



**SAMSON CREE NATION  
SETTLEMENT Referendum (2022)**

**REFERENDUM OFFICER'S DECLARATION**

**Date:** November 16, 2022  
**To:** Samson Cree Nation Chief and Council Attention: Administration  
**And To:** Indigenous Services Canada (for information only)  
**From:** Eileen Sasakamoose, Referendum Officer, Samson Cree Nation Referendum 2022

I, Eileen Sasakamoose, Referendum Officer for Samson Cree Nation, declare as follows:

- i. That at the opening of the polls in the **2022 Samson Cree Nation SETTLEMENT Referendum** the ballot box was checked to make sure it was empty and then properly locked (i.e. secured) and sealed in the presence of a witness.
- ii. That the Maskwacis polling station at the Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre was opened at 9:00 a.m.
- iii. That the Maskwacis polling station was closed at 9:00 p.m.
- iv. That after the closing of the polls, the sealed ballot boxes from the polling stations in Pigeon Lake, Edmonton, Calgary and Red Deer, which were delivered to the Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre, were counted utilizing an electronic tabulator.
- v. A final check of the Maskwacis Post Office box for mail in ballots was conducted prior to the Post Office closing on referendum day.
- vi. After the closing of the Maskwacis polling station, the mail in ballots were counted in the presence of two impartial witnesses. Prior to counting the mail in ballots, the voter's list was checked to confirm that the voter had not voted in person. If the voter had voted in person, the mail in ballot was not counted.
- vii. Two witnesses verified the results of the Referendum and have signed the statement of results.

**STATEMENT OF RESULTS**

Total Number of In Person Voter Ballots: 1032  
Total Number of Mail In Voter Ballots: 9  
Total Number of Spoiled Ballots: 7 (incl. one (1) spoiled mail in ballot)


**Ballot Question:** Do you agree to the terms and conditions of the proposed settlement agreement that will settle and release Canada against the claims in Federal Court Action No. T-2022-89 and all related claims for the sum of \$134 million and that Chief and Council is authorized and directed to take all actions and to sign all documents that are necessary to give effect to the settlement agreement between Samson Cree Nation and Canada?

Yes	858	<b>Won</b>	Yes / No
No	172		
Blank	10		
Overvote	1	Lost	Yes / No

I certify that the results of the Samson Cree Nation 2022 Settlement Referendum are true and accurate.

**Referendum Officer:**   
Eileen Sasakamoose

**Witnesses:** **Membership:**   
Wilda Buffalo, Manager

**Security:**   
Dion Simon, Manager

**Addendum to the Statement of Results:**

**Voters Voting at each Polling Stations:**

**Tabulator Count**

HBMC	812
Edmonton	94
Pigeon Lake	51
Calgary	60
Red Deer	15
Mail In	10
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>1,041</u></b>

**Results Break-Down:**

Yes	858
No	172
Blank	10
<u>Overvote</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>1,041</u></b>

**Distribution of Mail In Ballots**

Number of Mail-in Ballots Printed:	500
Number of Mail-In Ballots mailed out:	26
Number of Replacement Ballots for US voters:	4
Number of Mail-In Ballots distributed at the Edmonton (6), Calgary (4) and NOK information (1) meetings:	11
Number of Mail In Ballots Distributed	41
<u>Number of Mail-in Ballots remaining:</u>	<u>459</u>
Total Number of Mail-in Ballots Accounted for:	459