


Membership Code



IMPORTANT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING JANUARY 9, 2018 at the Skeetchestn Recreation Center 5:00-8:00 PM Presentation by Sonya Pighin

The Secwepemculucw have a strong Traditional belief to think and plan in a way that will support our future 7 generations. Skeetchestn has developed a Comprehensive Community Plan (the "CCP") that sets out goals and strategies to help us put this belief into practice. One of the goals in the CCP is to have a clear policy on status and membership rights, including right of future generations. To achieve this goal, the CCP says Chief and Council, and the administration, will be responsible for reviewing, and if necessary amending the current policy on band membership rights, including inter-generational rights.

The *Skeetchestn Indian Band Membership Code, 1987* (the "Membership Code") sets the rules regarding who can be a member of Skeetchestn, and the processes for becoming a member. **It is time for us decide whether the Membership Code supports our future 7 generations, or whether it is time to look into our future with a new view of membership.**

Chief and Council seek your guidance regarding the direction for our Membership Code to go next. **It is extremely important that you are in attendance at upcoming meetings that will be held at Skeetchestn and in Kamloops.** Your voice is important in this matter and as such it will be imperative that you participate as much as possible in this important revamping of this vital piece of documentation that affects our population.

Chief and Council have engaged Sonya Pighin Law, and Jada Britton, to help us **review and update our Membership Code so that it accurately reflects Skeetchestn culture, traditions and practices.** Sonya and Jada will work closely together to ensure all members have the information we need to decide on how we want Skeetchestn membership to look 7 generations from now. Sonya and Jada will be presenting to the community and Jada will be completing house visits and house calls to provide us information and gather our thoughts on membership. Sonya Pighin Law will then draft a new Membership Code, and present it to community. Then, we will hold a ratification vote on whether to accept the new Membership Code.

PLEASE CONTACT THE BAND OFFICE 250-373-2493 OR JADA BRITTON 250-574-5232 AND UPDATE ALL YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION (INCLUDING PHONE NUMBER).

DINNER AND DOORS PRIZES WILL ALSO BE OFFERED TO THOSE WHO ATTEND. WE CAN'T WAIT TO WORK WITH YOU FOR THE FUTURE OF THE SKEETCHESTN INDIAN BAND