



Rama Land Code Results

A Message from Chief and Council

February 21, 2018

Rama members say YES to the Land Code in a historic vote

Chief and Council send out their congratulations to members for their decision to adopt the Rama Land Code. This means that Rama First Nation will reclaim jurisdiction over our lands and resources through the development of our own laws and controls. The Rama Land Code sets out principles, guidelines and processes and a key part of this process is community consultation. It is an exciting opportunity and a significant achievement towards self-governance.

There was overwhelming support with 91% cast in favour of implementing the Rama Land Code. The official report from Scott Jacobs, Rama Land Code Ratification Officer, can be found on the Rama First Nation Website.

Adoption of the Rama Land Code means that our nation will opt out of 32 sections of the Indian Act. Rama originally signed the Framework Agreement under the First Nations Land Management Act in February of 1996 along with 13 other First Nations. We were put on hold due to land description discrepancies, which were cleared a few years ago, paving the way for this ratification process.

Total # Ballots - 565
Yes - 508
No - 53
Spoiled - 4

This vote enables Rama to take its place among the leading First Nations, communities who have taken control of their land governance in order to remove the federal government from management and decision-making of their reserve lands. There are now 78 communities across the country working under their own Land Code.