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# Custom Election Regulation Review

## December 16, 2025

### Minutes

#### Attendees:

**On Zoom:** Brandon Johannesson, Cheryl Dyck, Jacob McPherson, Ken Dyck, Marilyn Teneese, Melissa Parkin, Tana Hendrick, Leslie Wetmore, Patsy Nicholas, Charlie Records, Stephanie Sam, Rosemary Phillips, Eldene Stanley.

**In the Health Centre, Round Room:** Rachel Bach, Gayle Michel, Mary Jimmy, Danny Burgoyne.

David Bach, CAO, Meeting Chair

David Farrell, Policy Coordinator, recording amendments.

Sue Smythe, Administration Assistant, Minute taker.

#### Call to order

Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM

#### 1. Opening Prayer

Said by David Bach

#### 2. Background-David Bach, CAO

Section 30 of the Election Code sets out the process for amending the Code. Under this section, any member or Council may request a review. At Council's direction, this process has now been formally triggered.

The Code is very clear and prescriptive regarding notice periods. In this case, we elected to restart the entire notice period to ensure clarity, transparency, and full compliance with the Code.

At a high level, once the amendment process is initiated, notice must be provided to all electors. This notice was mailed and also posted on the website and Facebook. The notice clearly stated that this is a review meeting and that the entire Election Code is open for discussion.

This meeting is intended to receive any and all proposed amendments. Each proposal will be documented, and within five days, (December 23) every proposal received will be circulated to all electors.

Following that, the process requires that we reconvene. The next meeting is scheduled for January 6, at which time electors will vote on the proposed amendments. The notice also provided electors with the opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed amendments by written submission to [sue.smythe@akisqnuk.org](mailto:sue.smythe@akisqnuk.org) in advance of the meeting.

On January 7, the results will be forwarded to Council. It is important to note that under Section 30, Council does not have the authority to change the Election Code. Council's role is limited to receiving the outcome of the elector-driven process.

Section 30 sets out this process clearly from subsections (a) through (m). That is the process I wanted to outline at a high level.

### **3. Proposal and Amendments for the Custom Election**

There were amendments that were emailed before the meeting to [sue.smythe@akisqnuk.org](mailto:sue.smythe@akisqnuk.org) by electors that were present at the meeting.

One e-mail submission received had non-substantive grammatical and formatting amendments. It was noted by the Meeting Chair that section 30, line 1, allows for these corrections to be made without a vote. These grammatical and formatting corrections will be made in the updated Election Regulations. Any substantive amendments were added to the list of amendments up for consideration at the next meeting.

Following the email submissions, the floor was open, and the present electors proposed additional amendments for consideration. All proposed amendments from this meeting are attached to these minutes as Appendix A.

### **4. Closing debrief**

20 amendments were received, and these will be distributed on Tuesday, December 23, 2025. The voters will have 2 weeks to review the proposed amendments. Voters can send their comments on the amendments via email, as these will be discussed again and accepted at the next meeting on January 6, 2026. Email comments are not necessary, but simply an option; voters can also have their comments ready for the January 6 meeting.

The window to present amendments is now closed.

### **5. Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned time 6:15 PM