

# TERMS OF REFERENCE

The purpose of these Terms of Reference is to set out the mandate, roles, and responsibilities of the Assembly of First Nations Yukon Region (AFN Yukon) and the AFN Yukon Regional Chief.

CYFN GA Resolution No: 519-17 originally provided the mandate for this work and directed that the "AFN Regional Office be developed by Yukon First Nations and Leadership prior to the next annual General Assembly that include(s) transparency and accountability procedures."

# **Purpose and Mandate**

- 1. The mandate of the AFN Yukon is to develop and coordinate advocacy and political strategies with Yukon First Nations, to:
  - a. protect and advance the rights and interests of Yukon First Nations;
  - b. preserve, promote and protect the cultures and traditions of Yukon First Nations;
  - c. develop policies and identify resources to enhance the economic, social, and cultural wellbeing of Yukon First Nations; and
  - d. work in collaboration with regional, national and international organizations to support and advance the individual and collective interests of Yukon First Nations.
- 2. The AFN Yukon's structure, process, and accountability will be guided by the following principles.

### Trust

- a. The AFN Yukon will remain at all times a political office to support and advance the national and international interests of Yukon First Nations.
- b. The AFN Yukon will lead in a transparent manner in the interest of public confidence.

### Solidarity

c. Yukon First Nations recognize that using their collective political power and action to mutually support one another to achieve their collective interests with other governments, is important to preserve and realize their rights to self-determination.

# Inclusivity

d. Yukon First Nations support the principles of co-existence and diversity and the right to selfdetermination for all First Nations in the Yukon Territory. The AFN Yukon will work to support political unity and advance the interests of all 14 Yukon First Nations.

### Collaboration

e. The AFN Yukon will promote and use collaborative methods to ensure that processes are open and inclusive.

### Communication

f. The AFN Yukon will support and advance open communication between Yukon First Nations and the National Assembly of First Nations to facilitate a coordinated, transparent and mutually supportive relationship.

# **Roles and Responsibilities**

- 3. The role and function of the AFN Yukon is:
  - a. to be a regional political office to identify and harmonize effective, collective, and co-operative measures on any subject matter which the Yukon First Nations Chiefs assign for review, study, response or action;
  - advance the rights and interests of all Yukon First Nations; provide a unified voice for both selfgoverning and non-self-governing Yukon First Nations; and to be mindful of the distinctive interests of the 14 Yukon First Nations;
  - c. coordinate and facilitate communication between Yukon First Nations and the National Assembly of First Nations, pursuant to the AFN Yukon Terms of Reference and the Charter of the Assembly of First Nations; and
  - d. work collaboratively with the Council of Yukon First Nations, Yukon Government and the Government of Canada and advocate for Yukon First Nations' national and international interests, as directed by the Yukon First Nations Chiefs.
- 4. The principal components of the AFN Yukon are:
  - a. AFN Yukon First Nations Annual Summit;
  - b. AFN Yukon First Nation Special Summit;
  - c. AFN Yukon First Nations Chiefs' Summit;
  - d. AFN Yukon Executive Committee;
  - e. AFN Yukon Regional Chief;
  - f. AFN Yukon Regional Office; and
  - g. Yukon representatives on AFN National Committees and Councils.

### **AFN Yukon First Nations Annual Summit**

- 5. (1) Each year the AFN Yukon will hold the AFN Yukon First Nations Annual Summit meeting between October 1 and November 30.
  - (2) If in exceptional circumstances the AFN Yukon First Nation Annual Summit cannot be held on a date prescribed by section 5(1) the AFN Yukon Executive Committee will identify an alternate date to hold the AFN Yukon First Nation Annual Summit.
- 6. Each Yukon First Nation, who is a member of the AFN Yukon will be:
  - a. represented at the AFN Yukon First Nations Annual Summit by its Chief and two (2) delegates; and
  - b. will be eligible to access funds from the AFN Yukon Regional Office for reasonable travel and accommodation expenses, up to a maximum of three representatives.
- 7. If the Chief or delegates are unable to attend, a proxy or proxies confirmed in writing by the First Nation Chief may participate in the AFN Yukon First Nations Annual Summit.
- 8. Members of the AFN Yukon First Nations Annual Summit will:
  - a. provide strategic direction to the AFN Yukon Regional Office by way of resolution;
  - b. participate in the Assembly of First Nations Chiefs Committee work, if appointed;
  - c. support the activities of the AFN Yukon Regional Office;
  - d. assign authority, mandates, tasks, responsibilities, duties and timelines to the AFN Yukon Regional Chief by way of resolution; and
  - e. ensure that the Yukon First Nation positions and directions are implemented.

