

MEMBERSHIP CODE INFORMATION SHEET

May 6, 2021 Referendum Vote
Ashcroft Indian Band

1. **Replacing the Old Rules:** The Band requires a new Membership Code to replace the Band's original Membership Rules (the "**Old Rules**"). The Old Rules:
 - (a) came into force on June 26, 1987, over 33 years ago;
 - (b) are vague and outdated; and
 - (c) have created disputes, including court cases, among the members.

2. **The New Membership Code:** The new Membership Code (the "**New Code**") eliminates both discretionary memberships and the Band vote before new members are admitted. There is only one type of membership:

If a person is a status Indian who has at least one biological parent who is both a status Indian and a Band member, that person is automatically entitled to membership in the Band.

3. **685 Status Number:** Many people who were in the discretionary membership class under the Old Rules, never became members of the Band. Under the New Code:

anyone with a "685" status number will probably be eligible to be a Band member.

4. **Next Election:** The New Code is up for approval on May 6, 2021. If passed:

many of the people who were not on the voters list for the May 6, 2021 election of Chief and Council, will become Band members and eligible to vote in the next election.

5. **Viewing the New Code:** The New Code has been posted on the Band website.

6. **Questions:** Please contact the Membership Coordinator for the Band at 250-453-9154.

7. **How to Vote:** Electors may vote on the New Code either:
 - (a) in person at the polling station at the Roundhouse, 380 Cornwall Road, Ashcroft, BC on May 6, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM; or
 - (b) by mail in ballot received by the Electoral Officer, before 8:00 PM on May 6, 2021.