



# Liard First Nation

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## **SUMMARY OF LFN PROPOSED CHANGES BETWEEN THE 1998 DRAFT CONSTITUTION AND THE 2026 CONSTITUTION**

The following changes have been made between the 1998 LFN Draft Constitution and the proposed LFN 2026 Constitution:

- **1.0 Preamble/Statement of Objectives**
  - No change.
- **2.0 Definitions/Interpretation**
  - Removal of all definitions relating to the “Liard First Nation Final Agreement”, which was never concluded:
    - “Beneficiary”;
    - “Financial Compensation Fund”;
    - “Liard First Nation Final Agreement”;
    - “Liard First Nation Self-Government Agreement”;
    - “Settlement Land”;
  - Amendment to references to Settlement Land and Liard First Nation Traditional Territory and to “LFN Territory”;
  - Amendment to the definition of “Ordinary Resolution” to:
    - a resolution approved by at least fifty percent plus one (50% + 1) of all Eligible Voters present at a duly convened Regular Meeting of the General Assembly. [+ 1 added]
  - Amendment to the definition of “Special Meeting” to:
    - a duly convened meeting of the General Assembly constituted by a quorum of not less than forty (40%) percent of all Eligible Voters.
  - Amendment to the definition of “Special Resolution” to:



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- a resolution approved by seventy-five (75%) of all Eligible Voters present at a duly convened Special Meeting of the General Assembly.
- **3.0 Citizenship**
  - Amendment to refer to citizenship as being in accordance with “rules for citizenship in force as established by Liard First Nation”, anticipating need to review and amend/pass Liard First Nation Citizenship Code
- **4.0 Liard First Nation Government**
  - No change
- **5.0 General Assembly**
  - Voting threshold amended at s. 5.4 to:
    - There must be forty (40%) percent of all Eligible Voters present to constitute a quorum for a Special Meeting of the General Assembly and seventy-five (75%) of those Eligible Voters must vote in favour of a Special Resolution to pass a Special Resolution.
  - Removal of references to the Liard First Nation Final Agreement at s. 5.7:
    - (c) approve an expenditure from the Financial Compensation Fund;
    - (d) delegate the law making authority of Liard First Nation, in accordance with section 5.12 of this Constitution and the Liard First Nation Self-Government Agreement.
  - Ss. 5.8.4 - Amend references to the Settlement Land to LFN Territory;
  - S. 5.14 – Amend reference to s. 14 Amendments to the Constitution and replace with s. 11;
  - S. 5. 26 – approval of a Special Resolution amended to meet the new definition of Special Resolution.



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- **6.0 Chief and Council**

- S. 6.3 : add specification that the Deputy Chief shall be the Councillor with the most votes;
- S.6.4: amendment to this section to specify that the term of office for the Chief and Councillors shall be four years instead of three years, and removal of staggered term option;
- S. 6.6: amend references to the “Liard First Nation Traditional Territory” to “LFN Territory”;
- Section 6.8: Amendment of reference to Schedule B to instead refer to any applicable laws respecting Liard First Nation elections;
- S. 6.9: add “but are not limited to” to the duties and responsibilities list of Council;
- S. 6.13 – correct the typo of the references to ss. 6.10 and 6.11 that was in the 1998 Draft to ss. 6.11 and 6.12.

- **7.0 Elders Council**

- S. 7.1 – Amend age of Elders to be part of the Elders Council to 65 years of age instead of 50 years of age.

- **8.0 Youth Council**

- S. 8.1 – Amend age of Youth to be on the Youth Council to the ages of 16 to 29, instead of 12 to 17.

- **9.0 Judicial Council**

- S. 9.1 – Amendment to six Citizens instead of five Citizens to compose the Judicial Council;
- S. 9.2 – Addition of the area of Lower post;
- S. 9.3 – Amend references to Traditional Territory to “LFN Territory”;



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- S. 9.5(c) – amended reference to the Enrollment Committee to refer to appeals “regarding Liard First Nation citizenship” as the Citizenship Code has not been enacted yet.
- **10.0 Citizen’s Rights**
  - No change
- **11.0 Transition and Amendments**
  - Section 14 becomes section 11 since the following sections from the 1998 Draft have been removed because they referred to the Liard First Nation Settlement Agreement which was never passed:
    - 11.0 Administration of Lands and Resources;
    - 12.0 Administration of Financial Resources; and
    - 13.0 Financial Administration and Audit.
  - The previous section 14.6 which read as follows, is removed:
    - This Constitution shall not affect or amend the existing structure and election rules respecting Lower Post First Nation.
  - S. 11.2 is amended to reflect the new definition of “Special Resolution”;
  - Sections 11.4 and 11.6 are amended to refer to a vote of Liard First Nation Citizens as the method of approving the Constitution;
  - 11.4 is amended to add “Laws and policies of Liard First Nation, including laws with respect to citizenship and elections, shall be interpreted and be updated at the earliest opportunity to be consistent with this Constitution.”
  - In section 11.5, amended to remove transitional by-election within 3 months given upcoming election date.

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