### **AFN Yukon First Nation Chiefs' Summit**

- 9. The AFN Yukon First Nation Chiefs' Summit will be held on a guarterly basis.
- 10. Each Yukon First Nation, as a member of the AFN Yukon, will be represented at the AFN Yukon Chiefs' Summit by their Chief.
- 11. In the absence of the Chief, a designated representative, confirmed in writing by the respective Chief may participate in the AFN Yukon First Nations Chiefs' Summit.
- 12. The AFN Yukon First Nations Chiefs' Summit will:
  - a. provide ongoing guidance and direction to the AFN Yukon Regional Office by way of resolution;
  - b. support the activities of the AFN Yukon;
  - c. approve the AFN Yukon annual workplans, budgets and audits; and
  - d. assign authority, mandates, tasks, responsibilities, duties and timelines to the AFN Yukon Regional Chief by way of resolution.

### **AFN Yukon Nations Special Summit**

- 13. (1) The AFN Yukon Executive Committee or four or more Yukon First Nation Chiefs may call for an AFN Yukon First Nations Special Summit.
  - (2) Within two weeks of receiving a call of an AFN Yukon First Nations Special Summit the AFN Yukon Regional Office will provide Yukon First Nations with a 30-day notice of the Special Summit that will include the date, location and proposed agenda.
  - (3) In circumstances where an AFN Yukon First Nations Special Summit has been called for the purpose of amending the Terms of Reference notice requirements are prescribed by section 41.
  - (4) Attendance at an AFN Yukon First Nation Special Summit will be governed by sections 6 and 7.

### **AFN Yukon Executive Committee**

- 14. (1) The AFN Yukon Executive Committee includes the AFN Yukon Regional Chief and four (4) Yukon First Nation Chiefs appointed at an AFN Yukon First Nations Chiefs' Summit.
  - (2) The AFN Yukon First Nations Chiefs' Summit may appoint one or more alternate Chiefs to serve in the event that a seat becomes vacant on the AFN Executive Committee.
  - (3) Should an alternate be required to serve the person will serve the remainder of the term of the original Chief appointed.
- 15. (1) The AFN Yukon Regional Chief will chair the meetings of the AFN Yukon Executive Committee.
  - (2) The AFN Yukon Regional Chief will seek to achieve decisions by way of consensus. If consensus cannot be achieved the AFN Yukon Executive Committee may confirm its decision by way of a vote. The AFN Yukon Regional Chief will be the deciding vote in the event of a tie.
- 16. The AFN Yukon Executive Committee members will be appointed for terms of two years and may be reappointed for subsequent terms.

- 17. The AFN Yukon Executive Committee will provide support and direction to the AFN Yukon Regional office and AFN Yukon Regional Chief on matters that include:
  - a. the development of the AFN Yukon annual budgets and workplans, to be approved at an AFN Yukon Chiefs Summit;
  - b. review of quarterly financial updates;
  - c. recommendations for AFN Chiefs' Committee appointments;
  - d. the development of AFN Yukon policies; and
  - e. attending events on behalf of the AFN Yukon Regional Office or the AFN Yukon Regional Chief on request.
- 18. The AFN Yukon Executive Committee is responsible to approve AFN Yukon expenditures that exceed \$5,000.00 (five thousand dollars) during an AFN Yukon election period if an incumbent AFN Yukon Regional Chief is seeking re-election.
- 19. The AFN Yukon Executive Committee will meet quarterly or as needed.
- 20. AFN Yukon Executive Committee members are ineligible for appointment to the AFN Election Oversight Committee established by the AFN Election Rules, amended from time to time, herein attached as Appendix 1 to these Terms of Reference.

