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NOTICE OF PROPOSED LAW RATIFICATION

PREAMBLE: The Lawmakers Assembly of the Anicinabek has met, discussed, considered and referred for amendment the Sagkeeng First Nation Election Law and the Conservation Law to govern the Anicinabek. These laws must now be ratified by the Sagkeeng membership before they take effect.

DESCRIPTION OF LAW:

ELECTION LAW

Some years previously, the Sagkeeng First Nation provided direction to move toward developing an election law with the intent of going Band Custom. The Sagkeeng First Nation Election Law is a result of that community endorsement. Amendments to this law were ratified on December 10, 2016. However, the Federal Government has requested that mail-in ballots be included. These new amendments were completed as determined through the direction of the community.

CONSERVATION LAW

The Conservation Law is a law to deal with resource use on both lands and water and establishes a process to dispense with outside parties that wish to benefit from our resources. The law will manage resource use while creating greater opportunities for protecting Aboriginal and Treaty rights including hunting, fishing, trapping, gathering etc.

COPIES: Copies of the amended Sagkeeng First Nation Election Law and the Conservation Law will be distributed to each household in the community according to the Sagkeeng Onakonigawin/ The Process Law. As well, copies of these proposed laws will be available at the Band Office and each polling station. Copies will also be posted on the Sagkeeng First Nation website.

DATE AND LOCATION OF VOTE: The ratification vote will take place on Saturday, January 13, 2018. Polling stations will be at the High School on the North Shore and the Treatment Center on the South Shore. Bus service will be available to assist Sagkeeng residents living in Winnipeg and will depart from the Aboriginal Center on Higgins Avenue on January 13, 2018, slated for 11:00 am and 3:00 pm.

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