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## TIMELINE

### ASHCROFT INDIAN BAND

#### 2024 MEMBERSHIP ADMISSION VOTE UNDER THE 1987 MEMBERSHIP RULES

Item	Date	Description
1.	September 1, 2023	<p><b>Pre 1997 Membership List</b></p> <p>The Band assembles the “<b>Pre 1997 Membership List</b>” of all persons admitted to membership in the Band on or before December 31, 1996.</p> <p>This includes all 21 persons in the “first disputed group” listed at paragraph 42 of the October 5, 2022 court decision in <i>Pittman v. Ashcroft First Nation</i>-Federal Court (fct-cf.gc.ca) (the “<b>Court Decision</b>”):</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Arnold Blain, Greg Blain, Leslie Blain Jr., Clinton Blankinship, Shawn Blankinship, Lavonne Comin, Arlene Dixon, Alfred Gardner, Dawn Gardner, Kenneth Peter Gardner, Marcie Gordon, Denise Gurney, Lesley Heidel, Debra Kilback (Van Nostrand), Betty Lowry, James Martin, Kenneth Martin, Erin Pelletier, Sharon Schamehorn, Teresa Vandell and Deloress Warneboldt.</p> <p>See paragraphs 48, 55, 59, 60 and 63 of the Court Decision, where it is determined that all persons whose names appear on the Membership List on or before December 31, 1996, and had to be voted in, were properly admitted to Band membership pursuant to a Band membership vote.</p> <p>By reason of this determination by the court, the distinction between original and discretionary membership is not relevant, nor is the category of original or discretionary membership, when determining who is on the Pre 1997 Membership List.</p> <p>There is no distinction made in the Court Decision between the legal rights of on and off reserve members in relation to the right to vote in elections, referenda, at Band general meetings, or in Band votes on membership.</p>

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2.	September 1, 2023	<p data-bbox="691 268 1024 300"><b>Post 1996 Membership List</b></p> <p data-bbox="691 338 1490 548">The Band assembles the “<b>Post 1996 Membership List</b>”, of all persons admitted to membership in the Band after December 31, 1996. This includes all persons admitted either with or without a referendum (the “<b>Membership Admission Vote</b>”) conducted under Part VI of the 1987 <i>Membership Rules</i> of the Band (the “<i>Membership Rules</i>”).</p> <p data-bbox="691 590 1442 653">This list includes all 27 persons in the “second disputed group”, listed at paragraph 62 of the Court Decision:</p> <p data-bbox="789 695 1458 1010" style="padding-left: 40px;">Dallas Blain, Jason Blain, Kyle Blain, Logan Blain, Melissa Blain, Roman Blain, Trista Blain, Zachary Blain, Matthew Comin, Brendan Dixon, Nolan Dixon, Rachel Dixon, Kenneth Ryley Gardner, Flecia Gordon, Adam Gurney, Jacqueline Kouprie, Adrian Pelletier, Alexander Pelletier, Blaise Pelletier, Cecila Pelletier, Ellen Pelletier (Lambert), Katherine Pelletier, Michael Pelletier, Regina Pelletier, Roland Pelletier, Vincent Pelletier and Michael Van Nostrand.</p> <p data-bbox="691 1052 1484 1146">The court had no evidence of Membership Admission Votes to admit new members held after 1996: see paragraphs 16 and 63 of the Court Decision.</p> <p data-bbox="691 1188 1471 1398">The result of the Court Decision is that every person who came onto the Membership List after 1996, including all persons in the second disputed group, is presumed to be a discretionary member. The membership of all such persons must now be approved in a Membership Admission Vote. This is the Post 1996 Membership List.</p> <p data-bbox="691 1440 1471 1535">Each of these persons must now apply to have his or her membership confirmed by way of a Membership Admission Vote: See paragraphs 63, 106 and 107 of the Court Decision.</p> <p data-bbox="691 1577 1490 1682">This item is subject to item 3 below regarding post 1996 automatic memberships, and item 4 below, regarding post 1996 approved transfers in to Band membership.</p>

