

Membership Rules



AMENDMENT

While it is phenomenal that the work being done by the Membership Department through the Membership Rules Amendment is a topic on the Quw'utsun Mustimuhw's radar, there needs to be a clarification that the work being done is:

- Amending our existing Membership Rules.
- **IS NOT A MEMBERSHIP CODE:** A Membership Code for Cowichan Tribes does not exist, and there has been misinformation spread by calling the Membership Rules Amendment a code. Creating a code would be creating an entirely new process for being a Cowichan member, and the work being done through the Membership Rules Amendment is working within the existing structure as set out by the Membership Rules to amend the Membership Rules.
- With the enactment of the first Membership Rules, Cowichan Tribes gained jurisdiction over Membership in 1986, which gave Cowichan Tribes the ability to determine Membership to our nation.
- The last time the Membership Rules were amended was in 1992, and no changes been made since.

The existing Membership Rules are available on the Cowichan Tribes website (go to "Indian Registry and Band Membership" then "Membership Rules Amendment 2019") and on the communications Facebook account below, feel free to take a look at them online or come into the office (located in Lulumexun) to pick up a copy!

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The Membership Rules Amendment Working Group have been busy doing the first round of edits to the existing Membership Rules which will be presented to the *Quw'utsun Mustimuhw* for their review and input once the edits are complete. The Membership Rules require a vote in 2020 for enactment, and will need to happen by **June 28, 2020**, as outlined in the existing Membership Rules.

If you have any questions, please contact the person below! Huy tseep q'a Siiem.

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