



# WOLF LAKE FIRST NATION

## Communique to WLFN Members

### Complaint Issued by Candidate Regarding Nomination Meeting

Wolf Lake First Nation will be holding an election for Councillor #2 position on December 3, 2021. A Nomination Meeting was held on Friday October 22, 2021. A total of 5 candidates were nominated and accepted by the Electoral Officer.

Shortly after the Nomination Meeting, an issue was brought forward by concerned Members that one of the candidates arrived late for the nomination. The Electoral Officer confirmed the late arrival, however, he accepted the nomination due to extenuating circumstances. A candidate has launched an appeal of the decision by the Electoral Officer.

As per Section 7.1 of the Wolf Lake First Nation Leadership Selection Code, should an appeal be requested by any candidate, an Election Review Committee shall be appointed by the Chief and Council, and consisting of 3 individuals that are not electors of the Wolf Lake First Nation and possess the same qualities as the electoral officer or deputy electoral officer.

Chief and Council appointed an Election Review Committee who met on Thursday October 28, 2021 and reviewed all pertinent facts of appeal. After careful review of the all the pertinent facts, the Election Review Committee has decided to dismiss the appeal.

The main basis for the dismissal of the appeal was that the timing of the Nomination Meeting is not clearly defined in the Leadership Selection Code, and hence the Electoral Officer had to exercise judgement and his authority to open and close the meeting. As per the Nomination Meeting Report issued by the Electoral Officer, the nomination meeting was officially opened at 4:00pm and was officially closed at 8:15pm. The nomination for the candidate in question was received before the nomination meeting was officially closed.

Given the dismissal of the appeal by the Election Review Committee, the Candidate's Name will remain on the ballot for the election of the Councillor #2 position which is to be held on December 3, 2021.

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Electoral Officer