
**Skeetchestn Indian Band Membership Code:
Community Engagement Survey Questions**

1. Should a person be entitled to automatic membership in any of the following situations? *Tick boxes to indicate “yes”*

A person should automatically be entitled to SIB Membership if that person has Indian Status and is a biological or adopted child of at least one parent who is already an SIB Member

Other? Explain: _____

2. What criteria should a person who is not automatically a member meet to become a member?

NOTES:

“Probationary Membership” is where a person is accepted as a member but does not have all of the rights that a full member has, and they can still have their membership revoked. The rights that a probationary member may exercise will depend on how members answer question number 3 in this survey.

Tick boxes to indicate “yes”

Person must have Skeetchestn ancestry

Person without Skeetchestn ancestry can be a member if they are married to a person with Skeetchestn ancestry?

Person without Skeetchestn ancestry can be a member if they are legally or customarily adopted by a person with Skeetchestn ancestry?

Person must have at least one parent who is a member of SIB

Person must not have been convicted of a criminal offence (***Tick all that you think should apply***)

Ever

Within the last five years

Within the last ten years

- For which they have not completed their sentence
- For which they have not been pardoned

- Person must either not be a member of another band, or they must give up that membership before being accepted as a member of SIB

- If the person is an adult, they must first be on “**probationary membership**” and reside within Skeetchestn Reserve Lands for at least: **(tick only one!)**
 - 6 months prior to making their application
 - 1 year prior to making their application
 - 2 of the last 4 years prior to making their application
 - 2 of 4 consecutive years at any point in time
 - Other? Explain: _____

- Person must have at least a basic knowledge of the history and culture of the Skeetchestn peoples

- Person must have at least a basic knowledge of the language of the Skeetchestn peoples

- Person must have at least a basic knowledge of SIB’s institutions (ie. Chief & Council, Administration, Laws that Governs SIB)

- Person must have at least a basic knowledge of how the relationship between SIB and INAC is governed (ie. Housing, Land Holdings, Estates, etc)

- Other: Specify: _____

3. What restrictions should there be on a person who is a probationary member?

4. Should a person be denied membership with SIB for any of the following reasons?

NOTES:

“**Indictable Offence**” means a more serious criminal offence where the accused person often has the right to trial by a jury and if they are convicted, they will generally get a harsher punishment, such as more than six months imprisonment and fines exceeding \$5,000. These offences include acts of terrorism, murder, drug trafficking certain types of sexual assault and other serious criminal acts.

“**Summary Offence**” means those less serious criminal offences for which a judge can only sentence the person to a maximum of 6 months imprisonment and/or a maximum fine of \$5,000. Some examples of a summary offence include: possession of less than 30 grams of marijuana, being found in a bawdy house, and mischief.

*There are also offences that are “**hybrid offences**” which means that when the police report the matter to a prosecutor (i.e. Crown Counsel), the prosecutor has the power to decide whether the charges will be put through the court system as a summary offence or as an indictable offence.

Tick all that you feel should apply

- Providing False Information in their application
- Convicted of an indictable offence within previous _____ years
- On parole or serving a sentence for a summary offence (ie. Parole / Probation)
- Human rights violations
- Other? Explain: _____

5. What process do you think should be followed when a person applies to be a member of SIB?

Tick all that you feel should apply

- an application should include the applicant providing SIB with a completed criminal record check at the applicant's expense
- an application should be made to the membership clerk
- the membership clerk should also have the power to make the decision on whether to accept / deny the application

- an application should be made to a voluntary committee of elders
- the voluntary committee of elders should also have the power to make the decision on whether to accept / deny the application
- an application should be made to a membership committee
- the membership committee should also have the power to make the decision on whether to accept / deny the application
- an application should be made to our Council – we elected them to act on our behalf and this is an appropriate situation for them to do so
- the Council should also have the power to make the decision on whether to accept / deny the application
- Are there any customs or ceremonies that you think should be used to symbolize SIB's acceptance of new members? If yes, please explain what custom should be followed, or what ceremony should be held and when?**

6. Should new members be required to repeat and sign an oath at a public meeting of SIB?

- Yes
- No

**7. If you think there should be an Oath, what should be required in the oath?
*Tick all that you believe should be included***

- That the person will be faithful to and bear a true allegiance to the SIB
- That the person will obey all laws of the SIB
- That the person will be committed to learning and passing on the history, language and culture of the Skeetchestn Peoples

Other: _____

8. Should SIB be allowed to revoke a person's membership?

- Yes, we should revoke member if a person is found guilty by a court of law of (tick all you want to apply):
 - having caused death or disability of another band member or resident of the Skeetchestn Reserve;
 - having caused extensive damage to the property of another band member, or resident of the Skeetchestn Reserve or of the band membership as a whole;
 - defrauding or causing financial loss to the Band;
 - Other, explain: _____

- No

9. If a person's membership is revoked should they be allowed to re-apply for membership again in the future?

- Yes, after _____ years
- No, Never

10. Who should make the decision on whether to revoke a person's membership? Please tick only one of the below options.

NOTES: "*ratification vote*" means a voting process similar to that held during an election where all members are notified of the vote and provided an opportunity to vote. The vote will be approved where 50% of those people who participate in the vote, vote "yes" to taking away a person's membership.

- The decision should be made by our Council – we elected them to act on our behalf and this is an appropriate situation for them to do so. Having a full voting process for something like this is not a good use of our community's resources.
- The decision should be made by all members, and a full ratification vote held. The person whose membership will be revoked can be sent a notice ahead of time setting out when the vote will be held. That person can then make a written submission and it will be sent to all members with the notice of the vote. The members will then vote on the decision.
- The decision should be made by a voluntary committee of elders
- The decision should be made by a committee of members