### **AFN Yukon Regional Chief**

- 21. The AFN Yukon Regional Chief provides advocacy, leadership and support to Yukon First Nations.
- 22. The AFN Yukon Regional Chief is a member of the National Assembly of First Nations Executive Committee and is responsible to advance Yukon First Nation interests in national and international political discussions and decision-making processes.
- 23. The AFN Yukon Regional Chief is responsible for:
  - a. acting as the spokesperson for the AFN Yukon Region;
  - b. advocating, as directed by Yukon First Nation Chiefs, for the rights and interests of Yukon First Nations;
  - c. supporting the relationships of Yukon First Nations with all levels of government;
  - d. providing reports to Yukon First Nations on activities and developments at the National Assembly of First Nations;
  - e. confirming the appointments to AFN Committees and Councils as directed by AFN Yukon First Chiefs Summits;
  - f. providing administrative and technical support, subject to financial budgetary considerations, to Yukon First Nations appointed to AFN Committees and Councils;
  - g. attending the Assembly of First Nations Executive Committee and Portfolio meetings;
  - h. developing AFN Yukon policies for the AFN Yukon Executive Committee approval; and
  - i. executing all AFN Yukon agreements to support the financial and administrative operations of the AFN Yukon Regional Office.
- 24. The AFN Yukon Regional Chief is elected every three (3) years by Yukon First Nations at the AFN Yukon First Nations Annual Summit.
- 25. (1) If, for whatever reason, the AFN Yukon Regional Chief is unable or unwilling to complete their full three-year term, the AFN Yukon First Nations Chiefs' Summit will select an interim AFN Yukon Regional Chief.
  - (2) The interim Regional Chief will serve until the next AFN Yukon First Nation Annual Summit meeting at which time a new AFN Yukon Regional Chief will be elected.

26. The roles and responsibilities for the AFN Yukon Regional Chief will be reviewed on an annual basis by Yukon First Nations Chiefs and may be amended from time to time.

### **AFN Yukon Regional Office**

- 27. The AFN Yukon Regional Office is responsible to coordinate activities, distribute information and facilitate discussion between partners, stakeholders and non-governmental organizations, as identified by the AFN Yukon Executive Committee from time to time.
- 28. The principal responsibilities of the AFN Yukon Regional Office are to:
  - a. review, study, or respond to action items assigned by AFN Yukon Summit meeting resolutions or the AFN Yukon Regional Chief;
  - b. facilitate networking and information sharing between Yukon First Nations;
  - c. act as a liaison between Yukon First Nations and the National Assembly of First Nations;
  - d. identify regional priorities and link them to activities at the national level;
  - e. develop relationships with senior federal officials and facilitate federal opportunities to benefit Yukon First Nations; and
  - f. develop and maintain a formal collaborative relationship with the Council of Yukon First Nations.

### **Summit Meetings**

- 29. Quorum for Summit meetings requires a minimum of seven (7) Yukon First Nations with representation as set out in section 6 of these Terms of Reference.
- 30. (1) Resolutions at a Summit meeting are to be moved and seconded by a Yukon First Nation Chief, delegate or proxy.
  - (2) The mover and seconder are required to be from different Yukon First Nations.
- 31. Yukon First Nation Chiefs will strive to achieve its decisions by way of consensus. Subject to these Terms of Reference if consensus cannot be achieved the AFN Yukon First Nation Summit decisions can be confirmed by way of a vote.
- 32. Where Summit decisions are to be confirmed by way of a vote, a positive vote of 60% of the Chiefs, delegates and proxies in attendance will be sufficient to constitute a decision.
- 33. In the event of voting, Yukon First Nation representatives will each have one vote which may be exercised by proxy.
- 34. Any Yukon First Nation citizen may attend any of the Summit meetings with the exception of in camera sessions, as confirmed by Yukon First Nation Chiefs.

### Membership

- 35. The AFN Yukon consists of fourteen (14) Yukon First Nations which are:
  - a. Carcross/Tagish First Nation;
  - b. Champagne and Aishihik First Nations;
  - c. Kluane First Nation;
  - d. Kwanlin Dün First Nation;
  - e. Liard First Nation;
  - f. Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation;
  - g. First Nation of Na-cho Nyak Dun;
  - h. Ross River Dena Council;

- i. Selkirk First Nation;
- j. Ta'an Kwäch'än Council;
- k. Teslin Tlingit Council;
- I. Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation;
- m. Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation; and
- n. White River First Nation.
- 36. The following neighboring First Nations may participate in AFN Yukon Summit meetings as observers, but will not be eligible to vote.
  - a. Taku River Tlingit.
  - b. Daylu Dene Council.
  - c. Gwich'in Tribal Council.
  - d. Other First Nations on invitation.

### **Coordination and Collaboration**

37. The AFN Yukon Regional Chief and AFN Yukon Regional Office will build mutually beneficial relationships with the Government of Canada and Yukon Government, as directed by Yukon First Nations Chiefs.

