



Community Consultation Meeting on the Work By the Whitefish River First
Nation Custom Election Code Working Group to Develop the
Whitefish River First Nation Custom Election Law

Wednesday June 27, 2018

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Whitefish River First Nation Community Centre



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A PLACE OF VISION AND DREAMS

VISION

The Anishinabek of Whitefish River First Nation will work in harmony while maintaining our culture, traditions, and knowledge to enrich and empower our peoples.

MISSION

The Anishinabek of Whitefish River First Nation will strive to improve community well-being by collectively protecting, strengthening and developing its resources and culture through mutual cooperation.



The Mandate:

- ❖ Whitefish River First Nation Council authorized a survey to be conducted in the month of December 2017. The purpose of the survey was to determine if the Whitefish River First Nation citizens were willing to go forward with the development of a Whitefish River First Nation Custom Election Code;
- ❖ 78% of the Whitefish River First Nation citizens who took part in the survey responded “yes” to proceeding with the development of a Whitefish River First Nation Custom Election Code;
- ❖ In accordance with the wishes of the citizens, the Council of the Whitefish River First Nation established the Whitefish River First Nation Custom Election Code Working Group in May of 2018 to help develop the Whitefish River First Nation Custom Election Code.



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Band Custom Election Code Survey Results



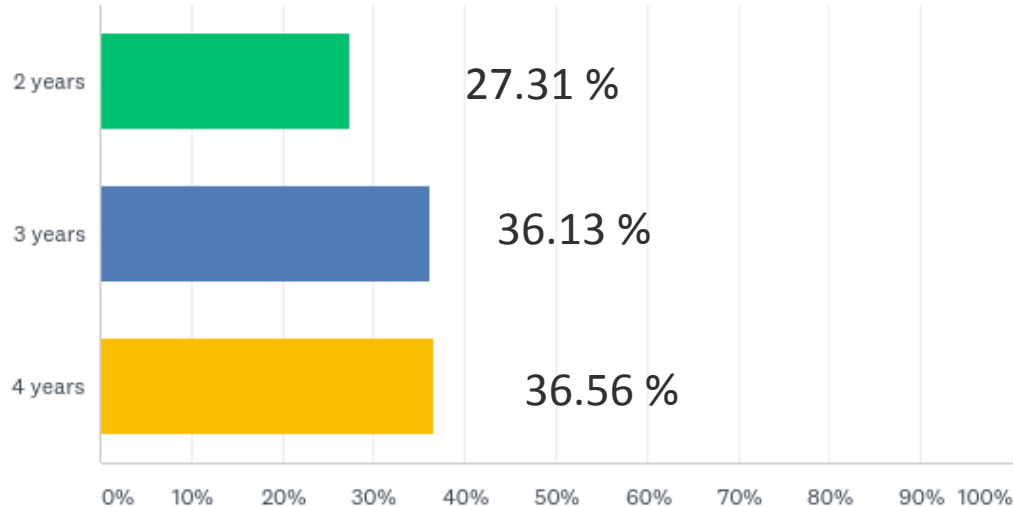
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248 SURVEYS COMPLETED

14 survey were not included as we were unable to determine if the person completing the survey was a member of Whitefish River First Nation.

234 SURVEYS ARE SHOWN IN THE FINAL RESULTS.

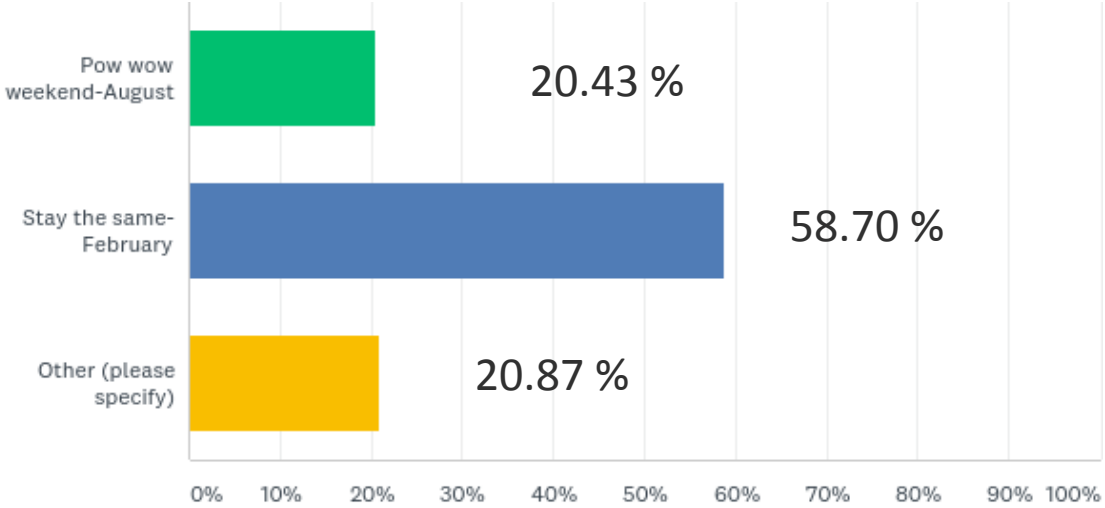
Q1: What would you like to see the term of office be?



