

# FRANCINE ALPHONSE, COUNCIL REPORT

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JUNE & JULY  
2018

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## AFN Legislation May 1-3- Gatineau

### Breakfast and lunch meetings each day

- Each day starts at 7:30 a.m. and noon in the BC meeting room to review all proposed resolutions before being brought to the floor, to bring forward proposed changes.
- We check in with Chief Seymour and let him know which break-out sessions, each Councilor would attend.

### First Nations Financial Transparency Act:

- In 2017, the engagement process, by INAC Regional offices and AOFA separately on “transparency and accountability” and by AFN – ISC jointly on New fiscal relationship –reached same recommendations:
  - Primary accountability of First Nations government is to their members.
  - Repeal the FNFTA &B co-develop a better approach.
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- Bill C-58 is currently undergoing its second reading in the Senate. Bill C-58 was developed unilaterally without any consultation or engagement with First Nations

## AFN Resolutions

Resolutions are the essential mechanism by which First Nations provide specific mandates and direction to the Assembly of First Nations (AFN). The resolutions process serves to foster and capture national consensus on significant policy matters effectively and is considered at the Annual General Assembly or the Special Chiefs Assembly. In 2007, the AFN Executive approved new *Rules of Procedure for AFN Assemblies* to enhance efficiencies and decision-making at AFN

- Bill C-58 has the potential to uniquely impact First Nations seeking resolutions of historical grievances against the Crown by creating new rules that would allow the federal government to refuse requests for information – thus affecting First Nation research efforts.
- The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Aboriginal Peoples protects the right of First Nations to participate in an open and transparent process to adjudicate their grievance with the Crown – under the current system; the Crown is in a conflict of interest.

**Aboriginal Finance Officer Association – AFOA – June 13-15, 2018 – Kelowna**

- Cindy Daniels, A/Gm and myself attended on behalf of Cowichan Tribes

**10 year Funding Grants**

- One of the main presenters during this workshop Series was a representative from Indigenous Services Canada.
- New and additional funding that is made available to all First Nations Communities
- Submit applications to ISC for funding opportunities, such as capital improvements to current assets of a Nation.
- The need for any additional transportation, i.e. new bus – most of Tribes current bus is reaching a mature age and requires replacement.
- New school requirements or upgrades – currently – QSE and QSL are updated their new school and/or additional classroom requirements to ISC.

**Land Advisory Board – Annual General Meeting – June 26-27, 2018 - Vancouver**

- The first day was an election for the next Land Managers
- Currently, Cowichan Tribes in Land Code process
- Attached is information from Lands Advisory Board, of current and passed First Nations who have gone through elections to approve their own Land Code
- Attachment one: “History of all Land Code Votes from 1997-2018
- Cowichan Tribes Lands Department – are working on Communication and updates and set up future Community Information Sessions

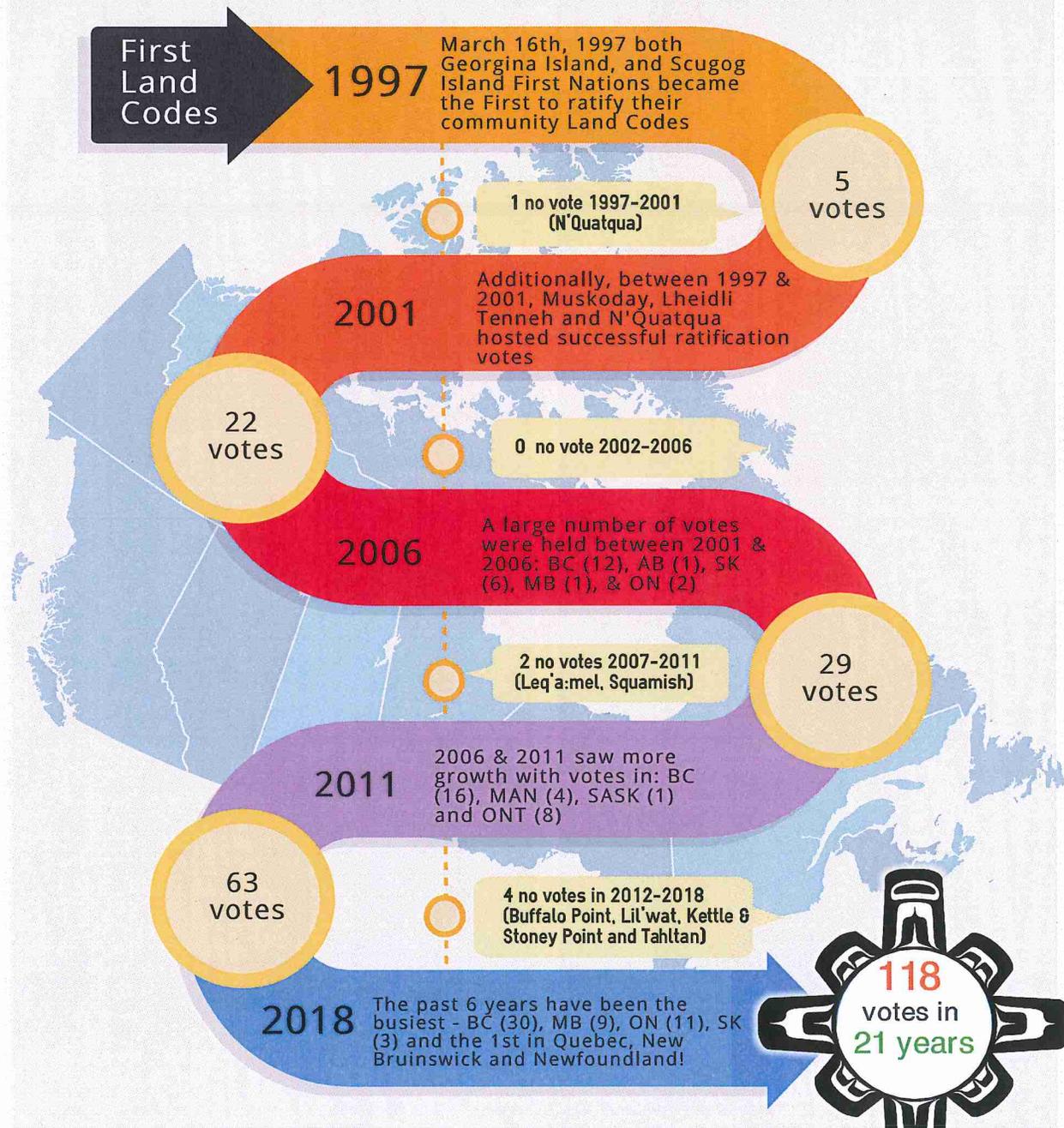
**Assembly of First Nations – AGM July 23-26, 2018 – Vancouver, BC**

