

# ELECTORAL OFFICER REPORT

2018 SHUSWAP INDIAN BAND

LAND USE PLAN RATIFICATION VOTE

March 18, 2018

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ATTENTION: Chief & Council  
**SHUSWAP INDIAN BAND**  
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Proposal Submitted via mail and email: Sierra Stump <landclerk@shuswapband.net>

**Re: Electoral Officer Final Report - 2018 Shuswap Indian Band Land Use Plan Ratification Vote.**

Dear Chief & Council;

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve the Shuswap Indian Band as Electoral/Ratification Officer. Results of the election results have been posted and available at: <https://onefeather.ca/nations/shuswap/elections/landuseplan>

Please find attached my final report on the Ratification Vote proceedings.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly should you require any additional materials or if you have any questions.

My direct line is 250-889-1582 (please feel free to text or call anytime), via email at [lewis.l@telus.net](mailto:lewis.l@telus.net) or through our website [www.onefeather.ca](http://www.onefeather.ca)

Sincerely,



Lawrence Lewis

# **Election Report 2018**

## **Lawrence Lewis, Chief Electoral Officer**

1. Name of First Nation: **Shuswap Indian Band (SIB)**
2. Date of Voting Event: **March 17, 2018**
3. Type of election: **Land Use Plan Ratification Vote**
4. Date of last general election (month/year): **N/A**
5. The ratification vote was conducted pursuant to and in accordance with the Shuswap Indian Band Land Code. In particular, in reference to Sections 13.5 and 14.1 a required quorum of eligible voter participation is set at a 20% +1 minimum threshold (or 43 voters).
6. Total number of eligible voters: **213**
  - a) Total number of Ballots cast: **31**
  - b) Percentage of Voter participation: **14.5%**
7. The SIB OneFeather website was created by the Electoral Officer to allow for direct and confidential communication, posting of notices, election results and all essential information and forms available to the Electorate (and Members). The website shall remain available indefinitely at: **<https://onefeather.ca/nations/shuswap>**
8. The **Shuswap Land Use Plan Ratification Notice** was posted on or about the **31<sup>st</sup>** day of **January 2018** at the following location(s): **SIB Administration Buildings**, and was posted online at **<https://onefeather.ca/nations/shuswap>**, and mailed to the last known residential mailing address of every Elector.
9. The Electors List was posted on or about the **31<sup>st</sup>** day of **January 2018** at the following location(s): **SIB Administration Buildings**, and was posted online at **<https://onefeather.ca/nations/shuswap>**, and was available from the Ratification Officer upon request.
10. Mail in Ballot packages were prepared and mailed February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to 127 off-reserve electors for whom we were provided a residential mailing address.
11. The Poll was conducted at the **Shuswap Indian Band Hall** (Invermere, B.C.) and Election results were tabulated immediately following the close of the Poll during open/public proceedings and Candidate agents were invited to participate directly:
  - a) The Regular Poll was held on the **17<sup>th</sup>** day of **March 2018** and was kept open without interruption from **9:00AM to 8:00PM**.

## 12. Ballot Reconciliation

A)	Number of <b>valid</b> ballots cast (including Mail in Ballots =3)	31
B)	Number of <b>rejected</b> ballots cast ( i.e. inserted in the ballot box)	0
C)	Number of ballots spoiled (never placed in the ballot box)	0
D)	Number of unused ballots	95
E)	Total number of mail-in packages returned as undeliverable	2
F)	Total number of mail-in ballots returned by the elector who voted in person at the polling station	0
G)	Number of mail-in ballots not deposited in the ballot box during the verification process	0
H)	Mail-in ballots not returned	122
I)	Total number of ballots (A + B + C + D + E + F + G + H)	250
J)	Total number of ballots printed	250

## 13. Polling Station Results:

	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>TOTAL BALLOTS CAST</b>	<b>31</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>SPOILED / REJECTED BALLOTS</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATE BALLOT COUNTS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>YES</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>NO</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Voting Method</b>	<b>Number of Ballots</b>
Vote In Person	17
Vote Mail In	3
Vote Electronic	11
Percentage of Vote – did not meet quorum threshold.	14.5%

14. Statement of Voting Event Outcome - **REJECTION**

- a) Rejection – the ratification vote fails due to the inability to reach the minimum quorum requirements of 20% + 1 voter participation of eligible voters in any ratification vote.

15. Declaration:

I, **Lawrence Lewis**, appointed to the position of Electoral/Ratification Officer for the Shuswap Indian, declare that the polling locations were effectively kept open between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (local time), and that I have correctly counted the votes cast for each candidate and have performed to the best of my abilities all duties required of me by the *Shuswap Indian Band Land Code*.



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Lawrence Lewis, Electoral Officer

March 18, 2018

Ordinarily Resident at:

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## Land Use Plan Vote

Polling completed March 17, 2018

Total number of voters: 31 (14.5% showed)

Polling stations reporting: 2 of 2

**PLEASE NOTE – Given the small number of mail in ballots returned, their results were amalgamated with regular polling station result to ensure/protect anonymity of the vote and voter.**

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**“DO YOU APPROVE THE SHUSWAP INDIAN BAND LAND USE PLAN DATED FOR REFERENCE FEBRUARY 27TH , 2018?”**

Option	March 17th - Shuswap Band Hall	Mail In	Electronic	Total Votes
YES	10	0	9	19
NO	10	0	2	12
Spoiled	0	0	0	0