15.13 The Ratification Officer shall, on request and in the presence of a witness acceptable to the Eligible Voter and the Ratification Officer, provide special assistance to an Eligible Voter at the polls by marking a Regular Ballot in secret as directed by the Eligible Voter and immediately folding and depositing the Regular Ballot into the ballot box.
- 15.14 The Ratification Officer, after providing special assistance to an Eligible Voter, shall make an entry on the List of Eligible Voters indicating:
 - a. that the Regular Ballot was marked by the Ratification Officer at the request of the Eligible Voter;
 - b. the reason for the Eligible Voter's request; and
 - c. the name of the witness.
- 15.15 Except for an Eligible Voter requiring special assistance, every Eligible Voter receiving a Regular Ballot at a poll shall:
 - a. proceed immediately to a designated voting area;
 - b. mark the Regular Ballot by placing an **X** in the box marked "YES" or in the box marked "NO";

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- c. fold the Regular Ballot so as to conceal the mark and expose the initials of the Ratification Officer; and
 - d. immediately give the folded Regular Ballot to the Ratification Officer.
- 15.16 Upon receiving a marked Regular Ballot, the Ratification Officer, without unfolding it, shall:
 - a. verify the Ratification Officer's initials;
 - b. remove the perforated strip, if any; and
 - c. deposit the Regular Ballot into the ballot box.
- 15.17 An Eligible Voter at a poll who receives a spoiled or improperly printed Regular Ballot, or who accidentally spoils his or her Regular Ballot when marking it, is entitled to receive another Regular Ballot from the Ratification Officer after returning the original Regular Ballot.
- 15.18 The Ratification Officer shall record a Regular Ballot returned in accordance with clause 15.17 as spoiled.
- 15.19 An Eligible Voter at a poll who receives a Regular Ballot and does not return it to the Ratification Officer shall forfeit the right to vote and the Ratification Officer shall make an entry on the List of Eligible Voters stating that the Eligible Voter left the poll without delivering the Regular Ballot and shall record the Regular Ballot as cancelled.
- 15.20 At the time set for closing the polls, the Ratification Officer shall declare the polls closed, and entry shall be denied to the polls until all remaining Eligible Voters in the polls at that time have voted.
- 15.21 After the close of a poll on any Advance Polls, and Official Vote Day if an additional day for voting is scheduled, the Ratification Officer or Assistant Ratification Officer presiding at that poll, with an Eligible Voter who shall act as a witness, shall:
 - a. seal the ballot box at that poll such that no further Regular Ballots may be deposited in that ballot box; and
 - b. initial the seal.
- 15.22 After the close of a poll other than the poll at which the Ratification Officer is presiding, the Assistant Ratification Officer presiding at that poll, with an Eligible Voter who shall

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act as a witness, shall:

- a. seal the ballot box at that poll such that no further Regular 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 poll at which he or she is presiding.

15.23 The Ratification Officer is personally responsible for ensuring the safekeeping of the ballot boxes, and any and all other material and documents related to any polls.

16. ORDERLY VOTING

16.1 Council, with the assistance of the Ratification Officer, shall ensure that peace and good order are maintained at the polls.

16.2 The Ratification Officer shall allow only one Eligible Voter at a time into a designated voting area, except for an Eligible Voter receiving special assistance.

16.3 An Eligible Voter who is present and available to vote at a poll before the closing time shall be entitled to vote.

16.4 No person shall:

- a. interfere or attempt to interfere with an Eligible Voter when the Eligible Voter is voting;
- b. obtain or attempt to obtain information as to how an Eligible Voter is about to vote or has voted;
- c. mark a ballot in a way that identifies the Eligible Voter;
- d. mark the secrecy envelope for a Mail-in Ballot in a way that indicates how the ballot was cast.

