

# **BIG GRASSY RIVER FIRST NATION RATIFICATION OF THE MISHKOSIIMINIZIIBING AKI INAAKONIGEWIN LAND CODE & INDIVIDUAL AGREEMENT**

In order to Ratify the Mishkosiiminiziibing Aki Inaakonigewin Land Code and Individual Agreement the Chief and Council have provided Big Grassy River First Nation Eligible Voters three voting methods to cast a ballot on the Mishkosiiminiziibing Aki Inaakonigewin Land Code and Individual Agreement:

1. Mail-In Ballot Voting
2. In-Person Voting
3. E-Voting

Information for each voting method are provided below and Eligible Voters may choose only one of the methods.

The ballot will ask “Do you approve: *The Mishkosiiminiziibing Aki Inaakoniegewin Land Code* and the Individual Agreement”.

- A "YES" vote means that Big Grassy River First Nation will manage its own reserve lands under the Mishkosiiminiziibing Aki Inaakonigewin Land Code.
- A "NO" vote means that Big Grassy River First Nation lands will continue to be managed by Canada under the *Indian Act*.

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## **MAIL-IN BALLOT VOTING**

In order to receive a mail-in ballot package, please complete the enclosed **Eligible Voter Declaration Document** indicating that you wish to receive a mail-in package. Mail-in ballot packages will not be sent out automatically as in previous ratifications.

Once you have completed the form you can email it to [renaebodnarchuk@gmail.com](mailto:renaebodnarchuk@gmail.com) or take a picture of it and send it to me by phone message to 807-275-8564. Once I have received the form a mail-in ballot package will be sent to you. Please follow the instructions and mail the ballot back as soon as possible and note:

**All mail-in ballots must be received by the Ratification Officer no later than: July 30, 2023 at 8:00 pm (CST).**

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## **IN-PERSON VOTING**

The Official Voting Day will take place on Sunday, the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Big Grassy River Community Centre, Big Grassy River First Nation, Ontario.

An Advance Poll will take place on Thursday, the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Big Grassy River Community Centre, Big Grassy River First Nation, Ontario.

Please bring one piece of ID with your name and picture.

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**E-VOTING (OneFeather)**

E-Voting will be available 24 hours per day starting at 9:00 am. on Monday, July 10, 2023 and ending on Sunday, July 30 at 8:00 pm. Please see the enclosed OneFeather sheet with instructions on how to vote electronically.

If you encounter any issues during the voting process please contact Renae Bodnarchuk,  
Ratification Officer at [renaebodnarchuk@gmail.com](mailto:renaebodnarchuk@gmail.com)

**For more information:**

FNLM Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/biggrassyfirstnationslandmanagement> or  
Big Grassy River First Nation website – <http://biggrassy.ca/attention-big-grassy-first-nation-band-members/>

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