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3.	September 1, 2023	<p><b>Post 1996 Automatic Membership List</b></p> <p>These are some of the persons on the Post 1996 Membership List, referred to at item 2 above.</p> <p>The Band identifies any persons who acquired membership after 1996, automatically, under sections 3 or 4 of the <i>Membership Rules</i>. This list is called the “<b>Post 1996 Automatic Membership List</b>”. These persons became members automatically upon application. Approval of their membership by a Membership Admission Vote was not required at that time.</p> <p>These persons do not have to apply again to be voted in to membership in the upcoming Membership Admission Vote.</p> <p>Automatic membership under section 3 includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) persons who were Band members prior to April 17, 1985;</li> <li>(b) persons born on or after April 17, 1985, whose parents are both members of the Band; and</li> <li>(c) persons who regained Indian status under Bill C-31.</li> </ul> <p>Members who regained Indian status under Bill C-31 are referred to in the <i>Membership Rules</i>, as “<b>restored members</b>”.</p> <p>Automatic membership under section 4 includes all minor children, who have at least one restored member parent residing on reserve.</p> <p>The Court Decision confirms in paragraph 13 that section 4 of the <i>Membership Rules</i> does not apply to persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) who were already adults on June 26, 1987, when the <i>Membership Rules</i> came into force; or</li> <li>(ii) who are the children of a restored member parent residing off reserve.</li> </ul>

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4.	September 1, 2023	<p><b>Post 1996 Approved Transfer In List</b></p> <p>These are some of the persons on the Post 1996 Membership List, referred to at item 2 above.</p> <p>The Band identifies the list of persons whose application to transfer membership from another Band/First Nation into the Ashcroft Indian Band was approved in a Membership Admission Vote held after 1996, under subsection 7(6) and section 21 of the <i>Membership Rules</i>. This list is called the “<b>Post 1996 Approved Transfer In List</b>”.</p> <p>As approval of their discretionary membership in the Band has been obtained by a Membership Admission Vote already held, persons on this list do not have to reapply for membership in the upcoming Membership Admission Vote.</p>
5.	September 1, 2023	<p><b>Post 1996 Unapproved Transfer In List</b></p> <p>These are some of the persons on the Post 1996 Membership List, referred to at item 2 above.</p> <p>The Band identifies the list of persons whose application to transfer membership from another Band/First Nation into the Ashcroft Indian Band after 1996, has not been approved in a Membership Admission Vote held after 1996. This list is called the “<b>Post 1996 Unapproved Transfer In List</b>”.</p> <p>These persons may reapply to be admitted to membership under subsection 7(6) and section 21 of the <i>Membership Rules</i>, by way of the upcoming Membership Admission Vote.</p>
6.	September 1, 2023	<p><b>Pending Applications List</b></p> <p>These persons have never been members.</p> <p>The Band identifies the list of persons who have applied for discretionary membership in the Band after the May 6, 2021 election of Council. This list is called the “<b>Pending Applications List</b>”.</p> <p>These persons may be admitted to membership, by way of the upcoming Membership Admission Vote.</p>

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7.	September 1, 2023	<p><b>Post 1996 Discretionary Membership List</b></p> <p>To get the “<b>Post 1996 Discretionary Membership List</b>”, the Band starts with item 2 above, being the Post 1996 Membership List. From that list, the Band deducts the persons on the following lists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Post 1996 Automatic Membership List;</li> <li>(b) the Post 1996 Approved Transfer in List; and</li> <li>(c) the Post 1996 Unapproved Transfer in List.</li> </ul> <p>The Post 1996 Discretionary Membership List should include two groups identified in section 7 of the <i>Membership Rules</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) children of restored members, which children were already adults on June 26, 1987, when the <i>Membership Rules</i> came into force; and</li> <li>(ii) any children born after April 17, 1985 who have one Band member parent (provided of course they are not automatic members under section 4 of the <i>Membership Rules</i>).</li> </ul> <p>All persons on the Post 1996 Discretionary Membership List may be admitted to membership, by way of the upcoming Membership Admission Vote.</p>

