



“BIGSTONE CREE NATION IS A SECTION 10 BAND”

**HAVING A TREATY CARD WITH A 458 (NUMBER) DOES NOT MEAN THAT
YOU ARE A MEMBER AND ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.**

What does this mean? This means that Bigstone Cree Nation maintains its own Membership Code.

What is a Membership Panel? A Membership Panel is comprised of elders from each of the 3 (three) communities, Wabasca, Chipewyan Lake and Calling Lake, who review membership applications and recommend potential members to Bigstone Cree Nation. The Membership Panel operates in accordance with the Bigstone Cree Nation Membership Code.

Next Step: Once the panel has made a motion to accept the application, the name of the person is posted for 30 days. ANY objections about the application must be brought forward to the Membership Clerk in writing prior to the deadline.

If there are no objections, the person is then considered a Member immediately after the 30 day notice and then added to the community Member list that they reside or they must apply for affiliation if they currently live outside of the (3) three communities, in accordance to Bigstone Cree Nation Election Code.

ANYONE that was reinstated (*given back your treaty right*) under Bill C-31(1985) or registered under Bill C-3 (2011) and Bill S-3 (2017) MUST apply for Membership in order to be eligible to run or vote in a Bigstone Cree Nation Chief and Council Election.

Existing Members of Bigstone Cree Nation and those Affiliated (part of) the Nation through Bill C-31, Bill C-3 and Bill S-3 Act are all issued the same status card.

To find out if you are a member of Bigstone Cree Nation please call Corrine Cardinal, Membership Clerk at (1-800-268-6783)

**GET PREPARED NOW FOR THE 2022 ELECTION AND FOR ANY OTHER
REFERENDUM VOTES CALLED BY BIGSTONE CREE NATION.**