17. REJECTED BALLOTS

17.1 A cast ballot shall be rejected if:

- a. the ballot was not supplied by the Ratification Officer or assistant Ratification Officer;
 - b. the ballot was not marked as either "YES" or "NO";
 - c. the ballot was marked as both "YES" and "NO";
 - d. the ballot was marked outside a box marked "YES" or "NO" such that the Ratification Officer cannot reasonably discern the intent of the Eligible Voter; or
 - e. the ballot has any writing or mark which can identify the Eligible Voter.
- 17.2 A ballot marked with anything other than an **X**, or marked with anything other than a lead pencil or coloured ink, shall not be rejected if:
- a. the mark is in a box;
 - b. the mark does not identify the Eligible Voter; and
 - c. in the opinion of the Ratification Officer, the intent of the Eligible Voter is clear.

18. OPENING MAIL-IN BALLOTS

- 18.1 After the close of the polls on the Official Voting Day the Ratification Officer, in the presence of any Eligible Voters who may be present, shall:
- f. open the ballot box for Mail-in Ballots;
 - g. open the secrecy envelope and confirm the authenticity of the ballot by verifying the Ratification Officer's initials; and
 - h. deposit the Mail-in Ballot, without opening or showing it, in a ballot box used at the polls.

19. COUNTING OF BALLOTS

- 19.1 Where there is more than one poll, the Ratification Officer shall not begin the count until all the ballot boxes are returned to the poll at which the Ratification Officer is presiding.
- 19.2 After the Mail-in Ballots have been deposited in a ballot box and after the close of polls

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on the Official Vote Day, the Ratification Officer, in the presence of any Eligible Voter who may be present, shall:

- a. count the number of spoiled ballots under clause 15.18;
- b. examine all ballots contained in the ballot boxes;
- c. reject any ballots as required under clause 14.14 and section 17;
- d. count the number of ballots marked "YES", the number of ballots marked "NO" and the number of rejected ballots; and

19.3 When the results of the Ratification Vote have been determined the Ratification Officer shall execute a Confirmation by Ratification Officer in *Form 16* and shall provide the form to the Kátl'odeeche First Nation and the Verifier.

19.4 The Ratification Officer shall seal in separate envelopes the spoiled ballots, the rejected ballots, the ballots cast in favour and the ballots cast against and shall thereupon:

- a. affix his or her signature to the seals; and
- b. request that an Eligible Voter affix his or her signature to the seals.

19.5 The Ratification Officer shall retain in his or her secure possession the separate envelopes.

19.6 After 75 days from Official Voting Day, unless otherwise instructed by Council, the Ratification Officer may thereafter destroy the ballots cast, including the rejected ballots, and the spoiled ballots.

20. PROCEDURAL AMENDMENTS

20.1 In order to give effect to and carry out the objectives and purpose of the Ratification Vote, the Ratification Officer, Council or its designate may agree upon a variation of the procedural requirements of this Ratification Process if they:

- a. deem it necessary to do so; and
- b. reasonably believe the variation shall not result in any substantive change to those procedural requirements.

20.2 The Ratification Officer shall state in writing the nature and basis of a variation under

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clause 20.1 and make a copy of the statement publicly available.

- 20.3 The Ratification Officer may modify a form appended to this Ratification Process to add or update, but not remove, material detail.

21. OBJECTIONS

- 21.1 Any Eligible Voter may file an objection with the Verifier if the Eligible Voter has reasonable grounds for believing that:
- a. there was a violation of, or irregularity in, this Ratification Process; and
 - b. the final result of the Ratification Vote might have been different but for the violation or irregularity.
- 21.2 An objection shall be received by the Verifier within 5 days of the Official Voting Day.
- 21.3 An objection shall be in writing and shall:
- e. identify the name, address and telephone number of the Eligible Voter making the objection;
 - a. summarize the grounds for the objection; and
 - b. be accompanied by a statutory declaration setting out the grounds for the objection.
- 21.4 The Verifier may, if the material provided under clause 21.3 is insufficient to decide the validity of the objection, conduct such further investigations as the Verifier deems necessary.
- 21.5 If an objection is filed under this section, the Verifier shall, within 10 days of the Official Voting Day determine whether the objection is valid.
- 21.6 If the Verifier determines the objection is valid, the Verifier may allow the objection and call another Ratification Vote.
- 21.7 The Verifier shall dismiss the objection if the Verifier determines that:
- a. there was neither a violation of this Ratification Process nor an irregularity in that process; or

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[Signature]

- b. there was a violation or an irregularity, but the final result of the Ratification Vote was not affected.