What the term of office should be?

More dialogue during community consultation is required as 3 and 4 years had a result of 36%

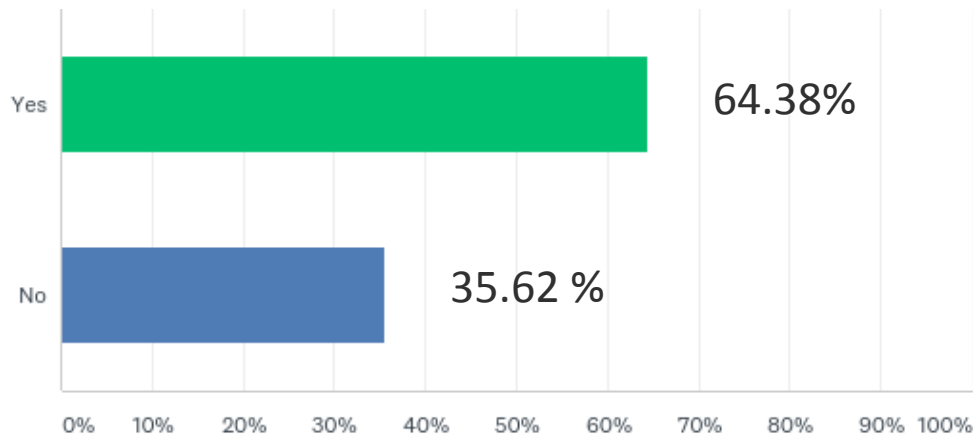
Q2: When would you like the Election date?



[When would you like the election date to be?](#)

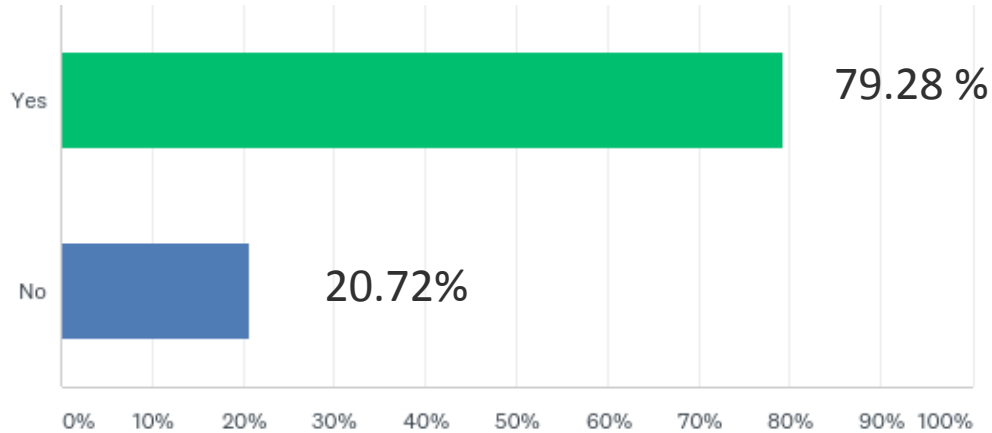
The majority of the citizens surveyed said same as it is now, February;

Q3: Should an employee of Whitefish River First Nation be allowed to run for Chief or Councillor?



