

TAKLA NATION ELECTION NOTICE

MAIL IN BALLOT DISTRIBUTION ERROR

Please be advised that a number of mail-in ballot packages were sent to ineligible voting members (under 18 years of age) due to the use of a membership mailing address list not properly filtered for electors (18 years or older) – the official voters list.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

While this administrative error is unfortunate, the election code and its vote processing procedures ensure that only eligible voting members ballots are cast and counted. We have outlined the process below for you.

If any of these ballots are returned to OneFeather in the name of the under-age members who received them (or any ineligible person) they WOULD NOT be counted as part of the Chief and Council election results because of the process required by section 11.1 of the **Takla Election Code** for processing mail in ballots:

- 1) We collect all mail -in ballots and keep them in a safe location until end of physical polls on May 10, 2019;
- 2) At end of physical polls, we open up all mail-in ballots and review the **Voter Declaration Form** that is also returned. Under-age voters are not on the voters list and so, any ballot packages returned would be discarded at this time. Likewise, if any legitimate voters attempted to return multiple ballot packages, they too would be rejected at this point.
- 3) We then identify that voter, who successfully completed their voter declaration form, as having voted by “mail in” ballots and set the secrecy ballot envelope in a pile.
- 4) We then open up all secrecy ballots and count the mail in ballots received.

WHAT DO I DO IF MY HOUSEHOLD RECEIVED THESE PACKAGES?

Please contact OneFeather directly and let us know. Do not reuse these packages sent to non-voting members. If there is someone in your family who has not yet received their ballot package, please have them contact OneFeather and provide their mailing address. Lastly, **PLEASE USE** the packages that were sent to eligible voting members. Completed packages will need to be returned to Victoria and or can also be dropped off at any of the three polling stations on May 8 (PG), May 9 (Fort St James) and May 10 (Takla) 2019.

WHO DO I TALK TO ABOUT THIS?

Please contact Jaclyn Casler, Deputy Electoral Officer if you have any questions or concerns or require any additional information.

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