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COUNCIL RESOLUTION Choose an item. **-09-2022 – #**Choose an item.

RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS:

- A. Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation (“VGFN”) has the right to self-determination, including the inherent right to self-government;
- B. VGFN wishes to enact a modernized VGFN law for the election of Council pursuant to our inherent right to self-government over the selection of our leaders and the Self-Government Agreement as required under the Constitution (the “Elections Law”);
- C. The VGFN Elections Law committee has now developed and recommended to Council a Elections Law;
- D. The recommended Elections Law requires certain amendments to the Constitution in order to support VGFN’s transition to a new and more comprehensive law in our continued growth and development as a self-governing First Nation;
- E. The recommended Elections Law has passed first reading by Council pursuant to Part 1 of the VGFN Governance Act;
- F. The amendments to the Constitution required by the recommended Elections Law must be made before the it can come into effect as a valid VGFN law;
- G. The Constitution is the supreme law of VGFN and may only be amended in accordance with the procedures set out in Article XVIII of the Constitution; and
- H. The next general election for Council will be held November 21, 2022.

**THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE VUNTUT GWITCHIN FIRST NATION
RESOLVES THAT:**

1. The Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Constitutional Amendment Proposal, 2022 set out in Schedule "A" to this resolution is hereby proposed by Council to the General Assembly pursuant to Article XVIII, s. 1(a) of the Constitution;
2. A special meeting of the General Assembly is hereby called by Council for [Click or tap to enter a date.](#), in Old Crow, Yukon for the purposes of completing the constitutional amendment procedures set out in Article XVIII, ss. 1(c) and 1(d) of the Constitution with respect to the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Constitutional Amendment Proposal, 2022; and
3. Council shall provide at least 14 days notice to VGFN citizens of the special meeting of the General Assembly pursuant to Article XVIII, s. 1(b) of the Constitution.

THIS RESOLUTION being duly approved by a quorum of the Council at a meeting duly convened on [Click or tap to enter a date.](#) at Old Crow, Yukon.

Chief Dana Tizya-Tramm

Deputy Chief Paul Josie

Councillor Bonnee Bingham

SCHEDULE "A"
VUNTUT GWITCHIN FIRST NATION
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSAL, 2022



VUNTUT GWITCHIN FIRST NATION
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSAL, 2022

WHEREAS:

- A. The Council of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation (VGFN) has proposed amendments to the Constitution pursuant to Article XVIII, section 1(a) of the Constitution; and
- B. The General Assembly of the VGFN has considered the proposed amendments at special meeting on [Click or tap to enter a date.](#) pursuant to Article XVIII, section 1(c) of the Constitution.

THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE VUNTUT GWITCHIN FIRST NATION RESOLVES THAT:

- 1. The definitions of "Elector" and "General Election" under Definitions, section 1 are repealed.
- 2. The definition of "Review Council" under Definitions, section 1 is replaced with the following:

"Review Council" means the body responsible for:

- (a) serving as the Citizenship/Enrollment Committee;**
- (b) receiving complaints about Chief and Council; and**
- (c) where necessary, removal from office.**

3. Article IV, section 4 is replaced with the following:
 4. **Subject to any requirements or qualifications set out in Vuntut Gwitchin Law, every Citizen is eligible to vote and seek office as a candidate in Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation elections for the Council.**
4. Article IV, section 5 is replaced with the following:
 5. **Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation shall have and maintain a Vuntut Gwitchin Law that provides for the election of the Council by the Citizens, including the:**
 - (a) **term of office;**
 - (b) **methods of election;**
 - (c) **manners of voting;**
 - (d) **qualifications of electors;**
 - (e) **qualifications of candidates;**
 - (f) **independent elections administration; and**
 - (g) **procedures for the conduct of elections, addressing vacancies on the Council, elections recounts, and reviewing the validity of elections.**
5. Article VI, section 2 is replaced with the following:
 2. **A meeting of the General Assembly shall be held each year during a date in the month of August and special meetings of the General Assembly may be held at the call of the Council at any other time or as may be required by Vuntut Gwitchin Law:**
6. Article VIII, section 1 is replaced with the following:
 1. **There shall be a Council elected by general election at least every four years by the Citizens qualified to vote under Vuntut Gwitchin Law.**

7. Article VIII, section 3 is replaced with the following:
- 3. If an eligible candidate for Chief or Councillor does not reside on Settlement Land during the election and wins their desired seat, they must relocate to Settlement Land as the location of the seat of Vuntut Gwitchin Government prior to the commencement of their term of office.**
8. Article VIII, section 5 is repealed.
9. Article XI is repealed.
10. Article XII, section 1 is repealed.
11. Article XIV, section 7 is repealed.
12. The definition of "Review Council" under Definitions, section 1 of Schedule I – Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Citizenship Code is replaced with the following:
- "Review Council" means the body responsible for:**
- (a) serving as the Citizenship/Enrollment Committee;**
 - (b) receiving complaints about Chief and Council; and**
 - (c) where necessary, removal from office.**
13. Section 17 of Schedule I – Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Citizenship Code is replaced with the following:
- 17. The Citizenship Code may only be amended using the constitutional amendment procedure applicable to the Constitution.**
14. The numbers of Articles and sections of the Constitution affected by new amendments are replaced to correspond to the correct numbering.

THESE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION being duly approved by [consensus decision][a majority vote of greater than 60% of eligible voting members] of the General Assembly at a special meeting duly convened by the Council on [Click or tap to enter a date.](#) at Old Crow, Yukon in accordance with Article XVIII of the Constitution.