



## **NOTICE OF VOTE NOTICE OF MEETING OF MEMBERS NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF LAND LAWS**

**TO** : All Members, Shawanaga First Nation  
**FROM** : Chief Wayne Pamajewon  
**DATE** : 16 August 2017  
**RE** : Lease for the HIWLP Transmission Line

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At the meeting of Council on 15 August 2017, four draft Land Laws relating to the creation of a lease across Shawanaga First Nation Reserve No. 17 for the proposed **Henvey Inlet Wind Transmission Line** were tabled. These four new Land Laws, which include amendments to our Land Code, require review and input at a Meeting of Members and ratification by the Eligible Voters.

### **Explanation and Overview**

We have negotiated a business arrangement with Henvey Inlet Wind LP to permit them to construct a 230 kV transmission line across our traditional lands and Reserve No. 17. Within the reserve, the transmission line will require a new lease of Shawanaga First Nation Land.

The compensation package for the transmission line is described in the Lease Term Sheet attached to draft Land Law 2017/18-004, included in the documents attached to this Notice. Shawanaga First Nation is planning to make a *per capita* distribution of part of the up-front lease payment, if the HIWLP Transmission Line Lease Land Laws are ratified. More particulars of the proposed distribution are included in my Chief's Letter to Members in this Notice package.

### **Land Code Amendment and 3 New Land Laws to support the Lease**

Before we can create the transmission line lease, we need to do some Land Code housekeeping. Some technical amendments to the Land Code are required, as well as three new Land Laws – a Land Law to create the Magnetawan Land Laws Register, a Land Law to govern Environmental



Permitting and Protection, and a Land Law authorizing certain Special Lease Terms – to support the specific terms of the commercial lease which Council will create for the part of the transmission line that crosses Reserve No. 17. The transmission line lease cannot go ahead unless all four Land Laws are ratified by the Eligible Voters: **the Ballot has a single Yes/No question** on the group of four new Land Laws taken together.

### **Contents of this Notice Package**

In addition to this Notice of Vote, this Notice package includes:

Paper copies:

- Letter to Members from Chief Wayne Pamajewon
- Plain language summaries of each of the Land Laws
- Overview of the principal terms to be included in the lease
- Map of the transmission line route
- Feedback form
- Mail-in ballot package if you are an Eligible Voter

On the USB stick:

- Copies of all hardcopy items except the mail-in ballot package
- Land Law Proposals for each of the Land Laws
- Official text of the four proposed Land Laws
- The Environmental Effects Determination Report, and
- Community Presentation, July 2017.

If you can't use the USB stick, you can pick up a paper copy of this entire Notice including the USB contents from the Band Administration office, or call to request that it be mailed to you.

This entire Notice including the contents of the USB stick has also been posted on the Shawanaga First Nation website: <http://shawanagafirstnation.ca/>

### **Notice of Meeting of Members: Saturday, 30 September 2017**

A Meeting of Members to review and to obtain community input into this settlement package – the Land Code amendments, the Land Laws to authorize the compensation package and other lease terms, to create a Land Laws Register and to provide for environmental permitting and protection – will be convened in the Recreation Centre, 2B Village Road, on Shawanaga First Nation Reserve No.1, on Saturday, 30 September 2017, commencing at 1:00 pm and ending at 3:00 pm.

A person other than a Member of Shawanaga First Nation may attend the Meeting of Members only with the permission of Council.



## **Notice of Ratification Vote: Saturday, 30 September 2017**

The HIWLP transmission line settlement agreement cannot be implemented unless all four Land Laws – the Land Code amendment, the Land Laws Register, the Environmental Permitting and Protection Land Law, and the Special Lease Terms – are ratified. For that reason, all four have been combined into a **single ballot question** to which Eligible Voters must answer **Yes** or **No**.

### **In-Person Voting on Saturday, 30 September 2017**

Eligible voters will be able to vote in person at the Meeting of Members on Saturday, 30 September 2017, at the Recreation Centre, 2B Village Road, on Shawanaga Reserve No. 17. The in-person poll shall open at 9:00 am and close at 5:00 pm. **Remember, you must bring proper identification to vote in person.**

### **Mail-in Voting**

Eligible Voters may also vote by mail: if you are an Eligible Voter, the copy of this notice you receive should include a mail-in voting package – if not, please contact the Band Administration Office. Mail-in ballots must be mailed to P.O. Box 40, Nobel, Ontario P0G 1G0, and must be received on or before 29 September 2017. Ballots received by mail after 29 September 2017 will not be opened or counted.

### **On-Line Voting**

Eligible Voters will also be able to vote on-line through the link provided for this Shawanaga First Nation ratification vote at the following URL: <https://onefeather.ca/elections>. If you vote on-line, you cannot vote in person or by mail.

### **Ratification Officer and Verifier**

Scott Jacobs will be the Ratification Officer for the ratification vote, and Gerry Duquette will be the Verifier for the purposes of the First Land Amendment to the Shawanaga First Nation Land Code. Contact information is provided below.

### **Vote Quorum**

THE RATIFICATION VOTE WILL NOT COUNT UNLESS VOTES ARE CAST BY AT LEAST 10% OF THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS. If the vote quorum is not satisfied, the ratification process will fail and **Shawanaga First Nation will be unable to move ahead with the transmission line lease settlement package.**

### **Notice of Open Council Meeting: Saturday, 30 September 2017**

Subject to ratification of the package of four Land Laws by the Eligible Voters, an open meeting of Council will be convened at 6:00 pm on 30 September 2017, or as soon thereafter as the results



of the ratification vote are received, in the Band Council Chambers on Reserve No. 17, to formally enact the Land Laws followed by the creation and granting of the Lease.

### **Lands Committee Advice to Council**

The Shawanaga First Nation Lands Committee has reviewed the package of enactments and has advised Council that they are in unanimous support of the proposed Land Code Amendment, the Land Laws Register, the Environmental Permitting and Protection Land Law and the Special Lease Terms Land Law and the creation of the transmission line lease.

### **Further Information**

If you have any comments or questions in relation to any of the proposed Land Laws or the ratification or enactment processes, please do not hesitate to contact any of the following:

Chief Wayne Pamajewon:	tel (705) 366-2526
Alfred Stevens, Lands Councillor:	tel (705) 366-2526.
Tobias McQuabbie, Lands Manager:	tel (705) 366-2526.
Scott Jacobs, Ratification Officer:	tel (705)-741-3773
Gerry Duquette, Verifier	tel (705) 493-8911

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