

# ELECTORAL OFFICER REPORT

## WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION 2019 ELECTION

February 12, 2019

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**Chief Franklin Paibomsai**  
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**Re: Electoral Officer Final Report Whitefish River First Nation 2019 Chief & Council General Election.**

Dear Chief Paibomsai;

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve the Whitefish River First Nation as Electoral Officer. Please accept my best wishes and extend the same to the newly elected Councillors – may your term bring great (and continued) success and prosperity to the Whitefish River First Nation.

Please find attached my final report on the Election proceedings.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly should you require any additional materials or if you have any questions.

My direct line is 250-889-1582 (please feel free to text or call anytime), via email at ***lawrence@onefeather.ca*** or through my website ***www.onefeather.ca***

Sincerely,



Lawrence Lewis

# **Election Report 2019**

## **Lawrence Lewis, Chief Electoral Officer**

1. Name of First Nation: **Whitefish River First Nation**
2. Date of Election: **Saturday February 9, 2019**
3. Type of election (General or By-election): **Chief & Council General Election**
4. Date of last general election (month/year): **February 12, 2017**
5. Total number of eligible voters: **716**
  - a) Total number of Ballots cast: **425**
    - i. **Total number in person: 232 (55%)**
    - ii. **Total number electronic: 145 (34%)**
    - iii. **Total number mail: 48 (11%)**
  - b) Percentage of Voter participation: **59%**
6. The Whitefish River Election website was created by the Electoral Officer to allow for direct and confidential communication, posting of notices, election results and all essential information and forms available to the Electorate (and Members). The website shall remain available indefinitely at: <https://onefeather.ca/nations/whitefishriver>
7. The Notice of Nomination Meeting was:
  - a) Posted on or about the **20<sup>th</sup>** day of **November, 2018**, at the following location(s): Whitefish River Administration Office, Community Centre and Post Office, linked directly from the Whitefish River First Nation website and Facebook pages as well as posted on [www.onefeather.ca/nations/whitefishriver](http://www.onefeather.ca/nations/whitefishriver) and mailed to the last known residential mailing address of off-reserve electors.
8. The electors list was:
  - a) Posted on or about the **6<sup>th</sup>** Day of **November, 2018**, at the following location(s): Whitefish River Administration Office, Community Centre and Post Office.
9. The nomination meeting was held on the **22<sup>nd</sup>** day of **December 2018**, at the **Whitefish River First Nation Community Centre** from **6:00PM to 9:00PM**.
  - a) All candidates were provided the required forms, instructions and notices pursuant to the Whitefish River First Nation Custom Election Code.

10. The Notice of Election was:

- a) Posted on or about the **23<sup>rd</sup>** day of **December 2018**, at the following location: Whitefish River Administration Officer, Community Centre and Post Office, linked directly from the Whitefish River First Nation website and Facebook pages as well as posted on: <https://onefeather.ca/nations/whitefishriver>

11. Mail in Ballot packages were prepared and mailed pursuant to the Whitefish River First Nation Election Code:

- a) Total Number of Mail in Ballot Packages sent: 331

12. The Election day polling station was conducted as per below, and Election results were tabulated immediately following the close of the poll during open/public proceedings and Candidate agents were invited to participate directly:

- a) The polling station for the Regular Poll were held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019 at the **Whitefish River First Nation Community Centre** from **8:00AM to 8:00PM**.

13. Mail in Ballot Reconciliation

		FOR CHIEF	FOR COUNCILLOR
A)	Total number of mail-in ballot packages sent to <b>off and on reserve</b> electors (including any second mail-outs to the same elector, if applicable)	331	331
B)	Total number of mail-in packages returned as undeliverable	3	3
C)	Total number of mail-in ballots returned by the elector who voted in person at the polling station	0	0
D)	Total number of mail-in ballots not deposited in the ballot box during the verification process.	4	4
E)	Total number of mail-in ballots deposited in the ballot box	48	43
F)	Mail-in ballots not returned (A – B – C – D – E) <b>(Subtract A through E)</b>	276	281

