

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF RESULTS

BALLOT QUESTION 1: Defining Aboriginal

Under Tsawwassen's *Membership Act*, an **Aboriginal** individual who is the spouse of a Tsawwassen Member is eligible for Tsawwassen membership. However **Aboriginal** is not defined in the Act. Do you support amending the *Membership Act* to define **Aboriginal**, for the purpose of determining the eligibility of spouses to be Tsawwassen Members, to mean people who can provide evidence of a material level of Aboriginal ancestry and who are either (a) Status Indians or (b) Canadian non-Status Indians who can provide evidence of a connection to a contemporary Aboriginal community?

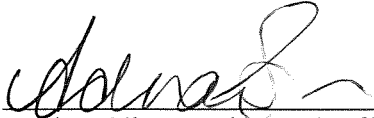
Votes in Support	Votes Opposed	Rejected Votes
66	14	0

Total # of eligible voters	302
Total votes cast	80
% voter turnout	26.4%
% valid votes in support	82.5%
% valid votes opposed	17.5%

Statement of the Electoral Officer

I hereby certify that quorum was met with 26.4% of eligible voters having voted.

I hereby declare that the community did express support for the proposed measure with 82.5% of valid votes being cast in favour of the proposed measure.



Adrian Gibson, Electoral Officer

February 28th, 2017

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BALLOT QUESTION 2: Defining Spouse

Under Tsawwassen's *Membership Act*, an Aboriginal individual who is the **spouse** of a Tsawwassen Member is eligible for Tsawwassen membership. However, **spouse** is not defined in the Act. Do you support amending the *Membership Act* to define **spouse** as someone who is "married to" a Member (which would not include common law spouses)?


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BALLOT QUESTION 3: Membership in Aboriginal groups in other countries

Under Tsawwassen's *Membership Act*, an individual cannot be a Tsawwassen Member if they are also a member of another Indian Act band or Treaty nation in Canada. It is not clear that this applies to people who are members of tribes or other Aboriginal groups in other countries. Do you support amending the *Membership Act* so that individuals who are members of First Nation tribes or similar entities in other countries are not eligible for membership?

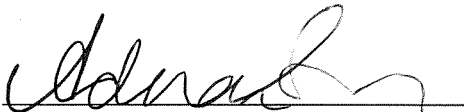
Votes in Support	Votes Opposed	Rejected Votes
50	29	1

Total # of eligible voters	302
Total votes cast	80
% voter turnout	26.4%
% valid votes in support	63.3%
% valid votes opposed	36.7%

Statement of the Electoral Officer

I hereby certify that quorum was met with 26.4% of eligible voters having voted.

I hereby declare that the community did express support for the proposed measure with 63.3% of valid votes being cast in favour of the proposed measure.


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BALLOT QUESTION 4: Defining Ancestry

Under Tsawwassen's *Membership Act*, individuals are eligible for membership if they can provide evidence of direct patrilineal or matrilineal descent from a Tsawwassen Member. It does not matter whether they are descended from many generations of Tsawwassen Members, or from one Member who acquired membership through marriage to a Tsawwassen Member. Do you:

- (a) Support amending the *Membership Act* to require that an applicant show at least 3 (THREE) generations of Tsawwassen Ancestry in order to qualify for membership?
- (b) **If you voted NO** to question 4(a), do you support amending the *Membership Act* to require that an applicant show at least 2 (TWO) generations of Tsawwassen Ancestry in order to qualify for membership?

Votes in Support 4(a)	Votes Opposed 4(a)	Rejected Votes 4(a)
57	23	0

OF THOSE WHO VOTED “NO” TO 4(a):

Votes in Support 4(b)	Votes Opposed 4(b)	Rejected Votes 4(b)
18	5	0

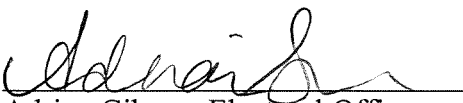
Total # of eligible voters	302
Total votes cast	80
% voter turnout	26.4%
% valid votes in support 4(a)	71.3%
% valid votes opposed 4(a)	28.7%

Of those who voted “no” to 4(a), 78.3% were in favour of 4(b) and 21.7% were opposed to 4 (b).

Statement of the Electoral Officer

I hereby certify that quorum was met with 26.4% of eligible voters having voted.

I hereby declare that the community did express support for the proposed measure outlined in 4 (a) with 71.3% of valid votes being cast in favour of the proposed measure.


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