



**My house is very close to the high water mark and we paid for the lease. What do you say to that?**

If you look at article 14.5 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, it says that the title on that land (within 100 feet of the ordinary high water mark) cannot be permanently sold outright. In other jurisdictions it is possible, but in Nunavut, that would require a change to Parliamentary law, Territorial law cannot override that.

**Even if we are able to buy the lots, we would still be responsible for paying for taxes?**

Yes. Arctic Bay is a general taxation area, that won't change with the outcome of this vote – the government [of Nunavut] will still tax on the assessed value of your home.

**Because it is on crown land?**

No, we are talking about land that is municipal land – the crown land is outside the municipal boundary. The taxes apply to services that are being provided by the Hamlet of Arctic Bay; as I said this system is in place now and that will remain in place regardless of the outcome of this vote.

**If we vote differently than Iqaluit, would that affect what we voted for?**

No, Arctic Bay will vote for Arctic Bay, the results in this vote are independent from other communities.

**If I buy land and I can't pay on my taxes, where does the land go? Does it go back to the hamlet or the government to be sold to someone else?**

It depends if the government decides to foreclose on that – but that system goes on now. The way it is now is that properties can be repossessed or seized if a lease-holder is in default; that will not be affected by the results of this vote.

**What is the purpose of the government being neutral on this vote?**

We want to make sure the people make their own choice, we did not want to influence the vote but we want to share information to encourage voting.

**If there is a yes vote and the land will be organized to sell, is that a responsibility of the council [of Arctic Bay]?**

Yes, this will fall to the Hamlet council. Community and Government Services will help, we will provide support where it is needed and we will refocus efforts from both sides because there could be a lot of work involved for everyone if there is a yes vote.

**If the zoning by-laws are being changed, will that have to be done in co-ordination with other hamlets?**

What we have learned in this process [of visiting communities] is that a lot of the municipalities' by-laws are outdated. It would be a good idea to have these looked at, because they will need to be updated. At this point, it is better to wait until after the results of the vote are in. In any event, Community and Government Services will help you with this process.

**There was a vote in 1995 and now you are letting us vote again - will this be the last vote on this?**

If there is a Yes vote, this will be considered permanent (due to language of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement). If it is a no vote, there will have to be at least five years before another vote can occur. Maybe this could be challenged because the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement says that after 20 years, there could be a vote to address alienation of municipal lands. If there is another vote on this in the future, it will be the responsibility of municipal councils to organize and conduct the vote.

**Voting as per information provided on the Elections Nunavut brochure:**

There will be advance polls from April 25 to May 5 from 12 noon to 7 pm at the returning officer's office (contact your hamlet office to learn more).

There will be a mobile poll for people who are not able to get out to voting stations, that will be on May 2 from 9 am to 11:30 am.

On the voting day, May 9, the polls will be open from 9 am to 7 pm.

There is a special mail-in ballot, but you have to contact Elections Nunavut on this to apply for a special ballot.