

NOTICE OF VOTE COWICHAN TRIBES Snuw'uy'ulhtst tu Quw'utsun Mustimuhw u' tu Shhw'a'luqw'a' i' Smun'eem - "The Laws of the Cowichan People for families and children"

COMMUNITY RATIFICATION VOTE

TAKE NOTICE that a ratification vote will be held in accordance with the Snuw'uy'ulhtst tu Quw'utsun Mustimuhw u' tu Shhw'a'luqw'a' i' Smun'eem – "The Laws of the Cowichan People for families and children" Community Ratification Process vote on November 24, 2023 in order to decide whether Cowichan Tribes should take control of its own Child and Family Services by adopting the new Cowichan Tribes Child and Family Law. A full copy of the Cowichan Tribes Child and Family Law as well as the summary document is available on Cowichan Tribes' website at www.Cowichantribes.com

The Ballot will ask the following question:

Do you approve of the Cowichan Tribes Snuw'uy'ulhtst tu Quw'utsun Mustimuhw u' tu Shhw'a'luqw'a' i' Smun'eem – "The Laws of the Cowichan People for families and children" **dated September 26, 2023 for reference, which will enable Cowichan Tribes to re-claim its authority (jurisdiction) over Child and Family Services?**

Any eligible voters may vote in person, by request of a mail-in ballot, or by electronic voting. Eligible voters may vote:

- in person at the following date(s), time(s) and place(s): November 24, 2023 poll opens at 8:00am poll closes at 8:00pm at the Si'em Lelum Gym located at 5574 River Road Duncan BC V9L 6V9.
- electronically at the following date(s), time(s) and place(s): November 10, 2023 8:00am through to November 24, 2023 poll closes on line at 8:00pm.
- Link to on line voting:

<https://onefeather.ca/nations/cowichan>

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- Request a mail in ballot package by calling 250-516-3618 or via email rosietholmes@gmail.com. You will be requested to submit a piece of government issued ID.
 - All citizens of Cowichan Tribes 18 years of age or older as of the last date of the ratification vote are eligible to vote.

A package, including a summary of the Snuw'uy'ulhtst tu Quw'utsun Mustimuhw u' tu Shhw'a'luqw'a' i' Smun'eem – "The Laws of the Cowichan People for families and children", will be sent to all eligible voters whose address is on record with the Cowichan Tribes. If an eligible voter has not received an information package by November 3, 2023 please contact Rosie Holmes, Ratification Officer (contact details are below) to obtain the information package. All requests for mail in ballots must be sent to the Ratification Officer no later than November 10, 2023 (14 days prior to Voting Day November 24, 2023).

DATED at Cowichan Tribes, British Columbia this 28th day of September 2023.

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