

**SAWRIDGE FIRST NATION
ELECTIONS ACT (the "Act")
REGULATION #2015-1**

This regulation was passed by the Council of the Sawridge First Nation on the 13 day of October, 2015

Whereas the Elections Act provides that the Council of the First Nation may make regulations respecting the maintenance of secrecy of mail-in votes; and

Whereas the Elections Act provides that the Council of the First Nation may make regulations respecting the processes and procedures to ensure that the secrecy of the vote is maintained; and

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING REGULATION:

1. Under no circumstances is the Electoral Officer to unfold a ballot in any way that reveals the Front of the ballot where the names of the Candidates are printed unless that ballot has first been deposited in the Ballot Box in accordance with the Elections Act.
2. In preparing the ballots the Electoral Officer shall use paper that has a different color or pattern on the front of the paper than it does on the back of the paper to make it clear which side of the paper is the front.
3. Ballot papers shall have the names of the Candidates printed on the front side only.
4. When the Electoral Officer sets aside a ballot pursuant to subsection 66(a) due to the circumstances set forth in subparagraphs 66(a)(i)-(iii), the Electoral Officer shall leave the Ballot sealed in the inner envelope without opening it. The Electoral Officer is not permitted under any circumstances to open the inner envelope or reveal the manner in which the ballot was voted, if the Ballot has been set aside pursuant to this provision.
5. If a mail in Ballot that has not been set aside as required by the Act, does not have the distinctive mark of the Electoral Officer on the back, clearly visible without unfolding the ballot, as contemplated by subsection 45(1)(b), then the mail in Ballot may be unfolded without revealing the front of the ballot. If the mail in Ballot does not have the distinctive mark of the Electoral Officer on the back then it shall not be deposited in the Ballot box and shall be refolded and, the front shall not be revealed to anyone by the Electoral Officer. If the mail in ballot has the distinctive mark of the Electoral Officer on the back revealed after it is unfolded as contemplated herein, then the Electoral Officer shall refold the ballot without revealing the front of the ballot and deposit the ballot in the ballot box.
6. The Electoral Officer shall ensure that the distinctive mark placed on the Ballot is in a place that ensures that when the ballot is folded to conceal how the ballot was voted, the distinctive mark cannot be concealed.
7. The Ballot paper shall be folded with the candidates' names concealed, and so that it easily fits within the inner envelope, when it is mailed out to the Electors.
8. The Ballot Paper shall be no longer than is necessary to print the names in the centre with an equal portion to fold from the top to cover all the names and an equal portion to fold from the bottom to cover the top piece. The distinctive mark shall be placed on the back of the portion where the names are printed. The width of the paper shall be narrow enough that when folded the Ballot will easily fit within the inner envelope.
9. The Electoral Officer shall never reveal how any Elector has voted a ballot under any circumstances. The Electoral Officer is not considered to have revealed how an Elector has voted where during the counting of the Ballots the Ballot is shown to contain a mark that identifies or may identify an Elector. In such circumstances the Electoral Officer shall abide by the provisions of Section 69, but shall not identify or attempt to identify the Elector publicly. The Electoral Officer shall merely determine if the Ballot contains a mark that identifies or may identify an Elector without naming the Elector.