## Purpose

The current SVDN Election Law was passed in November 2015 and was utilized to run both the 2016 and 2018 Chief and Council elections. Based on the experience and feedback from these last two elections, it was identified that there needed to be additional enhancements to this law to ensure it will run more smoothly for the next SVDN election. The Election Law Review Committee will undertake a review of the current law, provide information and seek feedback from community members both on and off reserve. The Committee has identified a need to ensure community discussions first to hear issues and concerns with the current law, before developing recommended options for change. The recommended changes will be put to a vote in a revised law in the spring of 2021 before the next SVDN Chief and Council election in the fall of 2021.

In this survey the Committee is looking at the 3 specific sections of the current Election Law including: Section 7 Terms of Office; Section 9 Nomination Eligibility; and Section 10 Posting and Procedures of Nominations and Election.

## Section 7: Terms of Office

The current Election Law outlines a term of office for three years, the Committee is reviewing where there should be a limit on the number of terms a person can serve.

**Question: Please provide any recommendations if there should be a limit on the number of terms a person can serve and provide reasons why for Committee review and consideration**

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## Section 9: Nomination Eligibility

The current Election Law states the following:

9.3 A non-refundable filing fee of five hundred ($500.00) dollars must be paid by all Eligible Candidates for the position of Chief, and three hundred ($300.00) dollars must be paid by all Eligible Candidates for the position of Councillor upon filing their Nomination Paper with the Electoral Officer.

**Question: Do you agree with these amounts or should they be changed? Please provide you recommendations to this section of the non-refundable filing fee and provide reasons why for Committee review and consideration**

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## Section 10: Posing and Procedures of Nominations and Election

The current Election Law does not provide for a nomination night as previously conducted in the past. Should there be a nomination night where SVDN members can nominate and second a potential candidate?

**Question: Please provide your answer on if there should be a nomination night and provide reasons why for Committee review and consideration.**

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The current timeframe for notification of an Election is 45 days, where the Electoral Officer shall post a notice of Election, the nomination procedure, and a preliminary list of the names of Electors. Do you recommend extending this timeframe to provide for a more thorough and enhanced process?

**Question: Do you recommend extending the election period beyond 45 days?**

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Upon completion of this survey please drop off at the Self-Government Office, or email your answers to info@svdngovernance.com, or call (204) 855-2760 for someone to pick up your survey.

Thank you for your feedback.