# APPENDIX "C" NOTICE OF RATIFICATION VOTE

## ENGLISH RIVER FIRST NATION TREATY 10 ECONOMIC BENEFITS AND OTHER TREATY PROMISES SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND THE ENGLISH RIVER FIRST NATION 2023 SETTLEMENT TRUST RATIFICATION VOTE

# NOTICE OF RATIFICATION VOTE

Date: September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# TO: THE VOTERS OF ENGLISH RIVER FIRST NATION ("ERFN")

A ratification vote of the voters of ERFN pursuant to the Voting Guidelines will be held during the week starting **October 9, 2023 and ending October 13, 2023 (the "Voting Week")** to determine if the Voters of ERFN who are at least 18 years of age agree to and authorize and direct ERFN Council to sign the English River First Nation Treaty 10 Economic Benefits and Other Treaty Promises Settlement Agreement and the English River First Nation 2023 Settlement Trust (the "Trust Agreement").

The following question will be asked of the Voters of ERFN by secret ballot:

## As a Voter of the First Nation, do you:

a) **agree** to all of the terms and conditions of the English River First Nation Treaty 10 Economic Benefits and other Treaty Promises Settlement Agreement initialled by the negotiators for the First Nation and Canada, which settles and releases the matters set out in the Settlement Agreement and the Trust Agreement;

and

b) **authorize and direct** the Council of the First Nation to sign all documents and do everything necessary to give effect to the English River First Nation Treaty 10 Economic Benefits and Other Treaty Promises Settlement Agreement and the Trust Agreement?

Subject to any unexpected change in plans due to uncontrollable circumstances, Information Meetings for purposes of the ratification vote will be held on the following dates/times/locations:

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- An Informational Presentation will occur in-person starting at 1:00 pm (CST) until 3:00 pm (CST) on September 14, 2023 at the Patuanak Band Hall.
- An Open House Session at the Patuanak Band Hall will occur from 3:30pm (CST) until 6:00pm (CST) on September 14, 2023.
- An Informational Presentation will occur at 10:00 am (CST) until 12:00 pm (CST) on September 15, 2023 outside of the La Plonge Band Office.
- An Open House Session will occur outside of the La Plonge Band Office from 12:30pm (CST) until 2:00pm (CST) on September 15, 2023.
- A Zoom Information Session will occur at 5:00 pm (CST) until 6:00 pm (CST) on September 20, 2023;
- A Zoom Information Session will occur at from 5:00 pm (CST) until 6:00 pm (CST) on September 21, 2023.

Online voting for the ratification vote will take place on the OneFeather election website for ERFN beginning Monday, October 9, 2023 at 9:00am (CST) and ending at 8:00pm (CST) on Friday, October 13, 2023 on the One Feather website (<u>www.onefeather.ca</u>).

# To vote online, please:

- Visit the OneFeather election website for ERFN by copy and pasting the following URL link in your internet browser: https://www.onefeather.ca/nations/english-river-first-nation;
- Click the **RED** button labeled "Sign Up with OneFeather" or "Vote with OneFeather" and follow the instructions provided;
- You will be required to provide your Registry Number (Status Card), Date of Birth, and an email address and phone number;
- Please contact the Chief Ratification Officer (whose contact information is set out below) with any questions.

**In-Person voting** for the ratification vote will take place on Friday, October 13, 2023 at 9:00am (CST) until 8:00pm (CST) at the following polling stations:

• Patuanak Band Office – located on ERFN's WAPACHEWUNAK RESERVE NO. 192D (physical address: 201 Churchill River Street, Patuanak SK, S0M 2H0).

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- La Plonge Band Office located on LA PLONGE RESERVE 192 (physical address: 101B Birch Street, Beauval SK, S0M 0G0)
- Des Nedhe Group Business Headquarters located on ERFN's GRASSWOODS RESERVE NO. 192J just outside Saskatoon SK (municipal address: 321-2555 Grasswood Road East, Saskatoon, SK, Canada S7T OK1)

A copy of the English River First Nation Treaty 10 Economic Benefits and Other Treaty Promises Settlement Agreement and the English River First Nation 2023 Settlement Trust are available to all ERFN Voters on an Information Portal on the ERFN website (www.erfn.net).

# PLEASE NOTE: ERFN Voters will require a passcode in order to access the information portal on the ERFN website. To acquire the confidential passcode, please contact the Chief Ratification Officer or any member of ERFN Band Council.

Voters will have opportunity to vote either in person, by mail-in ballot, or online. <u>Only</u> voters who specifically request a mail-in ballot on or before September 27, 2023, are residing off-reserve, and for whom Band Council has a current address will receive a mail-out package with information and with forms required to vote by mail-in ballot.

A List of Voters will be posted prior to the Ratification Vote.

Any individual may apply to the Chief Ratification Officer, up to and including any day during the Voting Week, to have the List of Voters revised if such Voter believes that:

- the name of a Voter has been omitted from the List of Voters; or
- the name of a Voter is incorrectly set out or should not be included on the List of Voters; or
- the name of an individual not qualified to vote is included on the List of Voters.

Any individual may, up to and including the last day of the Voting Week, apply to the Chief Ratification Officer to have his or her name added to the List of Voters if that individual can provide evidence of eligibility to vote that satisfies the Chief Ratification Officer that:

(a) he or she is at least 18 years of age on the day they wish to cast their vote, and

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(b) he or she is eligible to be added on either: (1) Band List maintained by ERFN or (2) the Indian Register with a registration number beginning with the digits 400 by the last day of the Ratification Vote.

An application for a change to the List of Voters or a request for a copy of the Voting Guidelines or forms may be made to the Ratification Officer at:

English River Ratification Officer

- Address: 209-852 Fort Street Victoria, BC V8W 1H8
- E: voterhelp@onefeather.ca P: 250-384-8200 Toll Free: 1-855-923-3006

**DATED** at Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia this8th day of September, 2023.

Benjamin Turner Ratification Officer

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