

Instructions for the guidance of Indian Agents in connection with the surrender of Indian reserves.

1. A proposal to submit to the Indians the question of surrender of an Indian reserve or any portion thereof must be submitted by an officer of the Department for approval by the Superintendent General or his deputy upon a memo. setting forth the terms of the proposed surrender and the reasons therefor.

2. An officer duly authorized by the Superintendent General or his deputy to submit a surrender to the Indians shall for the purpose of taking such surrender make a voters' list of all the male members of the band of the full age of twenty-one years who habitually reside on or near and are interested in the reserve in question.

3. The meeting or council for consideration of surrender shall be summoned according to the rules of the band, which, unless otherwise provided, shall be as follows:—Printed or written notices giving the date and place of the meeting are to be conspicuously posted on the reserve, and one week must elapse between the issue or posting of the notices and the date for meeting or council. The interpreter who is to be present and interpret at the meeting or council must deliver, if practicable, written or verbal notice to each Indian on the voters' list, not less than three days before the date of the meeting, or must give sufficient reasons for the non-delivery of such notices.

4. The terms of the surrender must be interpreted to the Indians, and if necessary or or advisable, to individual Indians present at the meeting or council, by an interpreter qualified to interpret from the English language into the language or languages spoken by the Indians.

5. The surrender must be assented to by a majority of the Indians whose names appear upon the voters' list, who must be present at a meeting or council summoned for the purpose as hereinbefore provided.

6. The officer duly authorized shall keep a poll-book and shall record the vote of each Indian who was present at the meeting or council and voted.

7. The surrender should be signed by a number of Indians and witnessed by the authorized officer, and the affidavit of execution of the surrender should be made by the duly authorized officer and the Chief of the Band and a Principal man or two Principal men before a judge, stipendiary magistrate or a justice of the peace.

8. The officer taking the surrender should report the number of voting members of the band as recorded in the voters' list, the number present at the meeting, the number voting for and the number against the surrender.

DUNCAN C. SCOTT,

Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, 15th May, 1914.

RG 10, C-11-2, vol. 11069
File/dossier 155/20-7-1-1

INDIAN AFFAIRS
AFFAIRES INDIENNES

National Archives of Canada
Archives nationales du Canada

00000000