14. Ballot Reconciliation

		FOR CHIEF	FOR COUNCILLOR
A)	Number of <b>valid</b> ballots cast (i.e. inserted in the ballot box - including the tie breaker vote, if applicable)	278	272
B)	Number of <b>rejected</b> ballots cast ( i.e. inserted in the ballot box)	2	3
C)	Number of ballots spoiled (never placed in the ballot box)	1	5
D)	Number of unused ballots	176	172
E)	Total number of mail-in packages returned as undeliverable	3	3
F)	Total number of mail-in ballots returned by the elector who voted in person at the polling station	0	0
G)	Number of mail-in ballots not deposited in the ballot box during the verification process	4	4
H)	Total provided at 15 F (Mail-in ballot not returned)	276	281
I)	Total number of ballots (A + B + C + D + E + F + G + H)	740	740
J)	Total number of ballots printed	740	740

15. Polling Station Results Office of Chief

	TOTAL
<b>TOTAL BALLOTS CAST</b>	<b>425</b>
<b>SPOILED / REJECTED BALLOTS</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATE BALLOT COUNTS</b>	
<b>AGAWA, CARIANNE L.</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>JACKO, ROSE</b>	<b>124</b>
<b>MCGREGOR, DONALD</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>(Elected) PAIBOMSAI, FRANKLIN (SHINING TURTLE)</b>	<b>181</b>

16. Polling Station Results Office of Councillor

	TOTAL
<b>TOTAL BALLOTS CAST</b>	<b>420</b>
<b>SPOILED / REJECTED BALLOTS</b>	<b>3</b>
INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATE BALLOT COUNTS	TOTAL
CYWINK, ANASTASIA (STACEY)	86
FRANCIS, NICHOLAS	14
JACKO, CANDICE (ASSINIWE)	77
JACKO, GAIL MARIE	91
JACKO, SANDY	94
MCGREGOR, ANITA RUTH	117
(Elected) MCGREGOR, BRIAN	130
(Elected) MCGREGOR, CARA (CARALYN)	151
(Elected) MCGREGOR, FRANCIS EUGENE	126
MCGREGOR, LESLIE FLORENCE	86
MCGREGOR, LYNN MARIE	71
MCGREGOR, MURRAY JR	100
(Elected) MCGREGOR, TODD	131
MCGREGOR, VALARIE	62
NAHWEGAHBOW, BEVERLY	112
(Elected) NAHWEGAHBOW, LEONA	141
(Elected) OSCHE, ESTHER	189
PELLETIER, GAIL (KIKI)	92
PITAWANAKWAT, L. (BIRD)	83

RECOLLET, JOHN	<b>103</b>
<b>(Elected) SHAWANDA, DAVE</b>	<b>168</b>
SHAWANDA, JACINTA MARIA	<b>37</b>
SHAWANDA, MARK HILARY	<b>124</b>
SHAWANDA, MARTHA (MARTI)	<b>60</b>
STEVENS, MARILYN	<b>105</b>
STILL, MURRAY	<b>92</b>

17. Additional Comments:

- a) Three (3) Electors were assisted directly by family members in understanding the ballot marking process in accordance with the Whitefish River First Nation Election Code.
- b) There were no incidences or disturbances during the Regular Poll and no challenges or objections were recorded during the Ballot counting process.

18. The following candidates are publically declared elected to Chief & Council:

<b>TO THE OFFICE OF CHIEF</b>
FRANKLIN PAIBOMSAI (SHINING TURTLE)
<b>TO THE OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR</b>
BRIAN MCGREGOR
CARA (CARALYN) MCGREGOR
FRANCIS EUGENE MCGREGOR
TODD MCGREGOR
LEONA NAHWEGAHBOW
ESTHER OSCHE
DAVE SHAWANDA



19. Declaration:

I, **Lawrence Lewis**, appointed to the position of Electoral Officer for the Whitefish River First Nation, declare that the Community Centre polling location was kept open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (local time on February 9, 2019), and that my Deputy Jaclyn Casler correctly counted all votes cast for each candidate and has performed to the best of her abilities all duties required of me by the *Whitefish River First Nation Election Code*.



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Lawrence Lewis, Whitefish River Electoral Officer

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