

Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe



Update: Referendum Question on a Seniors Benefit

Tribal Council

Tsiothohrkó:wa/ January 7, 2017

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Tribal Procedures Act

(TCR 2013-32)

SECTION VI. REFERENDUMS

A. Authority of Members to Initiate Referendums

1. A referendum may be called to adopt new laws, reject or amend existing laws, or to **pose questions** on issues that affect the community.

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Referendum

December 3, 2016



Question # 3:

Do you support a \$200 monthly benefit be paid to Tribally enrolled American resident elders 62 years old and older within the 15 mile radius, which is the established guidelines of the SRMT, for achieving and/or maintaining financial stability for their health, education and welfare?

Election Board certified results:

Yes – 385

No – 150

Void – 0

Spoiled - 2

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Tribal Monthly Meeting

December 10, 2016



As follow-up to the affirmation of referendum Question #3, Tribal Council distributed a community Callout for the Elders Benefit Working Group.

A motion was made from the floor by Pat Thomas: The nine (9) members of the Senior's Benefit committee responsible for bringing forward the Elder Benefit Referendum becomes the Selection Committee to select members for the Elders Benefit Program working group to work in unity with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council to get the process moving; it was seconded by Ruth Bell.

Vote: For – 23; Against – 0; Abstentions -13 **CARRIED**

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SECTION VII. MONTHLY TRIBAL MEETINGS

D. Motions from the Floor

4. If the motion passes, the Council will place that issue on its Agenda for the next scheduled Work Session and report back to the Community at the next Monthly Meeting on what, if any action was taken.
5. In response to such motions, it is the responsibility of Council to consider each motion and make an independent decision whether acting upon the motion is in the best interests of the SRMT, as a whole, and, if so, to take official action upon the motion.

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Work Session

December 21, 2016



Chairperson Chief Thompson read the Previous Monthly Meeting Action Items (December 10th) and the motion from the floor. Tribal Council reported that the process to follow-up with the motion was ongoing.

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Tribal Council Meetings with Seniors Benefit Committee

- ✓ **December 23, 2016**
- ✓ **December 30, 2016**

The Seniors Benefit Committee requested a deadline for callout submissions. Tribal Council updated the callout with deadline of January 27, 2017.

- ✓ **January 6, 2017**

The Seniors Benefit Committee recommended seven (7) names to Tribal Council for the Working Group.

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Tribal Council

Boards, Commission, Committees

Working Group Appointment Process:

1. Working Group callout is posted to the community;
2. Tribal Council reviews submissions, recommendations and deliberates to select candidates;
3. Letter sent to successful candidates:
 - A. Candidate to review guiding principles;
 - B. Candidate accepts and submits to criminal background check and drug screening.
4. Tribal Council Resolution will give authority to Working Group and appoint members.

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Thank you very much

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