22. REPORT BY VERIFIER

- 22.1 Within 15 days of the Official Voting Day, the Verifier shall send a written report in *Form 17* on the results of the Ratification Vote to the Kátł'odeeche First Nation, the Minister and the Chair of the Lands Advisory Board.

23. CERTIFICATION OF LAND LAW

- 23.1 Confirm that the *Land Law* and Individual Agreement shall be approved if at least 20% of the Eligible Voters participate in the vote, and at least 50% + 1 of the participating Eligible Voters vote in support of the Ratification Documents.
- 23.2 If the *Land Law* and the Individual Agreement are approved, Council shall as soon as practicable after receiving the report of the Verifier under clause 21, sign 3 copies of the Individual Agreement and send the copies to the Department for signing by the Minister.
- 23.3 The Minister shall sign the 3 copies of the Individual Agreement, keep one copy, send a copy to the Kátł'odeeche First Nation and send a copy to the Department Regional Office.
- 23.4 Council shall as soon as practicable after receiving the fully signed Individual Agreement, pass a resolution in *Form 18* as a declaration of the results of the vote.
- 23.5 Council shall send the resolution, a copy of the approved *Land Law*, and a copy of the fully signed Individual Agreement to the Verifier.
- 23.6 Upon receiving the *Land Law*, the fully signed Individual Agreement and the resolution in *Form 18* from Council, the Verifier shall certify the *Land Law* and forward a completed copy of *Form 19* together with a copy of the certified *Land Law* to the Kátł'odeeche First Nation, the Minister and the Chair of the Lands Advisory Board.

**Form 1
Ratification Process**

BALLOT QUESTION

Do you approve:

- ***The Kátl'odeeche First Nation Land Law*, dated for reference _____, 20__; and**
- **The Individual Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada, dated for reference _____, 20__?**

EXPLANATION

A “YES” vote means that Kátl'odeeche First Nation will govern its own reserve lands under the *Kátl'odeeche First Nation Land Law*.

A “NO” vote means that Kátl'odeeche First Nation lands will continue to be managed by Canada under the *Indian Act*.

YES

NO

Mark this Ballot by placing an **X** in one of the above boxes.

**Form 2
Ratification Process**

FIRST NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
(Information to Verifier)

The Council of Kátł'odeeche First Nation, in accordance with the clause 8.4 of the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management* and section 4 of the Kátł'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process, do hereby resolve to submit the following information to the Verifier:

1. the proposed *Kátł'odeeche First Nation Land Law* dated for reference _____, 20__;
2. the proposed Kátł'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process, dated for reference _____, 20__; and
3. the initial List of Eligible Voters who, according to the records of Kátł'odeeche First Nation, would be eligible to vote on whether to approve the proposed *Kátł'odeeche First Nation Land Law*.

Dated at Kátł'odeeche First Nation, in the Northwest Territories, on the _____ day of _____ 20__.

Chief April Martel

Councillor Doug Lamalice

Councillor Robert Lamalice

Councillor Pat Martel

Councillor Peter Sabourin

Councillor Raymond Sonfrere

Councillor Henry Tambour

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

**Form 3
Ratification Process**

CONFIRMATION BY VERIFIER
(*Land Law* and Individual Agreement Ratification Process)

CANADA)
)
IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITOIRES)

I, _____, of _____, in the Northwest Territories,
DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