- The first two days was the Election Process for the National Assembly First Nations Chief.
- Perry Bellgarde re-elected for another three-year terms
- The process took two votes of over 600 First Nations in attendance from across

Canada	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
BELLEGARDE, Perry	328	63
DIABO, Russ	10	2
NORTH, Sheila	125	29
RICHARDSON, Miles	59	11

- It was my first election that I was honoured to participate in, and along with many other First Nation delegates across our nation.

# History of all Land Code Votes 1997-2018

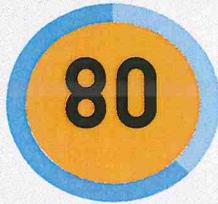


7 of 118, or 5.9% of all votes in 21 years have been "No".

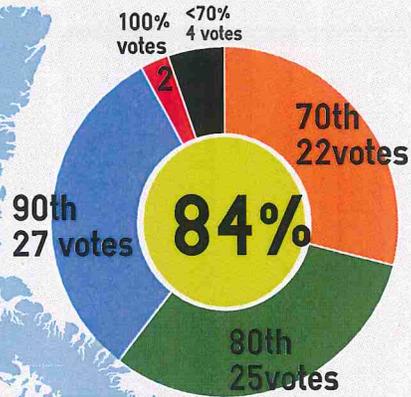


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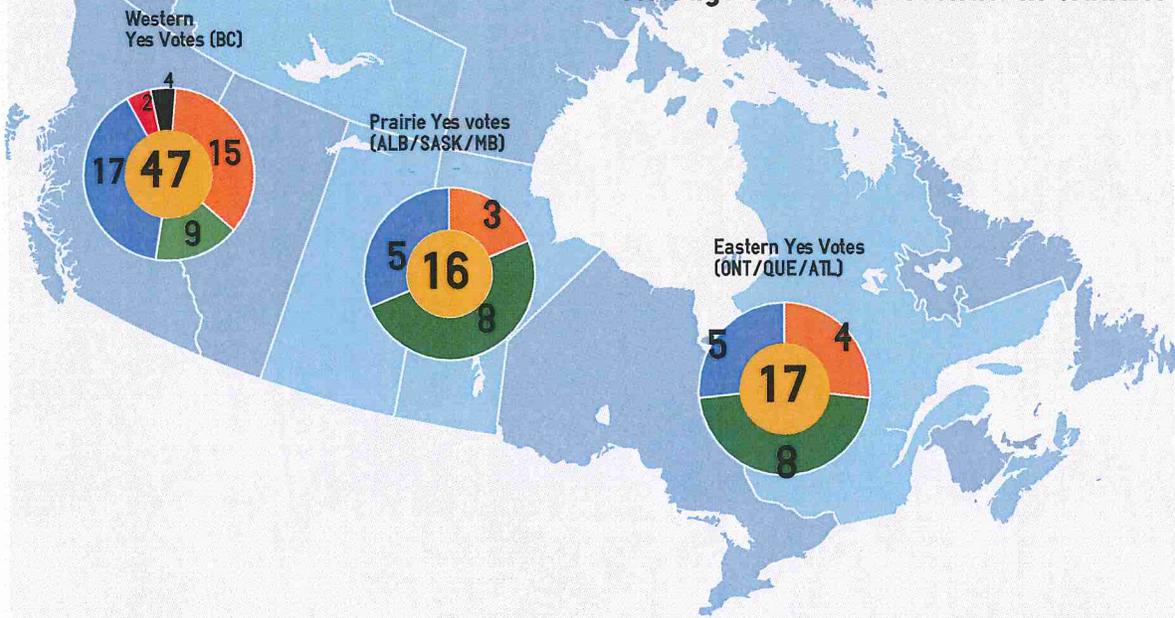
YES VOTES  
approval percentiles



YES VOTES IN CANADA



Average Yes Vote Percentile in CANADA



80 communities have ratified their community land code. The average for all yes votes has been an impressive 84% and 2/3rds of all yes votes have been in the 80th or 90th percentile!