



CHAMPAGNE and AISHIHIK First Nations

As required pursuant to section 77 of the CAFN Constitution, the following are the “statements of the purpose of proposed amendments” recommended to the General Assembly by the Constitutional Review Committee:

- General clean up (approximately 60 non-substantial amendments) e.g spelling & renumbering.
- Rewrite of the Preamble to reflect cultural heritage and connection to the Traditional Territory.
- Change the introduction to Objectives to specifically reference the creation of the 4 branches of government, and to emphasize balance in lifestyle among spiritual, mental, emotional and physical health.
- S.1 To clarify definition of “Government”.
- S.2 Amend to ensure that processing of application for Citizenship is to be within a “reasonable timeframe”, and not to exceed 60 days from time of submission.
- S.4 Clarify that rights and responsibilities apply to all Citizens no matter where they live.
- S.13 Reword to add “reasonable limitations” clause to apply to all of s.13.
- Add new Section between s.23 and s.24 to recognize the “delegates process” for the General Assembly, and geographic representation. Establish that the status of “delegate” does not confer additional rights to Citizens who are delegates.
- S.24 Amend to clarify that the General Assembly role is to provide *guidance and input* to the Government, establish that the General Assembly is to receive updates on the status of Resolutions, and establish criteria in consultation with the First Nations Council for an independent process to review administrative procedures of the Government.
- S.25 Amend so that the General Assembly determines the next year’s location based on the principle of rotating among CAFN communities.
- S.26 Clarify that General Assembly procedures are not reviewable by other branches.
- S.27 Provide for Citizens input on the setting of the General Assembly agenda.
- Ss.28 & 29 Clarify who determines the General Assembly Chair and Chair’s voting rights and responsibilities.
- S.30 Clarify roles and responsibilities of all Citizens to ensure participatory rights at a General Assembly.
- S.31 Amend to confirm that a non-CAFN person can be appointed General Assembly Chair.
- S.40 Merge with s.25 as this section is redundant.
- S.41 Confirm that the First Nations Council is a legislative *and executive* branch of Government, that the Council will appoint a deputy Chair on a rotational basis and that the Youth Councillor is to be appointed as an *ex officio* non-voting member.
- S.42 Confirm that no other branch can review the First Nations Council procedures.

- S.44 Amend as a “best efforts” clause for the Council to hold its meetings among CAFN communities on a rotational basis.
- S.47 Amend to reduce quorum by one Councillor given the *ex officio* status of Youth Councillor.
- S.50 Allow the Council to determine the role of the Deputy Chief.
- S.52 Amend to allow Council to determine acting Chief if the Chief is not able to serve.
- S.53 Modify to be consistent with revised s.52.
- S.54 Requirement for the Council to give careful consideration to the guidance and input from the General Assembly, separate the responsibility for treaties, land claims and intergovernmental agreements from simple contracts, and add requirement to consult with Citizenship on treaties, land claims and intergovernmental agreements that affect rights, titles and interests.
- S.60 Add new subsection to require that the Elders Senate and the First Nations Council convene a joint meeting once every calendar year so that the Senate can advise Council by bringing a traditional perspective to Council’s executive and legislative functions.
- S.61 Amend to remove capacity of General Assembly to direct the Elders Senate.
- S.62 Amend to clarify no other branch of Government can review the Senate’s procedures.
- S.65 Remove the capacity of the General Assembly to direct the Youth Council.
- S. 68 Simplify the language regarding Settlement Lands (no change of purpose or intent).
- S.69 Give clarity to the language around consolidated revenue fund.
- S.76 Amendments to the constitutional amending process to: reduce regular amendments to once every 5 years but with emergency capacity to amend under certain circumstances; establish a Constitutional Registrar as official keeper of the Constitution and related documents; appointment of the Constitutional Committee 60 days in advance of the General Assembly to work with Citizens and Legal Counsel in drafting; require that Citizens recommending amendments secure 25 signatures on a sponsoring petition to be submitted with the statement of purpose for the constitutional amendment; the statement of purpose and draft amendments to the Constitution to be introduced by the Citizen or by an authorized delegate willing to speak to the amendment; if a delegate speaks to the amendment, the Citizen is to be present to confirm continued support.
- Revisions to the Citizenship Code to establish reasonable timeframes and rights of appeal.