



## MEMORANDUM

**TO: Members of the Eel Ground First Nation**

**RE: Election for Chief and Council 2018**

Dear Members:

We are circulating this memo for our members, in addition to the posting of Nomination Meeting Notice under the direction of the electoral officer.

As per the notice, nominations will be held April 5, 2018 at the Community Hall, starting at 11:00 am. The election will be held Thursday, May 10, 2018, from 9:00am to 8:00pm at the Community Hall. This will be a 4 year term under the First Nation Election Act.

After much internal discussion, and consulting with our Elder's Committee, Chief and Council have resolved, that in order to be most productive, effective, focused and in line with the terms of all other levels of government, entering the First Nation Election Act was the best choice for our Community at this time.

We have the option to move from the First Nation Election Act, to a Community designed custom process, in the future. That process would take time to design and review, and will require a referendum of the electorate. Chief and Council agree that process, in the future, will offer the

best option for Community design and would be least reflective of the Indian Act and government models.

Under the First Nation Election Act there will be small fees required to accompany all nominations. There is a \$200.00 fee for Chief and a \$50.00 fee for Councillor. These fees can be reimbursed to the candidates if they achieve 10% of the vote. Some candidates have already pledged their fees to the Community Food Centre as a show of their commitment to supporting community.


All requests for mail out ballots must be directed to the Electoral Officer:

Warren Tremblay  
56 McLaughlin Street  
Perth-Andover, NB  
E7H 3B7

The most efficient and timely method would be by telephone or email:

Telephone           506-273-1633  
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Chief and Council  
Eel Ground First Nation

## Notice of Nomination Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the electors of the *Eel Ground First Nation* will be held at the *Community Centre* on the *5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018* beginning at *11:00 a.m.* and lasting for at least three hours, for the purposes of nominating candidates for the positions of chief and 10 councillor positions.

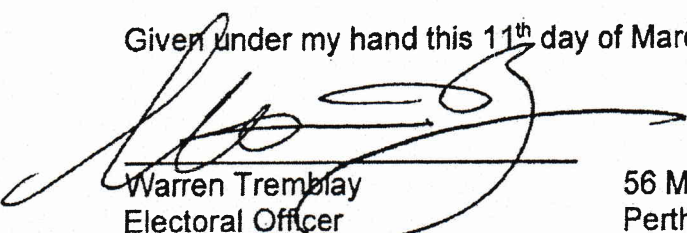
### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES:

1. Any elector may nominate candidates by delivering or sending by mail, email or fax to the Electoral Officer a completed, signed and witnessed nomination and voter declaration form to the Electoral Officer before the time set for the nomination meeting, OR by making a nomination orally at the nomination meeting.
2. Under the *First Nations Elections Act*, an elector must not nominate more than one candidate for the position of chief and no more candidates for the position of councillor as there are councillor positions available for election.
3. The Council of the *Eel Ground First Nation* has set out a candidate fee in the amount of \$200 for the position of chief and \$50 for the position of councillor.
4. Under the *First Nations Elections Act*, a nominee does not become a candidate until they deliver to the Electoral Officer or Deputy Electoral Officer, by 6 p.m. on *Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018*, a signed *Candidate Declaration* form, which can be obtained from the Electoral Officer. The candidate fee for the relevant position must be received by this time as well, in the form of cash, certified cheque money order or electronic transfer payable to the Electoral Officer.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE ELECTION:

1. The election will be held on the *Thursday, May 10, 2018* at the Community Hall from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
2. Any elector may vote by mail-in ballot by submitting a *Request for Mail-in Ballot* form, which can be obtained from the electoral officer, along with a copy of identification, by *Friday, May 4, 2018*.
3. Any elector may permit the electoral officer to release their name to the candidates.

Given under my hand this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.



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