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8.	September 15, 2023	<p data-bbox="695 270 1312 304"><b>Band Finishes Preparation of the Membership Lists</b></p> <p data-bbox="695 338 1446 405">The Band finishes the preparation of the following membership lists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="776 443 1239 476">(a) the Pre 1997 Membership List;</li> <li data-bbox="776 514 1252 548">(b) the Post 1996 Membership List;</li> <li data-bbox="776 585 1382 619">(c) the Post 1996 Automatic Membership List;</li> <li data-bbox="776 657 1349 690">(d) the Post 1996 Approved Transfer in List;</li> <li data-bbox="776 728 1382 762">(e) the Post 1996 Unapproved Transfer in List;</li> <li data-bbox="776 800 1276 833">(f) the Pending Applications List; and</li> <li data-bbox="776 871 1414 905">(g) the Post 1996 Discretionary Membership List.</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="695 942 1390 976">Please see the <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i>, section 5.10.</p>

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9.	September 15, 2023	<p><b>Eligible Electors - Persons Already Having Band Membership Under the <i>Membership Rules</i></b></p> <p>Persons on the following lists already have Band membership under the <i>Membership Rules</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Pre 1997 Membership List;</li> <li>(b) the Post 1996 Automatic Membership List; and</li> <li>(c) the Post 1996 Approved Transfer in List;</li> </ul> <p>(altogether, the “<b>Eligible Electors</b>”).</p> <p>Persons on the above three lists are not subject to having their membership approved in the upcoming Membership Admission Vote.</p> <p>The Eligible Electors are the persons who will vote in the Membership Admission Vote and will constitute the Voters List. See paragraphs 63, 106 and 107 of the Court Decision.</p> <p>Please see the <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i>, section 4.11.</p> <p>As the membership in the Band of all the persons on the Pre 1997 Membership List has been confirmed by the Court Decision, they are all Eligible Electors, whether or not their membership file contains an application for membership or any supporting documents.</p> <p>Please see paragraphs 48, 55, 59, 60 and 63 of the Court Decision, where it is determined that all persons whose names appear on the Membership List on or before December 31, 1996, and had to be voted in, were properly admitted to Band membership pursuant to a Band membership vote.</p>

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10.	September 15, 2023	<p><b>Persons Whose Membership Applications Must be Approved In the Upcoming Membership Admission Vote</b></p> <p>Persons on the following lists must have their membership applications approved in the upcoming Band Membership Vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Post 1996 Discretionary Membership List;</li> <li>(b) the Post 1996 Unapproved Transfer in List; and</li> <li>(c) the Pending Applications List.</li> </ul>
11.	September 15, 2023	<p><b>Identification of the Four Major Families of the Band</b></p> <p>The Membership Clerk identifies from the Pre 1997 Membership List, the Post 1996 Automatic Membership List and the Post 1996 Approved Transfer in List, the four major families of the Band, on the basis of the total current population in each family on all the lists when combined.</p> <p>For the community consultation process, the Membership Clerk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) posts the names of the four major families on the Band website, and asks for written comments; and</li> <li>(b) invites on the Band website suggestions from the Electors of each of those four families as to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the Eligible Elector to be appointed by Council to sit on the Membership Committee for that family; and</li> <li>(ii) the impartial non-Band member who enjoys the confidence of the Band, who will be appointed by Council to be the chair of the Membership Committee.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Please see the <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i>, sections 8.3 and 8.4.</p>



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12.	September 18 - 29, 2023	<p><b>Notice re Membership Admission Vote</b></p> <p>This notice describes the legal effect of the Court Decision for the Band membership of those persons on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Post 1996 Discretionary Membership List;</li> <li>(b) the Post 1996 Unapproved Transfer in List; and</li> <li>(c) the Pending Applications List.</li> </ul> <p>The Band will forward this notice to all persons on these lists, to any known mail or e-mail addresses of these persons.</p> <p>The notice advises all these persons of the necessity to submit a <b>“Discretionary Membership Application”</b> in the form of Appendix 1 to the <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i>, and supporting documents to the Membership Clerk on or before October 27, 2023.</p> <p>Please see the <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i>, section 9.1, and subsection 9.2(a).</p>