Further information is required during Community Engagements

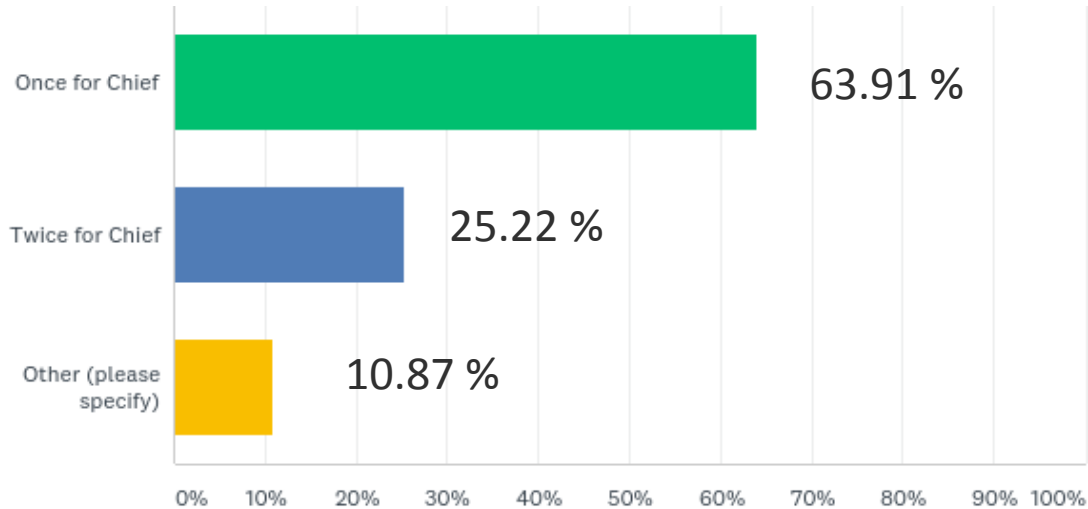
Q4: Should the nominee provide consent to the nominator prior to the nomination meeting?



Should a person who is nominated provide their consent first, before being nominated?

The majority of the citizens surveyed said "Yes"

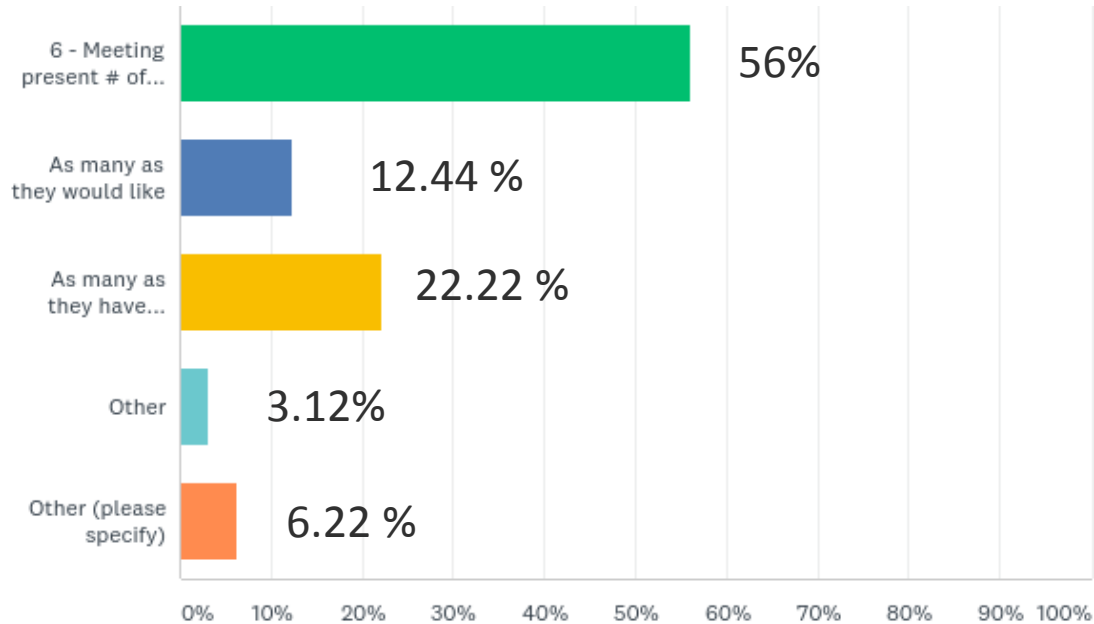
Q5: How many times should one individual be able to nominate for the position of Chief?



How many times should a person be able to nominate someone for Chief?

