

# **Dokis First Nation Band Membership Transfer Policy**

## **Objective**

- To create community awareness on the drafted “Dokis Band Membership Transfer Policy”.
- We encourage the community to attend and participate in this event and understand the importance of this policy.
- We encourage the community’s comments/feedback on the “Membership Transfer Policy” within the specified timeframe.

## **Background Summary**

**November 2019** - a Draft Membership Transfer Policy was distributed by mail to all registered Dokis FN members (on & off-reserve). The purpose was to engage community participation in the review of the policy and request submission of comments/objections to the Policy before it was passed by Leadership.

**February 20, 2020** – a community meeting was held to discuss the Transfer Policy and to allow for feedback.

**February 28, 2020** – Feedback was received from registered band members, however, only a small number of comments were received. In addition, attendance at the Community Meeting was low.

**Covid Pandemic 2020** – the onset of Covid and lockdown of the Band Office contributed to the delay of the Transfer Policy reaching participation of Dokis Band Members. Additionally, the Membership Transfer Policy was postponed due to the processes of the now resolved Indian Land Management Fund Claim and the Election for Chief and Council.

**NOTE: Dokis FN was not in practice of a Transfer Policy for several years and it is important moving forward to allow such a policy that will review/accept/or reject any registered members from other First Nations seeking membership with Dokis. We want to engage the community in the process; therefore, it is crucial that all Band Members participate in this event.**

**Strategy:** We are now able to resume the process of passing the Dokis FN Band Membership Transfer Policy by **July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023**. How will we achieve this? The following steps outline our goals.

**Meeting** – May 9<sup>th</sup> – Announcement to proceed with the Dokis FN Band Membership Transfer Policy by Chief & Council at the Monthly Band Meeting.

**May 17 - 19, 2023**, Distribution of the Transfer Policy.

The Dokis FN Band Membership Transfer Policy and supporting documents will be made available on the Dokis FN Website (Band Members access only); at the Dokis Band Office during regular business hours (Lands Dept & Administration Office); and members who have previously consented to receive email communications with Dokis will receive the information package by email.

**Comments/Feedback will be accepted until June 15, 2023.** We ask that you print and sign the comment section and return to the Dokis Membership Dept, Janie Dokis ([membership@dokis.ca](mailto:membership@dokis.ca)). or drop-off your comments at the Lands Building, directed to Janie Dokis. **Anonymous comments will NOT be accepted or acknowledged.**

**June 20, 2023** – The monthly community Band meeting will be held (in-person & Zoom) to present the Dokis FN Band Membership Transfer Policy. This will also be a joint **supper** presentation and we encourage members to attend and have their say on the **Transfer Policy**.

**July 31, 2023** – Upon review of all comments/feedback and endorsement by Leadership, the Dokis FN Band Membership Transfer Policy will be approved by Band Council Resolution.