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13.	September 18-29, 2023	<p><b>Invitation to Serve on Membership Committee</b></p> <p>The Membership Committee will consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) four Band members, at least 18 years of age, each of whom represents one of the four major families of the Band, and who is on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the Pre 1997 Membership List;</li> <li>(ii) the Post 1996 Automatic Membership List; or</li> <li>(iii) the Post 1996 Approved Transfer in List; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) one impartial non-Band member who enjoys the confidence of the Band.</li> </ul> <p>See paragraphs 63, 106 and 107 of the Court Decision.</p> <p>The invitation to serve on the committee will be forwarded by the Membership Clerk to any known mail or e-mail addresses of all persons on the above three lists, other than any Council Member, or anyone working in the Band office or a Band business.</p> <p>Please see the <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i>, sections 8.2 and 8.5.</p> <p>The Membership Committee will under the <i>Membership Rules</i>, review all Discretionary Membership Applications and supporting documents.</p> <p>The Membership Committee will make a non-binding recommendation to Council for the acceptance or rejection of any Discretionary Membership Application.</p>

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14.	September 18-29, 2023	<p data-bbox="690 264 1127 296"><b>Draft <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i></b></p> <p data-bbox="690 338 1490 436">Council reviews the draft <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i> to be made by the Band under section 31 of the <i>Membership Rules</i>, for the administration of those rules.</p> <p data-bbox="690 478 1446 577">The proposed regulation is submitted as part of the community consultation with the Electors on the upcoming Membership Admission Votes.</p> <p data-bbox="690 619 993 651">The proposed regulation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="781 688 1442 758">(a) is the means by which the Band implements the Court Decision;</li> <li data-bbox="789 800 1484 936">(b) confirms that the Membership Admission Vote required by the Court Decision on all Discretionary Membership Applications submitted to the Band after 1996 will be conducted under that regulation;</li> <li data-bbox="789 978 1471 1077">(c) adopts a Discretionary Membership Application form and other forms required, for the purpose of the <i>Membership Rules</i>; and</li> <li data-bbox="789 1119 1430 1218">(d) sets out the administrative process for the Membership Admission Votes on Discretionary Membership Applications.</li> </ul>

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15.	September 18 - 29, 2023	<p><b>Information for the Members About the Court Decision to Initiate the Community Consultation Process</b></p> <p>A community consultation process is started with the Band members on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Court Decision and the upcoming Membership Admission Vote under the <i>Membership Rules</i> on Discretionary Membership Applications by persons on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the Post 1996 Discretionary Membership List;</li> <li>(ii) the Post 1996 Unapproved Transfer In List; and</li> <li>(iii) the Pending Applications List;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) the draft <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i>; and</li> <li>(c) the persons who will be appointed to the Membership Committee.</li> </ul> <p>Chief and Council approves the following documents for posting on the Band website, to start the community consultation process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the Information Package for the Members About the Court Decision on Band Membership;</li> <li>(ii) the Notice re Membership Admission Vote;</li> <li>(ii) the Invitation to Serve on the Membership Committee;</li> <li>(iii) the Discretionary Membership Application;</li> <li>(iv) this Timeline; and</li> <li>(v) the draft <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i> including Appendices 1-14.</li> </ul> <p>Please see the <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i> sections 12.4 and 17.4.</p>

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16.	September 30, 2023 to October 27, 2023	<p><b>Review of Membership Files</b></p> <p>The Membership Clerk reviews the membership file for each of the persons on the following lists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Post 1996 Discretionary Membership List;</li> <li>(b) the Post 1996 Unapproved Transfer In List; and</li> <li>(c) the Pending Applications List;</li> </ul> <p>(altogether, the “<b>Applicants</b>”).</p> <p>An application for discretionary membership in the Band is incomplete if the application and supporting documents do not allow the Membership Clerk to determine the eligibility of the Applicant for any of the seven classes of discretionary membership set out in Part III of the <i>Membership Rules</i>.</p> <p>The Discretionary Membership Application is in the form of Appendix 1 to the <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i>.</p> <p>Please see the <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i>, subsection 9.2(a), sections 10.1 and 10.3.</p> <p>The form at Appendix 1 contains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a description of the seven categories of discretionary membership; and</li> <li>(ii) a listing of the documents and information requirements to be met for the Membership Clerk to consider the application to be complete.</li> </ul>

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17.	October 20, 2023	<p><b>Community Consultation Concludes</b></p> <p>The community consultation process concludes with the Band members on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Court Decision and the upcoming Membership Admission Vote under the <i>Membership Rules on Discretionary Membership Applications</i> by persons on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the Post 1996 Discretionary Membership List;</li> <li>(ii) the Post 1996 Unapproved Transfer In List; and</li> <li>(iii) the Pending Applications List;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) the draft <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i>; and</li> <li>(c) the persons who will be appointed to the Membership Committee.</li> </ul>

