

STÓ:LŌ SIGNAL PODCAST NOTES

Episode 7 – Have Your Say and Vote on our Constitution

What do our communities need? Who decides and how do we go about getting those programs or services? We are coming up to a vote on the Constitution which will help define our future Stó:lō Xwexwílmexw nation. Mail-in ballots have been sent out and voting officially opens online on November 4 at onefeather.ca. In person voting also opens on November 13 and 14 in Leq'á:mel, Tzeachten and at our Stó:lō Nation Governance House. So what ARE we asking you to vote on? It's not the treaty. Not yet. Our negotiators are still working on that. But in order to ensure we are all on the same page, we do need our communities to agree upon our Constitution first. This document defines how the six villages of the Stó:lō Xwexwílmexw will work together in the future as a government.

Guest: Skw'omkw'emexw Grand Chief Joe Hall

Where and when do we vote?

The voting period is from November 4-14. The results will be announced by November 15.

- **On-line voting** is open NOW! **This is the preferred method due to COVID-19.** You must have your PIN number that came via mail from Fred Schiffner, Chief Ratification Officer.
- **By Mail: Mail-in ballots will be mailed to you by the first week of October and must be returned by Nov. 14 at 6pm.** (Questions: Contact Fred Schiffner, Chief Ratification Officer at 1-800-813-2173 or cell: 604 786 2512, email fschiffner90@gmail.com)
- **Polling stations** will be open from 10 to 6 pm in three locations on November 13 and 14.
 - 1) Stó:lō Nation Government House (for all members): Building 8b-7201 Vedder Road, Chilliwack, BC V2R 4G5
 - 2) Leq'á:mel (Lakahamen): 43101 Leq'á:mel Way, Deroche, B.C. V0M 1G0
 - 3) Ch'iyáqtel (Tzeachten): 6325 Matheson Road, Chilliwack, B.C. V2R 4S8

We believe in our ability to take control of our own nation and this vote on the Constitution will bring us one step closer to getting out from under the Indian Act.

For more information: www.sxta.bc.ca or call 604 824 3281 or email: outreach@sxta.bc.ca

Credits:

The theme song for Stó:lō Signal is "Oh No" by Apt Exact feat. Tommy iGuess

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