



Membership Code Amendment Vote

MAY 7- 2025 5:00-9:00PM

RESULTS

In order for an amendment to be passed, the votes cast in favour of the amendment need to be 75% of the total votes cast for that amendment. Section 5 of the Membership Code states:

“This Code shall be amended at a community vote of the Members whereby every Member of RRFNs who is the full age of eighteen (18) years and whose residence address is known by RRFNs is provided the opportunity to take part in the voting process. The amendment is considered to be approved by the Members if at least 25 Members participate in the vote, with 75% or more of votes cast in favour of the amendment(s).”

Therefore, the results of the Amendments voted on, on May 7, 2025 are as follows:

Proposed Amendment One (1)

To be eligible to apply for Full Membership at RRFN, the applicant needs to have a Rainy River First Nations status number from Indigenous Services Canada. This includes under 18's.

Total votes cast: 136

No: 23

Yes: 113

113 of 136= **83 %**

PASSED: Thus, Status WILL BE an eligibility criterion to apply for Membership at RRFN.

Proposed Amendment One Point One (1.1)

- a) *Remove the Members on the List that have Full Membership who do not have status.*
- b) *Grandfather in the individuals on the list that do not have status. However, any of their relatives will have to apply for Membership separately and will need to have Status to be able to apply.*
- c) *Give the Members on the Full Membership List that do not have status two (2) years to apply for status. The length of time granted follows the timelines of Indigenous Services Canada to process status applications. If these Members are granted Status after these two (2) years, then they can remain on the Membership List. If not, they will be removed and lose their Full Membership.*

Total votes cast: 113

a: 89

b: 7

c: 17

89 of 113= 79%

Option (a) Passed: Individuals on the Membership List that have Full Membership, but not status, will be removed from the Membership List.

Proposed Amendment Two (2)

Remove Conditional Membership from the Membership Code and any Conditional Members that are currently on the Membership List.

Total votes cast: 134

No: 26

Yes: 108

108 of 134= 81 %

PASSED: Conditional Membership will be removed from the Membership Code and Conditional Members will be removed from the list.

Proposed Amendment Three (3)

Adopted Children will not be eligible for Full Membership.

Total votes cast: 135

No: 33

Yes: 102

102 of 135 = 75%

PASSED: Adopted Children will NOT be eligible for Full Membership.

Proposed Amendment Four (4)

When applications are approved and the applicant over 18 becomes a Full Member, there will no longer be a Probationary Period of any length of time for the Member to access to all programs and services offered by RRFN.

Total votes cast: 135

No: 33

Yes: 102

102 of 135 = 75%

PASSED: There will no longer be a probationary period of any length of time once an applicant is approved to be a Full Member.

There were 13 spoiled ballots. If they were not spoiled, they would not have changed the outcome of any of these proposed amendments.

NEXT STEPS:

The Membership Code will now be reviewed to put these amendments into effect. The Policy Analyst will be working closely with legal to ensure this is done meticulously. Updates as to when the amendments will take effect will be made next week.

Miigwech to all who participated in the vote and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lauren Hyatt, Policy and Communications Analyst at lauren.hyatt@manitourapids.ca or 807-482-2479 ext. 214.