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18.	September 30, 2023 to October 27, 2023	<p><b>Incomplete Applications</b></p> <p>If the Discretionary Membership Application is incomplete, the Membership Clerk gives that person a written deficiency notice (the “<b>Deficiency Notice</b>”) stating either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) that there are minor deficiencies in the application that must be corrected and submitted to the Membership Clerk within two weeks; or</li> <li>(b) that a fully completed Discretionary Membership Application and supporting documents must be submitted to the Membership Clerk within two weeks.</li> </ul> <p>If the requested materials are not received by the Membership Clerk within the two week period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the name of that person will not be included in any further processes for the Membership Admission Vote; and</li> <li>(ii) the Membership Clerk shall on November 29, 2023 give that person the Deferral Notice described below in item 26.</li> </ul> <p>Please see the <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i>, section 9.2.</p>
19.	October 27, 2023	<p><b>Deadline for Submission of Discretionary Membership Application</b></p> <p>The Discretionary Membership Application fully completed and all supporting documents must be received by the Membership Clerk on or before October 27, 2023.</p> <p>Please see the <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i>, section 9.2.</p> <p>Applications received after this date will not be considered for admission to discretionary membership in the Band, in the Membership Admission Vote on March 7, 2024.</p>
20.	November 3, 2023	<p><b>Membership Rules Regulation Enacted</b></p> <p>Following the community consultation, the Council brings the <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i> into legal effect.</p>

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21.	November 3, 2023	<p><b>Deadline for Review by Membership Clerk</b></p> <p>The Discretionary Membership Applications and all supporting documents are reviewed by the Membership Clerk by November 3, 2023.</p>
22.	November 8, 2023	<p><b>Deadline for Issuing Any Remaining Deficiency Notices</b></p> <p>The deadline for the Membership Clerk to give any further deficiency notices for incomplete applications is November 8, 2023, for receipt by the Membership Clerk of the required corrections within two weeks, that is on or before November 22, 2023.</p>
23.	November 15, 2023	<p><b>Council Resolution Appointing the Membership Committee</b></p> <p>Council passes a Council Resolution appointing the Membership Committee: Please see the <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i>, section 8.6.</p>
24.	November 22, 2023	<p><b>Deadline for Correcting Any Remaining Deficiency Notices</b></p> <p>The deadline for the Membership Clerk to receive corrections to any remaining Deficiency Notices is November 22, 2023.</p> <p>Corrections received after this date will not be considered for admission to discretionary membership in the Band, in the Membership Admission Vote on March 7, 2024.</p>



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25.	September 30, 2023 to November 22, 2023	<p><b>Deadline for Processing Complete Applications</b></p> <p>For each Applicant whose Discretionary Membership Application is complete, the Membership Clerk prepares the Membership Clerk Report to Membership Committee, in the form of Appendix 2 to the <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i>.</p> <p>The report confirms whether the application and supporting documents are complete and conform with the requirements of the <i>Membership Rules</i> for discretionary membership in the Band.</p> <p>This report is submitted by the Membership Clerk to the Membership Committee on or before November 22, 2023.</p> <p>Please see the <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i>, section 10.2 and 10.4.</p>
26.	November 29, 2023	<p><b>Deferral Notices Given to Discretionary Membership Applicants</b></p> <p>The Membership Clerk gives each Discretionary Membership Applicant who was forwarded a Deficiency Notice, and who did not correct the Deficiency Notice by November 22, 2022, a written deferral notice (the “<b>Deferral Notice</b>”) stating that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="776 1119 1484 1220">(a) the name of that person will not be included in any further processes for the Membership Admission Vote on March 7, 2024; and</li> <li data-bbox="776 1262 1446 1362">(b) consideration of that person’s Discretionary Membership Application will be deferred until a future Membership Admission Vote.</li> </ul> <p>Please see the <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i>, section 10.5.</p>

