KWIKWASUT'INUXW HAXWA'MIS FIRST NATION POLLING NOTICE [Notice of Poll]

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Kwikwasut'inuxw Haxwa'mis First Nation that a poll (election) will be held to elect a chief and three (3) councillors on <u>Saturday</u>, the <u>27th day of May 2023</u>.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to restrictions imposed by Covid-19 health and safety rules, ballots will be counted in two locations (described below); the totals at each will be added together for the final count. The results will be declared immediately following the count.

- 1. The in-person poll is for Gilford Island residents only and will be held between the hours of nine o'clock (9:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m. at the **Health Services** Office. Ballots received at the Health Services Office will be counted first by the resident (non-voting) Deputy Electoral Officer at the close of the poll. The proceedings will be available to watch via ZOOM.
- 2. <u>All off-reserve electors will be voting by mail-in ballots only</u>. Ballots will be considered valid if received by the Electoral Officer by the close of the poll at 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election. Mail-in ballots received by the Electoral Officer will be counted second by the Electoral Officer at the close of the poll.

Electors will be able to observe the counts at both locations by ZOOM. Coordinates for the ZOOM meeting will be posted on the KHFN Facebook pages or electors may contact either the Band Manager or the Electoral Officer.

If two or more candidates for the same position receive the same number of votes, and with an additional vote one or more of these candidates could be elected, the Electoral Officer must vote to break the tie, as per S. 9 of the Indian Band Election Regulations. If this occurs, I will break the tie by putting the names of the tied candidates into a box or hat and the person whose name is drawn will be declared the winner.

One resident scrutineer for each candidate will be able to attend in-person at the poll. Non-resident scrutineers/electors will be able to view the proceedings via ZOOM.

Tally sheets to help with the count will be available for both in-person and mail-in electors. Electors may get a copy either at the office on Alert Bay or the office on Gilford Island, or by requesting one from the Electoral Officer.

Given under my hand at Port Alberni, British Columbia, this 20th day of April, 2023.

Maggie M. Paquet, Electoral Officer

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If you have any questions, please contact the Electoral Officer at:

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