

**December 13th, 2022**

**Kwantlen First Nation Band Council Meeting**

**Zoom Cloud Meeting**

**Chair: Council Member Brandon Gabriel**

**Present: Council Member Victor Back**

**Present: Council Member Christopher Thomas**

**KFN BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTION - CALL FOR KFN REFERENDUM**

**WHEREAS**

1. The Kwantlen people met in a General Assembly on November 27th, 2022 and voted to remove Marilyn Gabriel from the governance structure;
2. The General Assembly was conducted according to the ancient traditions of Coast Salish peoples and the customary laws of the Kwantlen First Nation;
3. Marilyn Gabriel refuses to recognize the democratic will of the Kwantlen people, and is using band funds to oppose the people through legal counsel;
4. Marilyn Gabriel has raised procedural objections about the meeting of November 27, 2022 and asserts that it was not properly convened;
5. Notwithstanding the Council's view that the November 27, 2022 meeting was conducted in accordance with the customary laws of the Kwantlen First Nation, the Council wishes to give Band Members a further opportunity to consider the resolutions to make the will of the members beyond doubt.
6. Marilyn Gabriel will be given a further opportunity to participate and respond to the concerns of Kwantlen members.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

- A. A referendum of all the Kwantlen people will be held on January 22nd, 2023, in accordance with the traditions of Coast Salish peoples and the customary laws of the Kwantlen First Nation;
- B. Voting in this referendum will be open to all registered members of the Kwantlen First Nation who are aged 18 or above on January 22nd, 2023;
- C. The referendum will ask the Kwantlen people to confirm or reject each of the Resolutions from the November 27th, 2022 vote;
- D. The referendum will also ask voters to confirm or reject each of the current 5 members of the Band Council;
  - a. Should any of the current 5 members of Band Council be rejected, a run-off vote for their replacement will be held within 30 days of the January 22, 2023 vote;
- E. A third party will be recruited within 5 business days of this BCR's publication to conduct the referendum and count the votes;
- F. There will be an online campaign event 15 days before the vote to allow proponents and opponents to state their case before band members and to take questions if they so choose;
- G. This council any representatives from interested third parties, including Indigenous Services Canada, to appoint observers for this referendum. We also invite Canada's media to scrutinize the fairness of this election in all respects.

Council Member Brandon Gabriel: Vote: YES

Council Member Victor Back: Vote: YES

Council Member Christopher Thomas: Vote: YES

Resolution: APPROVED