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27.	November 30 to December 13, 2023	<p><b>Membership Committee Meeting Schedule and Deadline</b></p> <p>The Membership Committee completes its review of each Discretionary Membership Application and supporting documents, and the Membership Clerk Report, for each Applicant submitting a completed application.</p> <p>The Membership Committee makes a recommendation in the form of Appendix 3 to the <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i>, for acceptance or rejection of each application for discretionary membership. In the case of rejection, the committee also provides brief written reasons.</p> <p>The deadline for the committee to complete its work is December 13, 2023.</p> <p>Please see the <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i>, section 8.9.</p> <p>The Membership Committee establishes its own social distancing policy.</p>
28.	December 15, 2023	<p><b>Notice to Eligible Electors re Current Addresses Required</b></p> <p>The Band gives all Eligible Electors notice by e-mail and on the Band website that they must provide the Administration Office with their current mailing address, within three weeks, to make sure they are able to vote in the Membership Admission Vote.</p> <p>Please see the <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i>, section 12.12.</p>

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29.	December 15, 2023	<p><b>Band Council Resolution Authorizing the Membership Admission Vote</b></p> <p>A Band Council Resolution is signed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) setting the date, time and place for the Membership Admission Vote required by the Court Decision for approval of Discretionary Membership Applications by those persons on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the Post 1996 Discretionary Membership List;</li> <li>(ii) the Post 1996 Unapproved Transfer In List; and</li> <li>(iii) the Pending Applications List;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) confirming that those persons on the above lists whose Discretionary Membership Applications have been reviewed by the Membership Committee on or before December 13, 2023, will go forward to the Membership Admission Vote for acceptance or rejection;</li> <li>(c) setting the wording of the question to be submitted on the Membership Admission Vote, to the Eligible Electors, for voting;</li> <li>(d) approving the Timeline for the Membership Admission Vote;</li> <li>(e) setting the format, date, time and place for the information session to be held for the Electors (the "<b>Information Session</b>"), on the Discretionary Membership Applications and the Membership Admission Vote;</li> <li>(f) appointing an Electoral Officer and Deputy Electoral Officer to conduct the Membership Admission Vote;</li> <li>(g) confirming that any guidelines of the Electoral Officer for social distancing during the Information Session and the Membership Admission Vote, will be posted on the Band website; and</li> </ul>
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		<p>(h) confirming that the Membership Admission Vote will be conducted under the <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i> of the Band.</p> <p>Please see the <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i>, sections 12.2 and 12.10.</p>
30.	January 4, 2024	<p><b>Deadline for Receipt of Current Addresses</b></p> <p>The deadline for all the Eligible Electors to provide the Administration Office with their current mailing address, to make sure they are able to vote in the Membership Admission Vote, is January 4, 2024.</p>
31.	January 18, 2024	<p><b>Voters List</b></p> <p>The Membership Clerk provides the Voters List of Eligible Electors to the Electoral Officer. The Voters List includes the last known postal address and e-mail address of each Eligible Elector entitled to vote: <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i> section 12.14.</p>
32.	January 25, 2024	<p><b>Information About Applicants for Discretionary Membership</b></p> <p>For each Applicant for discretionary membership who is to be considered for admission to the Band in the Membership Admission Vote, the Membership Clerk completes the Applicant Information Form, as set out at Appendix 4 to the <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i>.</p> <p>The completed form gives a brief summary of the findings of the Membership Committee about each Applicant.</p> <p>The completed form is to be provided to the Eligible Electors either in the Mail in Ballot Package, or at the Membership Admission Vote on March 7, 2024, to assist them in deciding how to vote.</p> <p>Please see the <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i>, section 10.8.</p>

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33.	January 25, 2024	<p><b>Notice of Referendum Vote and Mail in Ballot Package</b></p> <p>The Electoral Officer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) posts the Notice of Referendum and the Voters List at the Administration Office; and</li> <li>(b) sends by mail to all Off Reserve Eligible Electors the Mail in Ballot Package including the Notice of Referendum and the Applicant Information Forms.</li> </ul> <p>The Notice of Referendum is in the form of Appendix 5 to the <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i>.</p> <p>Please see the <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i> section 12.17.</p>
34.	January 25, 2024	<p><b>Electoral Officer's Social Distancing Policy</b></p> <p>The guidelines of the Electoral Officer for social distancing during the Information Session and the Membership Admission Vote, are posted on the Band website.</p>
35.	February 13, 2024	<p><b>Information Session</b></p> <p>An Information Session is held by the Band, for the Electors, on the Membership Admission Vote on Discretionary Membership Applications: <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i> section 12.20.</p> <p>The meeting is conducted in accordance with the Electoral Officer's social distancing policy.</p>
36.	February 23, 2024	<p><b>Requesting a Mail in Ballot Package</b></p> <p>This is the last day for any Eligible Elector to request in writing a Mail in Ballot Package and provide a copy of his or her Indian status card to the Electoral Officer, to receive a Mail in Ballot Package from the Electoral Officer: <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i> section 12.18.</p>

