

Custom Election Code Update

Guiding principles

- This is not the agenda of any Council, but a community led decision.
- We need to build trust with the community.
- Showing no bias from either the PO or Admin
- Independent contractor from Oneida to facilitate.

Actions to date:

UPDATE FROM: June 26, 2023

June 3, 2023

- DRAFT Custom Election Code distributed to community at the end of Community Engagement meeting.
- Let the community know that follow up feedback sessions would be taking place over the coming months.

June 5, 2023

- Posted on website and highlighted on social media.

June 6 - 16

- Collecting Costs, booking venues

Bear's Den reserved for June 24 (cancelled), July 29 (cancelled), Aug 25 and just in case Sept 23 – 10AM - 2PM - These were all cancelled.

August 22 – RFP for CEC Coordinator Posted:

- **Friday September 8, 2023, before 4:00 p.m.**
 - Requests for clarification and/or questions regarding this ITT must be submitted by e-mail before 4:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, September 12, 2023 after 4:00 p.m.**
 - All answers will be provided to all bidders via e-mail
- **Friday, September 15, 2023, before 12:00 p.m.**
 - Proposals MUST be submitted on or before. Late submissions will not be accepted.
- Proposed Timeline:
 - October 2023 – Mailout package and invitation to community meetings
 - November - December 2023 - Feedback gathered (community meetings, Zoom session)
 - January 2024 – Incorporate feedback to Code
 - February 2024 - Send revised Code and voting ballots to community with Council election ballots.

Sept 11 – CEC banner on home page of new website launch

Sept 18 – Postcards printed (to be confirmed) and available to hand out at Oneida Fair and mailed out to membership. (Over 5,000 printed)

BACKGROUND INFO ONLY

CEC Package –

Original idea, now changed to access via website and VOTE ONLY via mail

Cost savings significant (about \$30K)

Letter from CEO – importance, we will be hiring a coordinator, date of the vote? TBD - the ask – provide feedback in these ways:

- In writing – send an email message to CECFeedback@Oneida.on.ca OR drop off in a sealed envelope addressed to CEC Co-ordinator and drop off at the Post Office
 - Mail to PO BOX XX
 - At scheduled community meetings Bear's Den Aug 25 and Sept 23 – 10AM -2PM, Zoom meeting, N'Ámerind
1. FAQs – Background, Summary of Changes - LW
 2. Create Email address, PO Box - CH
 3. Mail Out – Send to Printer (they will put in envelope, and add a return envelope) – Dawn
 4. Messages to Community – LW (All comms channels)

QUESTIONS –

- What do we want in the return envelope? Are they sending back their changes + a ballot?
 - Do we provide electronic voting?
 - Timelines
- Costs:
 - Stamps \$4,610.21 one way. (2,135 address on file), would require return envelope with stamp.
 - SUB-TOTAL for stamps approx. \$9,220
 - Printing - \$4,323.30, Inserting in 9 x 12 envelope, no addresses – \$923.65
 - SUB-TOTAL Printing/Envelopes (3100 copies) \$5,246.95
 - **TOTAL (print, envelopes, and stamps 2 way) - \$14,466.95**

Questions –

- Does 2,135 addresses include on settlement?
- Is an independent consultant required? (is this posted, at what cost?)

Planned Next Steps:

- Mail out to mailing list – include confirmed community meeting dates, suggest 1 Zoom meeting for those outside location.
- Prepare FAQs for community meetings.

- Announce community meeting dates – social media, Oliwase, radio station, mail/flyer
- Set up voting criteria, mailing timeline and vote date.
- Determine the format of meetings, how to gather feedback, presenters etc.
- If passed, coordinate moving to custom code with ISC; if revisions are required by community, continue with process until decision is made.