# **Accountability and Communication**

- 38. The AFN Yukon Regional Chief or the AFN Yukon Regional Office will provide regular updates to Yukon First Nation Chiefs, the National Assembly of First Nations, and at the Council of Yukon First Nations leadership table when appropriate.
- 39. The AFN Yukon Regional Office will use innovative and creative approaches to communications, including an increased social media presence and coordinated regional approach to advocacy and lobbying.
- 40. The AFN Yukon Regional Chief and AFN Yukon Regional Office will provide communities with advocacy and support measures on request by the respective Yukon First Nation Chief.

# **Adoption and Amendments**

- 41. (1) These Terms of Reference were originally adopted by way of a resolution at the AFN Yukon First Nations Annual Summit on June 28, 2018.
  - (2) These Terms of Reference can be amended at an AFN Yukon First Nations Annual Summit or an AFN Yukon First Nation Special Summit. Any amendment to these Terms of Reference must be approved and confirmed by way of resolution.
  - (3) Any Yukon First Nation or the AFN Yukon Regional Office may propose an amendment to these AFN Terms of Reference.
  - (4) If a Yukon First Nation seeks to amend these Terms of Reference, they are required to provide written notice (of an intention to amend) to the AFN Yukon Regional Office no later than 45 calendar days prior to the first day of the AFN Yukon First Nations Annual or Special Summit.
  - (5) Written notice of any proposed amendments to these Terms of Reference will be issued to the Yukon First Nations Chiefs no later than thirty (30) calendar days before the start first day of the AFN Yukon First Nations Annual or Special Summit.

- (6) A notice of amendment is to include reasons for the proposed amendment and proposed draft language for the AFN Yukon First Nation Chiefs' consideration and approval, if appropriate.
- (7) The AFN Yukon First Nations Chiefs may waive the notice requirements at the AFN Yukon First Nation Annual or Special Summit on the condition that there is quorum and those who are in attendance have reviewed the written reasons for the proposed amendment and the proposed draft language, and the AFN Yukon Chiefs agree by consensus to consider the amendment.
- (8) Decisions under this section cannot be approved by way of a majority vote.

In accordance with AFN Yukon First Nation Annual S Nation Chiefs hereby confirm these Terms of Refere	
Chief Doris Bill, Kwanlin Dün First Nations	Chief Amanda Leas, Ta'an Kwäch'än Council
Chief Linda Dickson, Carcross/Tagish First Nation	Chief Nicole Tom, Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation
Chief Roberta Joseph, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation	Chief Simon Mervyn, First Nation of Na-cho Nyak Dun
Chief Bessie Chasse, White River First Nation	Naa Sháade Háni Morris, Teslin Tlingit Council
Chief Steve Smith, Champagne & Aishihik First Nation	Chief Bob Dickson, Kluane First Nation
Chief Dana Tizya Tramm, Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation	Chief Darin Isaac, Selkirk First Nation
Chief Steven Charlie, Liard First Nation	Chief Jack Caesar, Ross River Dena Council

# APPENDIX 1 AFN YUKON REGIONAL CHIEF: ELECTION RULES & PROOCEDURES



# AFN YUKON REGIONAL CHIEF ELECTION RULES AND PROCEDURE

### General

These AFN Yukon Regional Chief Election Rules and Procedures ("Election Rules") are to provide for a fair and transparent election process to support the selection of the AFN Yukon Regional Chief.

These Election Rules may be amended from time to time as approved by the Yukon First Nations at an AFN Yukon First Nation Chiefs' Summit.

In an election year the selection of the AFN Yukon Regional Chief will take place on the second day of the AFN Yukon Annual Summit.

# **Appointment of Electoral Officer**

- 1. An Electoral Officer will be appointed at an AFN Yukon First Nation Chiefs Summit preceding the AFN Yukon First Nation Annual Summit scheduled for the election.
- 2. The Electoral Officer will be responsible for the administration of the election process which includes the following:
  - a. prepare and distribute a callout for nominations;
  - b. receive the nominations of candidates;
  - c. confirm the eligibly of candidates, in accordance with these Election Rules;
  - d. announce the list of candidates for the election if more than one candidate is seeking office;
  - e. announce the acclamation of the candidate if there is only one candidate seeking office;
  - f. prepare the voters' list;
  - g. approve the ballot form;
  - h. conduct the all-candidates forum;
  - i. secure the voter list, ballots, and ballot box(es);
  - j. supervise the tally of votes;
  - k. determine the status of spoiled ballots or irregularly marked ballots;
  - resolve disputes;
  - m. provide direction where necessary to maintain the integrity of the process;

- n. announce the election results at the AFN Yukon First Nations Annual Summit;
- o. destroy the ballots; and
- p. within fourteen calendar days from the date of the election provide an election report to the AFN Yukon Regional Office and the AFN Yukon Executive Committee.