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37.	March 7, 2024	<p><b>Membership Admission Vote</b></p> <p>The poll is at the Roundhouse, 380 Cornwall Road, Ashcroft, BC, V0K 1A0 and is open from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm for in person voting: <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i> section 14.2.</p> <p>Only Eligible Electors vote, being those on the following lists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Pre 1997 Membership List;</li> <li>(b) the Post 1996 Automatic Membership List; and</li> <li>(c) the Post 1996 Approved Transfer in List.</li> </ul> <p>Please see the <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i>, section 4.11.</p> <p>Mail in Ballots must be received by the Electoral Officer prior to the close of the poll to be counted. Any Mail in Ballots not so received are not counted: <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i> section 13.7.</p> <p>After the close of the poll, the Mail in Ballots are opened by the Electoral Officer and Deputy, their contents verified, and the ballots placed in the ballot box by the Electoral Officer: <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i> section 15.1.</p> <p>These proceedings shall be carried out in accordance with the Electoral Officer's social distancing policy.</p>

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38.	March 8 2024	<p><b>Counting the Ballots</b></p> <p>All ballots are counted by the Electoral Officer and Deputy at the Roundhouse beginning at 9:00 am: <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i> section 15.4. This process shall be carried out in accordance with the Electoral Officer's social distancing policy.</p> <p>An Applicant for discretionary membership will become a member of the Band upon a vote for acceptance by a majority of the Eligible Electors voting. The membership will be effective as of the date of the Membership Admission Vote.</p> <p>Please see the <i>Membership Rules</i> section 21, and <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i> section 15.9.</p> <p>A tie is resolved by the Electoral Officer who conducts a draw: <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i> section 15.8.</p> <p>A recount is conducted by the Electoral Officer if there are five or fewer votes between acceptance and rejection of an Applicant as a discretionary member of the Band: <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i> section 15.7.</p> <p>The Electoral Officer completes the record of the Membership Admission Vote Results in the form of Appendix 9 to the <i>Membership Rules Regulation: Membership Rules Regulation</i> section 15.11.</p> <p>The Electoral Officer then makes a public declaration to the Electors of the Membership Admission Vote Results: <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i> section 15.10.</p>
39.	March 11-13, 2024	<p><b>Recounts</b></p> <p>Any necessary recounts are completed by the Electoral Officer and Deputy: <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i> section 15.7. This process shall be carried out in accordance with the Electoral Officer's social distancing policy.</p>

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40.	March 14, 2024	<p><b>Deadline for Membership Admission Vote Results to be Posted</b></p> <p>The Electoral Officer posts the Membership Admission Vote Results on or before March 14, 2024 in the Administration Office and on the Band website: <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i> section 15.11.</p>
41.	June 6, 2024	<p><b>Destruction of the Ballots</b></p> <p>The ballots and referendum documents are destroyed by the Electoral Officer, unless a judicial review of the Membership Admission Vote is filed in Federal Court: <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i> section 15.14.</p>
42.	June 7, 2024	<p><b>Appealing the Membership Admission Vote Results</b></p> <p>This is the first day on which an appeal may be filed with the Band by an Applicant rejected for membership in the Membership Admission Vote. The appeal is a right of reapplication for discretionary membership in the Band.</p> <p>Please see Part VII of the Rules and the <i>Membership Rules Regulation</i> section 16.1.</p>

A change to one of the dates may require one or more other dates to change, as the dates are all linked under the *Membership Rules Regulation*.

Terms defined in the *Membership Rules* or the *Membership Rules Regulation* shall have the same meaning in this Timeline.

The September 15, 2023 draft of the *Membership Rules Regulation* will be amended to include:

- (a) changes made by this Timeline; and
- (b) changes resulting from the community consultation process with the Electors.