

KANAKA BAR INDIAN BAND NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Comprehensive Specific Claim Settlement Agreement for Kanaka Bar Indian Band Ratification Vote

RATIFICATION VOTE FROM DECEMBER 17, 2020 OPEN UNTIL JANUARY 4, 2021

A Comprehensive Specific Claim Settlement Agreement between Kanaka Bar Indian Band and Canada is being proposed.

The proposed Settlement Agreement between Canada and the Band provides a payment of **\$7,716,307** for the full and final settlement of all of Kanaka Bar's Specific Claims, both known and unknown, arising from events between 1858 and the date the Settlement Agreement is signed (2021).

BALLOT QUESTIONS

The following Ballot Question will be asked of the Voters of the Band by secret ballot, as set out in the Settlement Agreement:

As a Voter of the Band, do you:

- (a) **agree** to all of the terms and conditions of the Kanaka Bar Comprehensive Specific Claims Settlement Agreement initialed by the negotiators for the Band and Canada, which settles and releases the Claim as defined in the Settlement Agreement;
and
- (b) **authorize and direct** the Council of the Band to sign all documents and do everything necessary to give effect to the Kanaka Bar Comprehensive Specific Claims Settlement Agreement?

IMPORTANT DATES

Information Meeting	December 16, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
Ratification Vote Period	December 17, 2020 until January 4, 2021 at 9:00am
Deadline for On-Reserve Members to Request Mail-in Ballot Package	December 18, 2020
Deadline to Request Electronic Ballot Package	December 31, 2020
Deadline for Mail-in Ballot	January 4, 2021 at 9:00 am
Deadline for Electronic Voting	January 4, 2021 at 9:00 am
Telephone Voting Period	December 21-23, 9am-4pm December 28-30, 9am-4pm Closed for lunch 12-1pm daily
In-Person Voting Period	December 17-31, 2020 By Appointment ONLY Due to Covid-19

VOTING ELIGIBILITY

All Kanaka Bar Indian Band Members that are 18 years or older by the date polls close are eligible to vote. You have the option to vote by in person by dropping of a ballot during the times listed below, by requesting a mail-in ballot, electronically, or by telephone. Please bring your status card or other photo I.D. if voting in person to cast your vote at a polling station.

If you are a Kanaka Bar Member who has any doubt as to whether your name is on the Voters List, please contact Ratification Officer Kathryn Brooks to confirm your voting eligibility and apply to have your name added to the Voters List if necessary.

If you wish to view a copy of the proposed Settlement Agreement, copies of the proposed Settlement Agreement will be available to view at the Band Office or can be requested by email.

BALLOT DROP OFF

The ratification vote will be open **from December 17, 2020 until January 4, 2021, 9AM**. All voters may vote by dropping off ballots by first scheduling an appointment by calling the Ratification Officer at 250-455-2200.

In-person ballot drop-off will comply with COVID-19 safety protocols and be at the following location:

**Kanaka Bar Indian Band
2693 Siwash Road,
Lytton, B.C.
V0K1Z0**

MAIL-IN BALLOTS

All voters who live off reserve, and for whom the Band has an address, will automatically be mailed a mail-in ballot package.

Those voters who live on reserve and are unable to vote in-person by dropping of a ballot may ***request a Mail-In Ballot Package by no later than December 18, 2020 by contacting the Ratification Officer.***

Mail in Ballots must be received by January 4, 2021 at 9:00 am.

ELECTRONIC VOTING VIA EMAIL

All voters living both on and off reserve may also vote electronically via email at anytime between **December 17, 2020 and January 4, 2021 at 9:00 am.**

Those voters wishing to vote electronically may do so by sending an email ***request for an Electronic Ballot Package by no later than December 31, 2021*** by contacting the Ratification Officer at ceo-ED@kanakabarband.ca.

The Ratification Officer will reply to your email to confirm the following details before sending an Electronic Ballot Package:

1. Full Legal Name;
2. Birthdate;
3. Address; and
4. Status Number.

VOTING BY TELEPHONE

In addition, voting is available by Telephone. Please contact Kathryn Brooks at the following toll-free telephone number during the designated times to vote by telephone. Members must provide their name, status number, birthdate and address.

Telephone Voting	
Contact	Time:
Kathryn Brooks, RATIFICATION Officer Toll-Free: 1-844-655-2200 EMAIL: ceo-ED@kanakabarband.ca	December 21-23, 2020 December 28-30, 2020 9am-4pm Closed for lunch 12-1pm

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Please contact our legal counsel, financial advisor or Ratification Officer if you have any questions about the Comprehensive Specific Claim Settlement Agreement.

Kathryn Brooks – Ratification Officer

PHONE: (250)-455-2200 EMAIL: ceo-ED@kanakabarband.ca

OR

Darwin Hanna – Kanaka Bar Legal Counsel

PHONE: (604)-222-2374 EMAIL: darwin@chlaw.ca

OR

Zain Nayani – Kanaka Bar Financial Advisor

PHONE: (604)-354-5660 EMAIL: zain@zn-advisory.com

COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING

An open Community Information Meeting will be held virtually on **December 16, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. (PST)**, via Zoom Video Conferencing. **To participate in the Information Meeting:**

Please register in advance for this meeting by clicking on the following link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0td-mqrTkjHNR1TYNOCRqHh_m-JSTc6mSW

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. You can join through Zoom or participate via phone by dialing +1-778-907-2071.

Details of this meeting are as follow:

Meeting ID: 890 0023 2960

Passcode: 321098