

BEAVERHOUSE FIRST NATION

NOTICE OF BAND CREATION AND FOUNDING MEMBERS LIST

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to a direction from the Beaverhouse First Nation Council.

Beaverhouse First Nation (“BHFN”) is in exploratory discussions with Indigenous Services Canada (“ISC”) in the hopes of entering into an agreement that will have the federal government recognize Beaverhouse First Nation as an Indian Band under the *Indian Act* in 2024.

DESCRIPTION: As part of this exploratory process, Beaverhouse First Nation is considering criteria for an individual to be an eligible Member of the newly recognized Beaverhouse Band, pending confirmation of eligibility by Council by way of the enrollment process. This criteria will likely include the following:

- Have Indian ancestry (an ancestral connection to BHFN as a community through blood or adoption – either custom or legal);
- Complete a letter of consent or voluntary declaration agreeing to be on the founding members list (or parent/guardian for anyone under 16 years); and
- If transferring from another First Nation, complete a statement of intent to transfer to BHFN.

If an individual meets the above noted criteria and is on the founding members list, the individual will be entitled to be registered (to have status) under paragraph 6(1)(b) of the *Indian Act*, regardless of their current status, if any, following approval of the agreement by Canada.

Genealogical research is still being undertaken by the Genealogical Committee (the “Committee”). However, the Committee has begun identifying individuals who are interested in being on a founding members list and receiving letters of consent. The approach BHFN is taking, is that Council will have final approval of those individuals to be included on the founding members list by way of the enrollment process, which will be subsequently approved by Canada, and there will be an appeals process in place for those who feel they were wrongly denied inclusion on the founding members list.

STATEMENT OF INTEREST: Council of BHFN invites anyone who thinks they may meet the above criteria to write to the Genealogical Committee at assistant@beaverhousefn.com to ensure they are on the list of individuals who may be eligible for the BHFN founding members list, and to receive a Letter of Consent package for their completion. Council will consider all applications received in accordance with this Notice and the final Agreement to be entered into between BHFN and ISC.

ADDRESS AND CONTACT PERSON: For further information or questions regarding the work that BHFN is currently doing, please contact: Genealogical Committee at assistant@beaverhousefn.com, or by telephone at 705-567-2022 x 113.

Dated: October 24, 2023.