



What You Need to Know When Voting for Membertou Land Code

Membertou Eligible Voters have three voting methods to cast a ballot on the *Membertou Land Code* and *Individual Agreement* but most choose one of the following: a.) **Electronic Voting** b.) **Mail-In Ballot Voting** and c.) **In-Person Voting**.

Electronic Voting will be available 24 hours per day, starting on Saturday, April 27th at 12:00 p.m. until Friday, June 7th 2019 at 8:00 a.m. Electronic voting will not be available during regular polls during voting days (Advance Poll and Official Voting Day.)

How to Vote Electronically Using Vote Now

Step 1: Log onto <https://vtnw.com/go/MembertouReg/>

Step 2: Complete all required fields (name, date of birth, 10-digit band number and email address);

Step 3: Select **ELECTRONIC** when asked how you want to vote;

Step 4: Wait for verification code. This takes a few minutes and will go to the email address you have provided.

Step 5: Enter your code when prompted.

Step 6: An electronic ballot is then sent to that email address. Re-enter your 10-digit band number to open your ballot

Step 7: Cast your vote, confirm your vote and you are done! Your name is entered to win one of five \$100 Visa gift cards.

NOTE: You should receive a total of four emails for this process. Please check your junk mail from:

elections@vote-now.com

Mail-In Voting – To ratify the *Membertou Land Code* and the *Individual Agreement* by mail-in ballot. You will need your status card number and a witness. **All mail-in ballots must be received by mail or hand delivered to Chris LaPorte, Ratification Officer by Saturday, June 8th 2019 by 8:00 p.m. (AST)**

Step 1: Each envelope is numbered. You will find your ballot to vote inside the Secrecy Ballot Envelope (#1). Your ballot will ask, “Do you approve: *The Membertou Land Code* and the *Individual Agreement*?”

Step 2: Place your ballot inside the Secrecy Ballot Envelope (#1) and seal it.

Step 3: Place the Secrecy Ballot Envelope (#1) into the Registration/Declaration Envelope (#2) and seal it.

Step 4: Complete and sign the outside of the Registration/Declaration Envelope (#2) in the presence of a witness who is at least 18 years of age.

Step 5: Enclose the sealed, signed and witnessed Registration/Declaration Envelope (#2) in the Return Envelope (#3), with the prepaid postage and seal it.

Step 6: Fill out your name and address in the top left corner of the Return Envelope (#3).

Step 7: Drop off at any Canada Post Office (allow ample time for delivery) or hand deliver it to Chris LaPorte, Ratification Officer.

In Person Voting (Advance Poll & Official Voting Day) – To ratify the *Membertou Land Code* and the *Individual Agreement* in person at the polls, you will need any ID with your name and picture.

Step 1: You will need to register to vote; forms will be available at the polling stations.

Step 2: Your ballot will ask, “Do you approve: *The Membertou Land Code* and the *Individual Agreement*?”

NOTE: Mark the ballot by placing an X or ✓ in the box marked “YES” or in the box marked “NO”

A “YES” vote means that Membertou will manage its own reserve lands under the *Membertou Land Code*.

A “NO” vote means that Membertou lands will continue to be managed by the Department of Aboriginal Affairs under the *Indian Act*.

Membertou Spring Gathering/Wikipalimk



(Pictured L-R: Phillip Goulais, Cheryl Knockwood & Noah Matthews-Cremo)

The Membertou Governance Committee hosted its 8th Annual Spring Gathering/Wikipalimk on Saturday, April 27th 2019 at the Membertou Sport & Wellness Centre.

Earlier that day, the Membertou Youth Chief and Council hosted a fundraiser breakfast at the Mawiomio'kuom Society. The meal included bacon, eggs, sausages, toast, hash browns and cereal. Thanks to Youth Chief Emily Bernard and Youth Council, Jayden Paul, Noah Matthews-Cremo, Gaby Doucette and Laurie Doucette for preparing a great breakfast. What a great way to start off the day!

The Membertou Governance Committee had the opportunity to meet with Phillip Goulais, member and former Chief of Nispissing, First Nation and Director of the Eastern Region of Land Advisory Board. He shared his experiences with adopting the Land Code with the Governance committee and to our community members at the pow wow.

Community members gathered for an afternoon fulfilled with singing, dancing and drumming. Guest speakers from the Isle of Storytelling shared their stories and Well's Craft were on site, selling Mi'kmaq crafts and jewelry.

To conclude the event, community members were welcome to feast on some pizza and refreshments. It was another successful event for the Governance Committee. We're looking forward to seeing everyone again next year!

Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 30th 2019
Governance Committee Meeting
 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 MTCC Corner Office

Friday & Saturday, June 7th & 8th, 2019
LAND CODE IN-PERSON VOTE DAYS
 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 Membertou Trade & Convention Centre

Thursday, June 27th, 2019
Governance Committee Meeting
 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 Wallace Bernard Memorial Centre

Thursday, July 25th, 2019
Governance Committee Meeting
 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 Wallace Bernard Memorial Centre

Thursday, September 26th, 2019
Governance Committee Meeting
 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 Wallace Bernard Memorial Centre

NOTE: Above dates are subject to change.

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