1. I was appointed as the Verifier for Kátł'odeeche First Nation by the First Nation on the _____ day of _____ 20__ and by Canada on the ____ day of _____ 20__ for the purpose of verifying the community approval of their *Land Law* and their Individual Agreement, in accordance with the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management*.
2. In accordance with clause 8.4 of the *Framework Agreement*, I received the following information from Kátł'odeeche First Nation on _____, 20__ :
 - a. a copy of the *Kátł'odeeche First Nation Land Law*;
 - b. a detailed description of the Community Ratification Process that Kátł'odeeche First Nation proposes to use; and
 - c. a list of the names of every Member of Kátł'odeeche First Nation who, according to Kátł'odeeche First Nation's records at that time, would be eligible to vote on whether to approve the *Land Law* and the Individual Agreement.
3. A true copy of the *Land Law*, entitled the *Kátł'odeeche First Nation Land Law*, dated for reference _____, 20__ is attached hereto as Annex "1" to this declaration.
4. A true copy of the Community Ratification Process, entitled Kátł'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process, dated for reference _____, 20__ is attached hereto as Annex "2" to this declaration.
5. In accordance with clause 8.5 of the *Framework Agreement* and section 8 of the *Act*, I reviewed the *Kátł'odeeche First Nation Land Law* and the Kátł'odeeche First Nation

Community Ratification Process to decide whether:

- a. the *Kátl'odeeche First Nation Land Law* conforms with the requirements of clause 5 of the *Framework Agreement* and section 6 of the *Act*; and
 - b. the Kátl'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process conforms with clause 7 of the *Framework Agreement* and section 8 of the *Act*.
6. In accordance with clause 8.9 of the *Framework Agreement* and section 8.1(a) of the *Act*, the *Kátl'odeeche First Nation Land Law* and the Kátl'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process are hereby confirmed/not confirmed as being consistent with the *Framework Agreement*.
7. My reasons for not confirming the *Kátl'odeeche First Nation Land Law* or Kátl'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process are as follows:

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 the)
 _____ of _____,)
 in the Northwest Territories this)
 _____ day of _____, 20__ .)
)

Richard Krehbiel, Verifier

 A Commissioner/Notary Public in and)
 for the Northwest Territories.)
 My commission expires:)

Form 4
Ratification Process

FIRST NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
(Commencement of Vote)

The Council of Kátł'odeeche First Nation, in accordance with the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management* and section 6 of the Kátł'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process, do hereby resolve to:

1. Appoint _____ as the Ratification Officer;
2. Confirm the preliminary List of Eligible Voters;
3. Confirm the text of the Kátł'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process, as confirmed by the Verifier and dated for reference _____, 20__;
4. Confirm the text of the *Kátł'odeeche First Nation Land Law*, as confirmed by the Verifier and dated for reference _____, 20__;
5. Hold a Ratification Vote to determine if the community approves the Ratification Documents in accordance with the Kátł'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process;
6. Confirm the Ballot Question in the form attached as Annex #1;
7. Confirm that the *Land Law* and Individual Agreement shall be approved if at least 20% of the Eligible Voters participate in the vote, and at least 50% + 1 of the participating Eligible Voters vote in support of the Ratification Documents.
8. Set the Advance Voting Day(s) to be _____ day(s) of _____, 20__; and
9. Set the Official Voting Day to be the ___ day of _____, 20__.

Dated at Kátł'odeeche First Nation, in the Northwest Territories on the ___ day of

_____, 20__.

Chief April Martel

Councillor Doug Lamalice

Councillor Robert Lamalice

Councillor Pat Martel

Councillor Peter Sabourin

Councillor Raymond Sonfrere

Councillor Henry Tambour

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

**Form 5
Ratification Process**

FIRST NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
(Approval of Individual Agreement for Vote)

The Council of Kátł'odeeche First Nation, in accordance with the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management* and section 6 of the Kátł'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process, do hereby resolve to confirm the text of the Individual Agreement, dated for reference _____, 20__, which includes a process for amendment.

Dated at Kátł'odeeche First Nation, in the Northwest Territories on the ___ day of _____, 20__.