The majority of the citizens surveyed said "once"

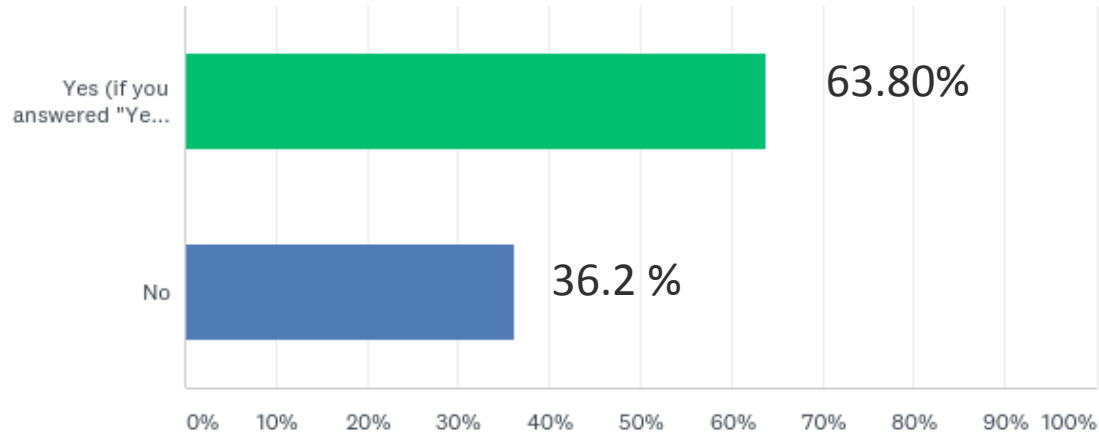
Q6: Currently, we have 6 councillors. How many Councillors should one individual be able to nominate?



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The majority of the citizens surveyed said 6, same as the number of Councillors

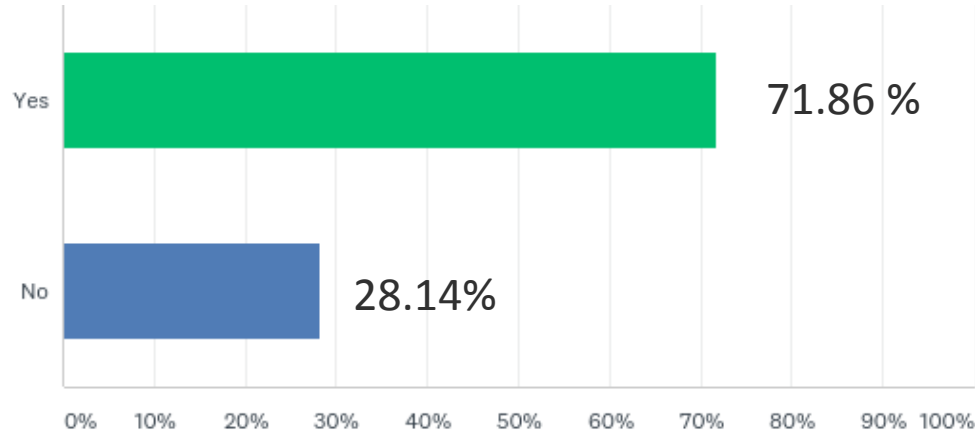
Q7: Would you support Whitefish River First Nation using an electronic voting process?



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The majority of the citizens surveyed said "yes"

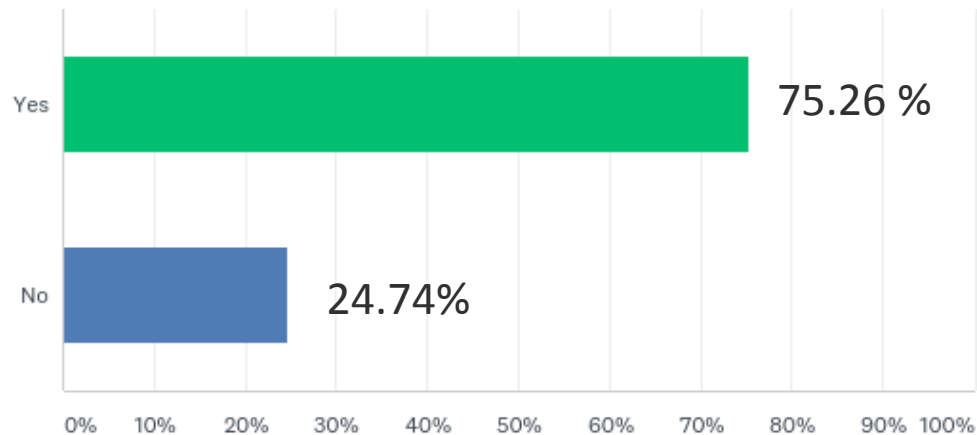
Q8: At this time, we have mail in ballots. Do you support the continued use of mail in ballots?



