

Get to know The Community Ratification Process

What is the Community Ratification Process (CRP)?

The CRP sets out the rules and procedures a signatory First Nation to the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management (Framework Agreement)* will follow to present its Land Code and Individual Agreement to its community for approval.

In the CRP, the First Nation identifies how it will meet its obligation to ensure that each Eligible Voter, on and off-reserve, has the opportunity to become informed and vote freely on the land code and individual agreement. The *Framework Agreement* requires that the CRP outlines procedures for:

- Roles and responsibilities of the ratification officer
- Issuing a Notice of Vote
- Vote procedures for mail-in, in-person and/or e-voting, and
- Post-Vote procedures such as the certification of the Land Code

There are many activities included in the Community Ratification Process, such as:

- Appointment of a Ratification Officer to oversee the vote
- Approval of the CRP document, land code text and Individual Agreement,
- Confirmation of the initial list of eligible voters
- Information packages developed and sent to the membership
- Operation of polling stations during the vote
- Procedures for counting ballots (and handling rejected ballots if required), etc.

CRP Community Information Checklist

The CRP identifies a checklist of mandatory information to be sent to voting Members, including copies of the Notice of Vote, Land Code, Individual Agreement, Framework Agreement, and the Framework Agreement's ratifying legislation.



- List of Eligible Voters - 18+, On & Off Reserve
- Duty of Ratification Officer
- Notice of Vote/Voter Package
- Methods of Vote - Polls, Mail-In, Electronic
- Voting Dates
- Counting of Ballots
- Objections
- Verification of Land Code