Chief April Martel

Councillor Doug Lamalice

Councillor Robert Lamalice

Councillor Pat Martel

Councillor Peter Sabourin

Councillor Raymond Sonfrere

Councillor Henry Tambour

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

**Form 6
Ratification Process**

APPOINTMENT OF RATIFICATION OFFICER

Date

I, _____, agree to act as Ratification Officer for the Ratification Vote to determine if the Eligible Voters of the Kátl'odeeche First Nation approve the Ratification Documents, and shall discharge my duties in accordance with the Kátl'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process and the requirements of confidentiality.

Ratification Officer

**Form 7
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 Kátl'odeeche 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 Kátl'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process
and the requirements of confidentiality.

Assistant Ratification Officer

**Form 8
Ratification Process**

NOTICE OF VOTE

TO: MEMBERS OF KÁTL'ODEECHE FIRST NATION

TAKE NOTICE that a Ratification Vote shall be held in accordance with the Kátl'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process in order to determine if Eligible Voters approve the Kátl'odeeche First Nation Land Law and the Individual Agreement. The Land Law and Individual Agreement shall be approved if at least 20% of the Eligible Voters participate in the vote, and at least 50% + 1 of the participating Eligible Voters vote in support of the Ratification Documents.

The following question will be asked of the Eligible Voters of Kátl'odeeche First Nation by ballot:

"Do you approve:

- **The Kátl'odeeche First Nation Land Law, dated _____, 20__;** and
- **The Individual Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada?"**

Advance Polls for the Ratification Vote will take place on _____ (day of the Week) the ___ day(s) of _____, 20__ from ___ a.m. until _____ p.m. at:

_____(Location/Street address) _____, in the Northwest Territories.

The Official Voting Day for the Ratification Vote will take place on _____ (day of the Week) the ___ day(s) of _____, 20__ from ___ a.m. until _____ p.m. at:

The Kátl'odeeche First Nation Administration Offices (Street address) _____, in the Northwest Territories.

Electronic and paper copies of the Background Documents, the Ratification Documents and the Ratification Process may be obtained from Victoria St. Jean, Lands Manager, at the Kátl'odeeche First Nation Administration Offices, (address) in the Northwest Territories, telephone 1-867-874-6701. Copies may also be obtained from the website: www.katlodeeche.com

DATED at Kátl'odeeche First Nation, in the Northwest Territories this _____ day of _____ 20__.

Ratification Officer

Signed at _____, in the Northwest Territories, this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Telephone: () - Facsimile: () - e-mail: _____

NOTE: All Eligible Voters shall receive instructions on how to obtain a Mail-in Ballot package. If an Eligible Voter would like to vote by Mail-in Ballot, please contact the Ratification Officer for a mail-in package. Eligible Voters who wish to vote in person may attend the polls on Voting Days.

**Form 9
Ratification Process**

DECLARATION ENVELOPE

**Declaration of Mail-In Voter
Kátl'odeeche First Nation Ratification Vote**

PLEASE ENCLOSE ONE SECRECY ENVELOPE CONTAINING ONE BALLOT

I, (Full Name of Eligible Voter): _____
(Please print your name)

DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

1. I am a Member of Kátl'odeeche First Nation.
2. I am at least 18 years of age or will be 18 years of age by the Official Voting Day of _____, 20__ and my date of birth is _____.
3. I have folded the ballot, hiding my mark and showing the initials marked on the back, and I have placed the ballot in the secrecy envelope.
4. I confirm that this envelope contains only my ballot, which is sealed inside a secrecy envelope.

SIGNED THIS ___ day of _____, 20__ at _____
(town/city and province/territory)

In the presence of witness:

Eligible Voter Signature and Information:

(Witness' signature)

(Signature of Eligible Voter)

(Witness, please print name)

(Eligible Voter 10-digit band number)

(Witness address)

(Eligible Voter address)

(Witness Telephone)

(Eligible Voter Telephone)

(Witness does not have to be a member, must be 18 years of age or older and is attesting that the Voter signing this Declaration of Mail-in Voter is the person whose name is set out in the form.)