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The majority of the citizens surveyed said "yes"

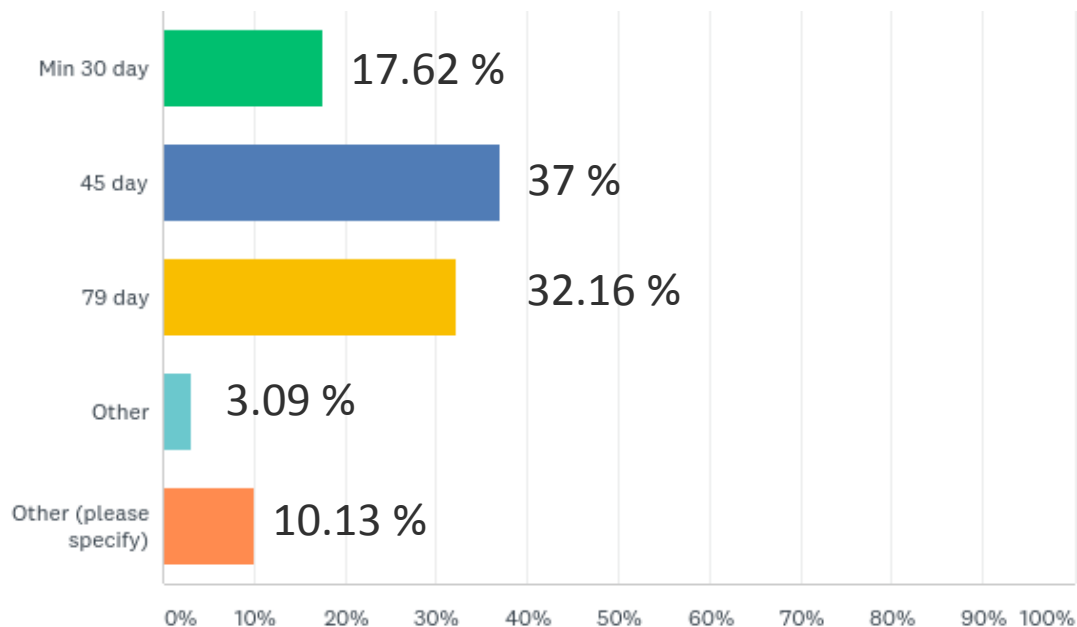
Q9: If there was an appeal should the process be set up externally (other than INAC) from Whitefish River First Nation?



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The majority of the citizens surveyed said "yes";

Q10: Currently, we have a 79 day election process. If you could change it, how many days should be allowed?



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The majority of the citizens surveyed said a 45 day period;



We reached out and will continue to consult...

We will be re-engaging citizens to provide more clarity on the answer to the question of whether an employee is elected, should be expected to resign their employment position;



Some key parts of the draft *Whitefish River First Nation Custom Election Code*:

- ❖ The term of office for the position of chief and councillors would change from two years under the *Indian Act*, to three (3) or four (4) years;

- ❖ The term of office of the council may be extended under mitigating circumstances, beyond the three (3) term by unanimous resolution of council and such extension of office shall not exceed 60 days.



Some Key Features of the draft *Whitefish River First Nation Custom Election Code*:

A new Campaign Code of Ethics;

Process for the removal of Council members from office:

The chief or a councillor may be removed from office and be prevented from running for one term of office if he or she:

- violates this law;
- fails to attend three consecutive regular meetings of council without any reasonable explanation;
- has been convicted of an indictable offence during his or her term of office;
- accepts or offers a bribe, forges a council document or otherwise acts dishonestly in his or her role;
- engages in such other conduct as may be determined by council to be of such a serious nature that the removal is necessary and appropriate.



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Some Key Features of the draft *Whitefish River First Nation Custom Election Code*:

- ❖ An independent Appeal Board to appeal election;
- ❖ The possibility of using electronic voting to elect Chief and Councillors;
- ❖ Electors can only nominate one candidate for Chief and up to 6 candidates for Councillors;



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