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Information on Vote Certification by the Chief Ratification Officer (CRO) regarding KZA – GBFN Treaty Reserve Claim – Agreement 1

The names of 1,194 eligible voters appeared on the Eligible Voters List as was provided by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). This list was acknowledged by ISC, KZA and the CRO to contain the names of deceased members of the Nation whose family has not yet been successful in the provision of the necessary documents/statutory declarations to see the names removed. Work will continue by KZA Administration to assist families in this regard to ensure an accurate and timely distribution of benefits associated with Agreement 1 to members of KZA.

The results of the Ratification Vote attached are as follows:

501 Ballots were cast in the Ratification Vote of which 479 Ballots were marked "YES" for the Ballot Question 22 Ballots were marked "NO" for the Ballot Question

Based on the need to meet or exceed the Threshold for Ratification, being: that 25% plus 1 of the Eligible Voters vote in favour of the Ballot Question AND

that there be more votes cast in favour of the Ballot Question than against it,
the decision to accept Agreement 1 offer was APPROVED by KZA Voters.

The vote saw participation of 43.4% of total Eligible Voters (listed who are alive) with 96% of Eligible Voters voting in favour and 4% voting to oppose. Voters participated by Mail-In Ballot, Advance Poll (Feb 15) and Main Poll (Feb 22).

Chi-miigwetch to all who took the time to cast a Ballot and who participated in community meetings. Today, we will begin the transfer of documents that Council signed at a duly convened meeting in KZA yesterday. Within days, we will have the information mailed out to members as to what are the next steps of actions required by them to undertake the execution of the distribution of benefits.

Chief/Wilfred/N. King, B.A., H.B.A., LL.B.

KIASHKE ZAAGING ANISHINAABEK – GULL BAY FIRST NATION TREATY RESERVE CLAIM AGREEMENT 1

SCHEDULE 3

CERTIFICATION OF THE CHIEF RATIFICATION OFFICER

I, Dennis Robinson, of Pic Quen FIRST NATION, in the Province of Ontario,

DO SO	OLEMNLY DE	ECLARE THAT:
1.	I was present at Thunder BAY on FEB 15 2025, and at Gungay First Nation on FEB 12 2025 when Eligible Voters of Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek – Gull Bay First Nation voted concerning the following Ballot Question:	
	Do you approve the decision to:	
	(a)	agree to all of the terms and conditions of the Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek – Gull Bay First Nation Treaty Reserve Claim Agreement 1 initialed by the negotiators for Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek – Gull Bay First Nation and Canada and the Trust Agreement;
		and
	(b)	authorize and direct the Council of Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek – Gull Bay First Nation to sign all documents and do everything necessary to give effect to the Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek – Gull Bay First Nation Treaty Reserve Claim Agreement 1 and the Trust Agreement?
2.	The voting procedures were conducted in accordance with Schedule 1 Ratification Process.	
3.	The names of # Eligible Voters appeared on the Eligible Voters List on the date of the last Voting Day (i.e. the day of the Main Poll) of the Ratification Vote.	
4.	The Threshold for Ratification of the Ratification Vote was: that twenty-five (25%) percent plus one (1) of the Eligible Voters vote in favour of the Ballot Question and that there be more votes cast in favour of the Ballot Question than against it.	
5.	The results of the Ratification Vote are as follows:	
	a. <u>4</u> 79	ballots were marked "YES" for the Ballot Question;
	b. <u>22</u>	ballots were marked "NO" for the Ballot Question;

c. _____ ballots were spoiled under sub-ARTICLE 9.1(d) of Schedule 1 of the Ratification Process and are counted as votes cast; d. 50/ ballots were cast in the Ratification Vote, counting all in-person voting together with mail-in ballots (contained in Return Envelopes) returned and that were not set aside under sub-ARTICLES 6.5, 8.10, 8.16, and 9.1(c) of Schedule 1 of the Ratification Process, and for greater certainty the spoiled ballots that were put in the envelope marked "SPOILED BALLOTS" under sub-ARTICLE 9.1(d) of Schedule 1 of the Ratification Process shall be included in the results of the ballots that are cast in the Ratification Vote: mail-in ballots (contained in Return Envelopes) were returned in the Ratification Vote and that were not set aside under sub-ARTICLES 6.5, 8.10, 8.16, and 9.1(c) of Schedule 1 of the Ratification Process; and ballots were marked void in accordance with sub-ARTICLES 6.5, 8.10, 8.16, and 9.1(c) of Schedule 1 of the Ratification Process and are not counted as votes cast. Based on the need to meet or exceed the Threshold for Ratification in item 4 above, the decision was [Approved Not Approved] by the Eligible Voters. AND I MAKE THIS SOLEMN DECLARATION conscientiously believing it to be true. DECLARED BEFORE me at Guu Bar know have in the Province of Duranio, this 23 day of Feb., 2025 Chief Ratification Officer

Acknowledgement Signature of Chief or

Member of Council

Name: Dennis Robinson