DEADLINE FOR RETURNING THE BALLOT ENVELOPES WITH BALLOT

In order for your mail-in ballot to be valid, it *must* be received by the Ratification Officer by the close of polls on the Official Voting Day: ___ p.m. on ___ day of _____, 20__. Please ensure enough time for the package to arrive by this deadline. Ballot envelopes received *after* this deadline will not be opened or counted.

**Form 10
Ratification Process**

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

The Council of Kátł'odeeche First Nation, in accordance with clauses 3.3 and 4.2 of the Kátł'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process, do hereby resolve to:

1. Confirm this addendum to the preliminary List of Eligible Voters;
2. Confirm that the Members listed on the attached addendum are deceased; and
3. In accordance with clause **Error! Reference source not found.** of the Kátł'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process request that the Ratification Officer confirm the removal of the deceased Members from the preliminary List of Eligible Voters.

Dated at Kátł'odeeche First Nation, in the Northwest Territories on the ___ day of _____ 20__.

Chief April Martel

Councillor Doug Lamalice

Councillor Robert Lamalice

Councillor Pat Martel

Councillor Peter Sabourin

Councillor Raymond Sonfrere

Councillor Henry Tambour

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

**Form 11
Ratification Process**

**DECLARATION OF RATIFICATION OFFICER
(Mail-in Ballots)**

CANADA)
Northwest Territories)

I, _____, Ratification Officer, of _____, in the Northwest Territories,
DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

1. I was personally responsible for receiving all Mail-in Ballots at Kátł'odeeche First Nation when Eligible Voters of Kátł'odeeche First Nation voted in a Ratification Vote concerning the Ratification Documents.
2. In preparation for depositing Mail-in Ballots, I opened ballot box number # ____.
3. I saw that the ballot box was empty, and I asked Eligible Voters who were present to witness that the ballot box was empty.
4. I then properly sealed the ballot box, in front of the Eligible Voters who were present, and prepared it for the reception of Mail-in Ballots.
5. I personally deposited all of the Mail-in Ballots received by me into ballot box # ____ without opening the secrecy envelope, and kept the ballot box sealed when not in my custody until the ballots were counted.

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 the _____)
of _____ in the Northwest Ter-)
ritories, this ____ day of _____, 20__.

_____)
Ratification Officer

_____)
A Commissioner/Notary Public in and for the Northwest Territories

My commission expires:

**Form 12
Ratification Process**

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS
(Deposit of Mail-In Ballots)**

Date

I, _____ was personally present at _____ on the
__ day of _____, 20__ when the Ratification Officer deposited the secrecy envelopes
containing the Mail-in Ballots in ballot box #__; and

1. I am an Eligible Voter.
2. I witnessed that ballot box #__ was empty before any secrecy envelopes containing Mail-in Ballots were deposited.
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 13
Ratification Process

STATEMENT OF WITNESS
(Opening of Mail-In Ballots)

Date

I, _____ was personally present at _____ on the
____ day of _____, 20__ when the Ratification Officer opened the Mail-in Ballot
packages; and

1. I am an Eligible Voter.
2. The Declaration envelopes were unopened immediately prior to the time the Ratification Officer opened them.
3. The Ratification Officer checked the List of Eligible Voters and ensured that the Eligible Voter whose name appeared on the Mail-in Ballot package had not previously voted in person, by Mail-in Ballot or electronically.
4. The Ratification Officer recorded the name of each Eligible Voter on the List of Eligible Voters and deposited the secrecy envelope of that Eligible Voter in the separate ballot box kept for that purpose.

Witness

**Form 14
Ratification Process**

**DECLARATION OF RATIFICATION OFFICER
(Regular Polls)**

CANADA)
)
Province of _____)

I, _____, Ratification Officer, of _____, in the Northwest Territories, DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

1. I was personally present at _____ on the __ day of _____ 20__ when Eligible Voters of Kátl'odeeche 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 Eligible 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 Regular Ballots.