# **Election Oversight Committee**

- 3. An Election Oversight Committee will be established and confirmed at the AFN Yukon First Nation Chiefs Summit preceding the AFN Yukon First Nation Annual Summit scheduled for the election.
- 4. The Election Oversight Committee will be comprised of three Yukon First Nation elected leaders and will be responsible to assist the Electoral Officer to ensure that the Election Rules are applied in a fair and transparent manner.
- 5. The Election Oversight Committee is an ad hoc committee and will dissolve on the date the AFN Yukon Regional Chief is sworn into office.
- 6. A designated AFN Yukon Regional Office staff member will provide administrative supports to Electoral Officer and Election Oversight Committee.

### **Nomination Period**

- 7. The Electoral Officer will send out the call for nominations for the office of AFN Yukon Regional Chief no later than thirty-five (35) calendar days prior to the election date.
- 8. Nominations must be in Form A, appended to these Election Rules (the "Nomination Form").
- 9. Nomination packages must be fully completed, signed by the nominee and include a one-page profile of the nominee.
- 10. Nominations packages must be delivered to the Electoral Officer by mail, in person, or by email no later than 4:00 p.m. (local time) twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the date of the election.

# Eligibility to Nominate and be Nominated

- 11. A candidate for the office of AFN Yukon Regional Chief must be nominated by three (3) Yukon First Nation Chiefs.
- 12. A member of the Election Oversight Committee cannot nominate a candidate.
- 13. If the candidate is a Yukon First Nation Chief, they cannot nominate themselves. In this situation, the candidate can be nominated by another Yukon First Nation Chief, or by the Acting Chief of the candidate's First Nation.
- 14. Candidates are required to be 19 years of age or older and a citizen, member, or beneficiary of a Yukon First Nation.
- 15. The candidate must accept the nomination by signing their Nomination Acceptance Form (Form B) which must be included with their Nomination Forms.
- 16. If only one eligible candidate is nominated, in accordance with these rules, the Electoral Officer will declare the candidate to be elected as the AFN Yukon Regional Chief by acclamation at the AFN Yukon First Nations Annual Summit.
- 17. If two or more eligible candidates submit nominations, in accordance with these rules, then the Electoral Officer will prepare the necessary documents and ballots to conduct a vote for the office of the AFN Yukon Regional Chief.

### **Incumbent Regional Chief**

The term election period means the "Campaign Period" for the purpose of the AFN Yukon Terms of Reference (July 15, 2020) and for the purpose of these Election Rules will commence on the date the Electoral Officer calls for nominations and will end on the date of the election.

- 18. An incumbent AFN Regional Chief is eligible for re-election.
- 19. An incumbent AFN Regional Chief seeking re-election is not required to take a leave of absence from the position as the AFN Regional Chief.
- 20. Unless conducting AFN Yukon business, the incumbent AFN Regional Chief shall not use AFN Yukon property or resources during the election period.
- 21. During the election period, the incumbent AFN Regional Chief will require the Executive Committee to approve expenditures over \$5,000.00

# **All Candidates Forum**

- 22. The all-candidates forum will take place on the day before, or the morning of, the election date.
- 23. Each candidate will be given ten (10) minutes at the all-candidates forum to address the AFN Yukon First Nation Annual Summit delegates, subject to the Electoral Officer's discretion.
- 24. After all of the candidates have spoken, the Electoral Officer will provide the opportunity for AFN Yukon First Nations Annual Summit delegates to ask the candidates questions. The amount of time for questions will be determined by the Electoral Officer.
- 25. The Electoral Officer may allow the candidates to make additional speeches in response to the questions raised by the AFN Yukon First Nation Annual Summit delegates.

# **Timing and Location**

- 26. An AFN Yukon Regional Chief will be elected every three (3) years at the AFN Yukon First Nations Annual Summit.
- 27. If, for whatever reason, the AFN Yukon Regional Chief is unable, or unwilling, to complete their three-year term, an interim AFN Yukon Regional Chief will be appointed at an AFN Yukon First Nation Chiefs Summit, followed by an election for a new AFN Yukon Regional Chief at the AFN Yukon First Nations Annual Summit scheduled in that calendar year.

