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**NOTICE TO VOTERS/MEMBERSHIP!!!**

**RE: RATIFICATION VOTE ON APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2014 ON THE KETTLE & STONY POINT  
CONSTITUTION**

Council, at their meeting held on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014, passed a motion to **allow an important amendment to be added to the CONSTITUTION** as follows:

PART I – MEMBER’S RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS: 1.1.1.v currently reads “equal protection under the First Nation laws including the right to participate in the development of said laws”.

**THE CONSTITUTION TO BE VOTED ON BY THE MEMBERSHIP WILL NOW READ:**

PART I – MEMBER’S RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS: 1.1.1.v ‘EQUAL PROTECTION UNDER THE FIRST NATION LAWS INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAID LAWS; **AND INCLUDING THE RIGHT OF EXEMPTION FROM ANY TAXATION ON RESERVE LANDS**”.

The reason for this amendment stems from the concerns of some of the membership regarding property taxation. Council has been reviewing a process to develop a taxation regime for non-native/non-members residing in the community. The membership concern was that although it is the stated intent of this Council that property taxation WILL NOT APPLY TO BAND MEMBERS, future Council may impose property taxation on band members. By including the exemption on the Constitution, future Councils could not impose property taxes on members without the consent by vote of the membership.

**For confirmation, the Constitution being put to a Vote by the Membership will include the amendment as detailed above.**