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 the _____)
of _____ in the Northwest Territories,)
this ____ day of _____, 20__.

_____)
Ratification Officer

_____)
A Commissioner/Notary Public
in and for the Northwest Territories)
My commission expires:

Form 15

Ratification Process

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS
(Regular Polls)**

Date

I, _____, was personally present at the polling place at _____ on the ___ day of _____, 20__ when Eligible Voters of Kátl'odeeche First Nation were to vote in a Ratification Vote concerning the Ratification Documents; and

1. I am an Eligible 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 16
Ratification Process**

**CONFIRMATION BY RATIFICATION OFFICER
(Conclusion of Vote)**

CANADA)
)
Northwest Territories)

I, _____, Ratification Officer for Kátl'odeeche First Nation in the Northwest Territories, DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

1. I was present at Kátl'odeeche First Nation on the _____ day(s) of _____, 20__ when Eligible Voters of Kátl'odeeche First Nation voted concerning approval of *the Kátl'odeeche First Nation Land Law* and Individual Agreements in accordance with the Kátl'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process.
2. A true copy of the Notice of Vote is attached as Annex "1" to this declaration.
3. In accordance with clause 8.1 of the Kátl'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process, I posted the Notice of Vote at least 45 days prior to the Official Voting Day.
4. In accordance with clause 8.3 of the Kátl'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process, I arranged for the Notice of Vote to be published in the _____ at least 15 days prior to the Official Voting Day.
5. In accordance with section 9 of the Kátl'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process, a copy of the Notice of Vote and a Voter Information Package were sent to each person on the List of Eligible Voters at their last known address or e-mail address at least 45 days prior to the Official Voting Day.
6. In accordance with clauses 9.5, 9.6 and 9.7 of the Kátl'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process, visits at the homes of Eligible Voters, telephone contact with Eligible Voters and information meetings were conducted.
7. In accordance with clause 10.1 of the Kátl'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process, the information package was sent to any persons who are not Members who hold an interest in Kátl'odeeche First Nation Land at least 28 days prior to the Official Voting Day.
8. The voting procedure, including the handling of Mail-in Ballots and the counting of

results, was conducted in accordance with sections 12 to 22, both inclusive, of the Kátl'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process.

9. The names of _____ Eligible Voters appeared on the List of Eligible Voters.
7. The number of participating Eligible Voters was _____.
8. The number of Eligible Voters required to achieve 20% participation in the vote is _____, and the number of participating voters who must vote in support of the Ratification Documents to achieve 50% + 1 is _____.
9. The results of the Ratification Vote are as follows:
 - (a) _____ Mail-in Ballots were cast in the Ratification Vote in accordance with section 14 and clause 16.4 of the Kátl'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process;
 - (b) _____ Regular Ballots were cast in the Ratification Vote in accordance with section 15 and 16 of the Kátl'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process;
 - (c) _____ Mail-in Ballots were rejected in accordance with clause 14.14 of the Kátl'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process and not opened or deposited into the ballot box;
 - (d) _____ Regular Ballots were spoiled as provided in clause 15.18 of the Kátl'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process;
 - (e) _____ Regular Ballots were cancelled in accordance with clause 15.19 of the Kátl'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process;
 - (f) _____ ballots were rejected in accordance with section 17 of the Kátl'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process;
 - (g) _____ ballots were marked "YES" for the Ballot Question; and
 - (h) _____ ballots were marked "NO" for the Ballot Question.
10. Based on the need to meet or exceed the requirements set out in clause 8, above, the Ratification Documents were *approved/not approved* by the Eligible Voters of the Kátl'odeeche First Nation.

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 the _____)
of _____ in the)
Northwest Territories, this _____ day of)
_____ 20__ .)