### **Electronic Voting**

- 28. To ensure that every Yukon First Nation can participate in the election, the Electoral Officer can include electronic voting by way of emails in addition to casting of ballots in person. The Electoral Officer will need to determine whether electronic voting is feasible, depending on the location of the election, and if there are sufficient resources available to assist the alternative voting option.
- 29. The Electoral Officer will inform each candidate of the voting methods that will be used for the election.
- 30. If electronic voting is permitted, an elector may cast their vote through the electronic voting platform or process, as confirmed by the Electoral Officer.

# **In-Person Polling**

31. Voting will take place on the election date. The timing of the ballots will be determined by the Electoral Officer.

### **Electors**

- 32. Each Yukon First Nation is entitled to cast three (3) ballots as follows:
  - a. one ballot for the Chief or delegated representative of the Chief; and
  - b. one ballot for each of the two (2) representatives of a Yukon First Nation, as determined by the leadership of the Yukon First Nation.
- 33. Candidates are not permitted to vote in the election.
- 34. The Chief and four representatives from each Yukon First Nation must be registered with the Electoral Officer no later than 6 p.m. local time on the day before the election date to be placed on the voters' list.
- 35. The Electoral Officer will use the registrations to establish the voters' list.
- 36. Only those registered and listed on the voters' list may cast a ballot in the election of the AFN Yukon Regional Chief.

#### **Proxies**

- 37. A Chief or representative of a Yukon First Nation may cast their ballot by way of a proxy on the following conditions:
  - a the Chief or representative has authorized a person to cast their ballot by way of the Proxy Form (attached as Form C to these Election Rules); or alternatively
  - b the Chief or representative has authorized a person to be their proxy confirmed in writing on First Nation letterhead; and
  - c the name of the proxy and authorization has been delivered to the Electoral Officer in accordance with section 34 of these Election Rules.
- 38. A representative may carry a proxy for another representative, but no one person may carry more than two (2) proxies.
- 39. In the event of a dispute regarding a proxy, the Electoral Officer shall make a binding determination.

# Voting

- 40. The vote shall be by secret ballot.
- 41. Once an elector or proxy has been confirmed against the voters' list, the Electoral Officer will give the elector or proxy a ballot.
- 42. The elector will go to the designated polling place, or space provided, and mark their ballot with an "X" in the square provided opposite to the name they desire to elect, fold the ballot and, in the presence of the Electoral Officer and scrutineers, deposit the ballot in a secure ballot box.
- 43. Ballots that are not marked or have writing or a mark other than an "X" will be declared as spoiled and will not be counted, except where the elector has made a mark, in the opinion of the Electoral Officer, clearly indicates their intention, in which case the Electoral Officer, may declare the ballot not spoiled and count it accordingly. The Electoral Officer's decision is final.
- 44. A candidate must receive at least 60% of the votes cast in the election to be elected as the AFN Yukon Regional Chief.
- 45. If there are two or more candidates and no single candidate attains the 60% of the votes cast on the first ballot, additional ballots will be held until one of the candidates attains the necessary number of votes. On each successive ballot, the name of the candidate with fewest votes will be removed.

- 46. In the event that neither of the last two candidates attains the 60% of the votes cast, subsequent ballots will be held until one of the candidates secures the 60% of the votes cast or one of the two candidates concedes.
- 47. The AFN Yukon First Nations Annual Summit delegates will direct the Electoral Officer to destroy the ballots following the declaration of the elected Yukon Regional Chief.

### **Scrutineers**

- 48. The appointment of a scrutineer is to be confirmed at the time the candidate files their Nomination Acceptance Form with the Electoral Officer.
- 49. Each candidate may appoint one scrutineer to witness the collecting and counting of the ballots by the Electoral Officer. The scrutineer's name will be identified on the Nomination Acceptance Form.
- 50. Scrutineers may:
  - a. approve the voters list;
  - b. contest the right of a person to cast a ballot supported by a valid reason, and resolved by the Electoral Officer in the event of a dispute over voter eligibility;
  - c. verify the identity of each elector;
  - d. scrutinize the counting of the ballots by the Electoral Officer; and
  - e. sign the return of the poll.

### **Adoption of Election Rules**

- 51. The AFN Yukon First Nation Chiefs hereby adopt these Election Rules for the purpose of electing the AFN Yukon Regional Chief.
- 52. All former Election Rules are hereby repealed and replaced with these Election Rules, dated August 24, 2021.

Approved by the AFN Yukon First Nation Chiefs Summit on August 24, 2021 in accordance with Resolution #2021.08.24.001.

**Moved by:** Chief Simon Mervyn, First Nation of Na-cho Nyak Dun **Seconded By**: Chief Roberta Joseph, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation