



**MEMO TO: ALL BC FIRST NATIONS, TRIBAL COUNCILS,  
ORGANIZATIONS**  
**FROM: THE BC FIRST NATIONS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

**FIRST NATIONS VOTES MATTER!!!  
Don't let others decide for you. Vote on January 23.**

The First Nations Leadership Council strongly encourages all First Nations voters who are eligible to vote to make sure our voice is heard on January 23rd. The outcome of the federal election will directly affect our communities, our people, our families and our future.

BC's First Nations have made significant progress in recent years in our relationship with the provincial and federal governments and we want to continue to move forward. The upcoming federal election puts this progress in jeopardy. The First Nations Leadership Council urges BC's First Nations to demonstrate the strength and power to vote and elect candidates that will honour the commitments that have been made.

For more information, visit: [www.bcafn.ca](http://www.bcafn.ca), [www.fns.bc.ca](http://www.fns.bc.ca) and [www.ubcic.bc.ca](http://www.ubcic.bc.ca)

**1. WHERE CAN YOU VOTE?**

To find where you can vote in your community, contact Elections Canada toll-free at **1-800-463-6868** or visit their website at [www.elections.ca](http://www.elections.ca).

If you have not already received a Voter Information Card, you can simply show up at your community polling station and register to vote on January 23. You will need to provide proof of your identify (such as a drivers licence) and proof of your residence (such as a utility bill).

**2. WHO SHOULD YOU VOTE FOR?**

That's up to you. However, the Liberal, NDP and Conservative parties have responded to a survey by the Assembly of First Nations answering questions about their support on issues of importance to Canada's First Nations people. This table outlines where they stand:

	<b>Liberal</b>	<b>NDP</b>	<b>Conservative</b>
<b>Strong Support for the BC/CANADA/FIRST NATIONS Transformative Change Accord</b>	YES	YES	NO
<b>Strong Support for the Kelowna Accord</b>	YES	YES	NO
<b>Strong Support for Residential School Survivors Settlement Package</b>	YES	YES	?