

Long Lake #58 Constitution Plain Language Version

Preamble

The Long Lake #58 Constitution is Supreme Law. Any laws in conflict with the Constitution on Long Lake #58 Territory are of no force.

Law Making Powers of Long Lake #58 First Nation

Long Lake #58 First Nation has the inherent right of governance and may pass laws that are important to the First Nation.

Law Making Process of Long Lake #58 First Nation

Proposed laws can be introduced at a regular council meeting by either: a) Chief; b) Councillor; or, c) chairperson of a mandated committee. After the proposed law is introduced and considered by Chief and Council, members of Long Lake #58 will provide input and may vote on the proposed law before it is signed by Chief and Council. Chief and Council will establish rules regarding the process, timelines, and publication of Long Lake #58 First Nation Laws.

Chief and Council will establish procedures for publishing and providing access to the laws enacted.

Review and Appeal of Administration Decisions

There will be procedures for appeal or review of administration decisions made by the Long Lake #58 First Nation Chief and Council and its Institutions.

Reasonable Limits

This Constitution guarantees the rights and freedom with reasonable limits that are needed to protect the collective interests of Long Lake #58 First Nation.

Long Lake #58 First Nation Government

Long Lake #58 First Nation members will elect a Chief and Council according to the laws that govern Long Lake #58 First Nation Elections. Elected Chief and Council shall; a) be loyal and respect this Constitution; b) preserve and promote the peace, unity and well-being of Long Lake #58 First Nation; c) Provide effective and accountable government; and d) Cooperate with one another in mutual trust and good faith.

This is a Plain Language version of the Official Draft Constitution of Long Lake #58 First Nation, which will be available at the Long Lake #58 First Nation Administration office.

Delegation

Chief and Council may delegate their authority, in writing, to any legal entity. Where their authority is delegated, the person that is delegated is accountable to the First Nation.

Financial Administration

Long Lake #58 First Nation is accountable for the financial management and administration of the First Nation to its membership. The First Nation will practice prudence and transparency.

Public Administration

Long Lake #58 First Nation administrative and band office staff will follow these principals; a) high standard of ethics; b) efficient, effective and prudent use of resources; c) impartial and equitable use of programs; d) responds to public needs; e) have accurate, accessible and be timely with information.

Changes to long Lake #58 First Nation Constitution

The process set out to make any changes to Long Lake #58 First Nation Constitution is: a) Passing a band council resolution of the proposed change; b) present the proposed changed to Long Lake #58 First Nation membership; c) After public meeting, Chief and Council may authorize a Chief Electoral Officer to hold a vote within sixty (60) days after the public meeting; and d) at least 50% of the eligible voters participate and fifty percent plus one (50%+1) approve the amendment.

Approval of the Constitution

This Constitution will be approved by the voters of Long Lake #58 First Nation through the community process. This is the Plain Language version of Long Lake #58 First Nation Draft Constitution.