

## Glossary

The sample code provides definitions of terms that are specific to a legally drafted code.

As used in this report and related materials (except for minor variations in the sample code), the following terms have the following meanings:

“Community” means the geographical area which the Chief and Council govern, including but not necessarily limited to the reserve, and its citizens.

“By-Election” or “special election” means an election held for the purpose of filling a vacant council position other than through a general council election.

“Candidate” means an eligible person nominated according to the requirements set out in an election code and meeting all other criteria of the code.

“Citizen” means a person meeting the citizenship (or membership) criteria of a community.

“Election” means either a general council election or a by-election. (A “general council election” is an election that takes place at the end of the regular term of Chief and Council.)

“Electoral Officer” means the person chosen in accordance with the procedures set out in a custom election code to carry out and oversee election processes.

“First Nation” generally refers to an individual community. See also “Nation”.

“Nation” means either a First Nation or a higher-level organization representing several First Nation communities, depending on the context.

“Resident” means that a person’s usual, permanent place of residence is on the community’s territory or reserve, depending on how the community chooses to define its area of authority.

“Poll” means the casting and recording of votes in accordance with this Custom Election Code.

“Reserve” means a tract of land, the legal title to which is vested in Her Majesty, that has been set apart by Her Majesty for the use and benefit of community.

“Territory” means the traditional territory of the community.