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**To: All Tlegóhli Got'ine whose names are on the Official Voters List**

**Re: Why is the Wording of Section 20 of the Draft Tlegóhli Got'ine Government Constitution Changed?**

**Date: January 28, 2025**

The short answer to this question is because it will make it absolutely clear that the Tlegóhli Got'ine Government Constitution expressly prohibits your Legislative Council from passing any law that would deny non-residents their right to vote.


This issue first arose at the January 11, 2025 Vancouver Information Meeting when we were asked if the Legislative Council could deny non-residents their right to vote. We believed that the answer to that question was “no” because the the Tlegóhli Got'ine Government Constitution and Charter of Rights and Freedoms protect the right of non-residents to vote. FAQ #31 was then posted on the TGG Vote website giving that answer. On January 18, 2025 we received an email questioning the correctness of that answer and suggesting that that answer was ambiguous or misleading.

Your Negotiation Team and Board of Directors still believe that the answer to FAQ #31 is correct because the Constitution requires your Legislative Council to act “fairly and without discrimination against, or abuse of, any individual” and Canadian Courts have found it is discriminatory and contrary to section 15 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms to deny non-residents their right to vote.

However, with the approval of your Board of Directors, your Negotiating Team has reformatted and added express words to Section 20 of the Constitution, as set out in the enclosed *Notice of Constitutional Clarification: Change of Wording for Section 20*. This clarification will resolve any possible ambiguity and make it absolutely clear that your Legislative Council cannot pass a law that denies non-residents their right to vote.

Respectfully,

  
The Tlegóhli Got'ine Self-Government Negotiation Team

  
The Board of Directors, The Tlegóhli Got'ine Government Incorporated

# NOTICE OF CONSTITUTION CLARIFICATION

## CHANGE OF WORDING FOR SECTION 20

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** Section 20 of the October 31, 2024 Draft Tłegóhłı Got'ıne Government Constitution that is being voted on, along with the Final Self-Government Agreement for the Tłegóhłı Got'ıne, on March 31, 2025 is changed to clarify the original intention and the understanding of both your Self-Government Negotiation Team and the Board of Directors of The Tłegóhłı Got'ıne Government Incorporated.

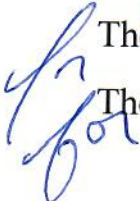
**THIS CHANGE REQUIRED** the reformatting of Section 20 and the addition to Section 20 of the words highlighted in grey below.

### **SECTION 20 NOW READS:**

20. The Legislative Council shall make no law that:
- a) mandates or prohibits an individual's personal spirituality or spiritual practices; or
  - b) denies an individual's right to vote based on their residence.

DATED JANUARY 28, 2025

  
The Tłegóhłı Got'ıne Self-Government Negotiation Team

  
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