

September 12, 2023

Dear Paul First Nation Elector:

**RE: Land Designation Vote - October 25, 2023**

The Chief and Council of the Paul First Nation are proposing to designate, by way of a surrender that is not absolute,

1. Gas Bar Convenience Store: a parcel of land totaling approximately 1.85 acres (0.75 hectares) located on the Wabamun Indian Reserve No. 133B and,
2. Ironhead Golf Course and Adjacent Lands: three parcels of land totaling approximately 1068 acres (432.20 hectares) located on the Wabamun Indian Reserve No. 133A.

This designation will be held pursuant to sections 37 – 41 of the *Indian Act*. The purpose of the designation is to make the land available for leasing purposes, the specific purpose(s) to be consented to by the Council of the Band.

An information meeting will be held at the Paul First Nation New School Gymnasium on Wabamun Indian Reserve No. 133A on October 4, 2023 starting at 6 p.m. for the designation of both parcels of land. Paul First Nation Band Council representatives and Department of Indigenous Services Canada representatives will be available to discuss the designation and leasing processes and answer any questions.

A referendum vote for Paul First Nation electors will be held at the Paul First Nation New School Gymnasium on Wabamun Indian Reserve No. 133A on October 25, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.. Eligible voters residing off-reserve may cast their vote via the enclosed mail-in ballot. There will be one white ballot to vote on the Gas Bar Convenience Store and one green ballot to vote on the Ironhead Golf Course and Adjacent Lands. Alternatively, off-reserve voters may vote in person at the on-reserve polling station. If you choose to vote in person, please return the mail-in ballot to the Electoral Officer. On-reserve voters may also request a mail-in package, or vote in person.



Please find enclosed:

- one copy of the Notice of Referendum
- one copy of each of the Designation Documents
- one copy of the Information Document
- four maps of the areas to be designated at both parcels
- one white mail-in ballot (Gas Bar Convenience Store)
- one green mail-in ballot (Ironhead Golf Course and Adjacent Lands)
- instructions for casting mail-in ballots
- one envelope marked "BALLOT ONLY" with a Voter Declaration form on the back
- one brown self-addressed, postage paid return envelope

To cast your vote, please follow the enclosed instructions. Should you require assistance of further information on the voting process, please contact:

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Nick Nath  
Executive Director  
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Your vote is important in determining the wishes of the membership of the Paul First Nation with respect to the proposed designation. Please take the time to review the documents and exercise your right to vote as a Paul First Nation Elector.

Sincerely,

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# **Instructions to Mail-in Voter**

1. Check the Electoral Officer's letter to ensure you have received all the material listed. If not, please contact the Electoral Officer. Read the enclosed material.
2. Complete the Voter Declaration form on the back of the Ballot envelope. The top portion is to be filled out by the elector and the bottom section is to be completed by a witness. Note that you must be a member of the Paul First Nation and be 18 years of age or older, and you must have your signature witnessed by someone 18 years of age or older. (The witness is not required to be a member).
3. For each ballot (green and white), mark each ballot paper by placing a mark in the box beneath either the "Yes" or "No".
4. For each ballot (green and white), Fold the marked ballot paper in half so your mark does not show but the Electoral Officer's initials do show. Place the marked ballot papers in the same envelope marked "BALLOT ONLY" and seal this envelope (this is the same envelope that has the Voter Declaration).
5. Place the sealed ballot envelope in the brown pre-addressed, postage-paid larger return envelope and mail to the Electoral Officer.

## **Important Note:**

Mail-in ballots must be **received** by the close of the poll on **October 25, 2023** to be counted. It is recommended that the marked ballot/Declaration be put in the mail promptly so as to allow adequate time for mail delivery.

It will cost you nothing to vote – just your time.

**Thank you for exercising your right to vote as a Paul First Nation member.**