

**Saulteaux Band Government
Band Custom Election Act**

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This Band Custom Election Act made effective at a Band Meeting duly held January 31, 2001.

Band Custom

1. Term of office for Chief and Councillors will be two years. Elected Band Council shall only serve two (2) consecutive terms of office and cannot proceed to a third consecutive term of office, but the former Band Council Member has the right to run for election following the third term.
2. 1 Chief.
3. 5 Councillors.
4. Voting age of 18 years and over.
5. All eligible voters members of Saulteaux Band regardless of off or on Reserve residence.
6. Fourteen (14) days notice of the meeting will be posted in at least two conspicuous places frequented by Band Members, which shall include the Band Office and the Convenience Store.
7. That a meeting so convened can proceed to amend Band Custom or to remove elected officials provided that at least 100 electors attend the meeting. If 100 electors attend the meeting, a simple majority of those present shall be sufficient to pass any resolution.
8. That the Band Custom Election Act be amended to provide that a Band Election can be called by a Band Custom Meeting.

Nomination

- Same procedure as the two year elective system.

1. Motion.
2. Second.
3. Acceptance.

- Nominator - brief explanation of why he picked the person..

Nomination: Open for two hours

Election: Date and time.

In term of nomination - (1) Chief
(2) Councillors

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Format of election: By ballot.

Electoral Officer: Appointed by Chief and Council or by Band Members.
Deputy Officer/s: Appointed by Band Members
Electoral Officer: Cannot vote unless to break a tie.
Deputy Officer: To assist the Electoral Officer and could vote.

Qualification of Candidate

- Nominated candidates must be present to accept nomination.
- Candidates make a speech.
- Candidate must be a member of Saulteaux Band.
- That any Band Member convicted of a criminal offence involving Band Property is ineligible to seek and hold an elected office.
- A Band Employee who wishes to seek office in Band Council may do so by requesting a leave of absence at least 30 days prior to the election date.

Termination of Chief and Councillors

- If a Chief or Councillor misses three consecutive meetings without explanation.
- That any elected official that is charged with an indictable offence while in office shall immediately notify the Band and resign from office voluntarily, that person can be removed at a Band Custom Meeting.
- That any elected official involved in a corrupt practice in a Band Election or is involved in gross improprieties in relation to the use of Band Funds while in office, may be removed from office at a Band Custom Meeting.

Appeals

- Appeals by Band Members or petitions against a candidate or the Band Custom must be discussed and explained at the Band Meeting where there is a majority of the Band electorate present. The appeal of petition shall be determined by a majority of the electorate of the Band.

The Resolution that the Band Custom Election Act be amended was moved by Robert Camplin and seconded by Mervin Night.