_____)
Ratification Officer)
_____)
A Commissioner/Notary Public in and for the)
Northwest Territories)
My commission expires:)

Form 17

Ratification Process

REPORT BY VERIFIER
(Conclusion of Objections Period)

CANADA)
Northwest Territories)

I, _____, in the Northwest Territories,
DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

- 1. On the __ day(s) of _____, 20__ the Eligible Voters of the Kátl'odeeche First Nation voted concerning approval of the Kátl'odeeche First Nation Land Law and their Individual Agreement in accordance with the Kátl'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process.
2. A copy of the declaration of Ratification Officer in Form 14 is attached as Annex "1" to this declaration.
3. The names of _____ Eligible Voters appeared on the List of Eligible Voters.
4. The number of participating Eligible Voters was _____.
5. The number of Eligible Voters required to achieve 20% participation in the vote is _____, and the number of participating voters who must vote in support of the Ratification Documents to achieve 50% + 1 is _____.
6. The results of the Ratification Vote are as follows:
(a) _____ ballots were marked "YES" for the Ballot Question; and
(b) _____ ballots were marked "NO" for the Ballot Question.
7. Based on the need to meet or exceed the number in item 5, above, the Ratification Documents were approved/not approved by the Eligible 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 the _____)
of _____ in the _____)

Northwest Territories, this _____ day of)
_____ 20 __.)

_____))
Verifier)

_____))
A Commissioner/Notary Public in and for the)
Northwest Territories)

My commission expires:

**Form 18
Ratification Process**

FIRST NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
(Submission to Verifier)

Whereas the *Kátl'odeeche First Nation Land Law* and the Individual Agreement were submitted to a Ratification Vote at Kátl'odeeche First Nation on the _____ day of _____, 20__;

And Whereas the Ratification Officer has reported that the Ratification Vote was conducted in accordance with the Kátl'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process confirmed by the Verifier;

And Whereas the Eligible Voters approved these documents at the Ratification Vote;

And Whereas the Kátl'odeeche First Nation Council and the Minister or delegate have fully signed the Individual Agreement; and

Now therefore the Council of Kátl'odeeche First Nation, in accordance with the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management* and clause 0 and 0 of the Kátl'odeeche First Nation Community Ratification Process, do hereby resolve to send to the Verifier a true copy of the fully signed Individual Agreement hereto attached as Annex "1", and the approved *Kátl'odeeche First Nation Land Law*, attached hereto as Annex "2" for certification by the Verifier.

Dated at Kátl'odeeche First Nation, in the Northwest Territories on this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Chief April Martel

Councillor Doug Lamalice

Councillor Robert Lamalice

Councillor Pat Martel

Councillor Peter Sabourin

Councillor Raymond Sonfrere

Councillor Henry Tambour

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

**Form 19
Ratification Process**

CERTIFICATION OF LAND LAW

Whereas the *Kátl'odeeche First Nation Land Law* and the Individual Agreement were submitted to a Ratification Vote at Kátl'odeeche First Nation on the ____ day of _____, 20__;

And Whereas the *Kátl'odeeche First Nation Land Law* and the Individual Agreement were approved by the Eligible Voters at the Ratification Vote on the ____ day of _____, 20__;

And Whereas the Kátl'odeeche First Nation Council has sent a true copy of the fully signed Individual Agreement and a statement that the *Kátl'odeeche First Nation Land Law* and the Individual Agreement were properly approved;

And Whereas clause ____ of the *Kátl'odeeche First Nation Land Law* states that the *Land Law* shall take effect on the first day of the month following the certification of *Kátl'odeeche First Nation Land Law* by the Verifier;

Therefore, I hereby certify the *Kátl'odeeche First Nation Land Law*, attached as Annex "1" hereto, and the effective date of the *Kátl'odeeche First Nation Land Law* is the ____ day of _____, 20__.

DECLARED BEFORE me at the _____)
of _____ in the _____)
Northwest Territories, this _____ day of _____)
_____ 20__.

Ra _____)
Verifier _____)

_____)
A Commissioner/Notary Public in and for the _____)
Northwest Territories. _____)
My commission expires: