

## Self-Government and You – A Survey

Some important things to consider:

- Aboriginal self-government is the formal structure through which Aboriginal communities administer to the needs of their people, the land and its resources, and related programs and policies.
- Through the land claims (or comprehensive claim settlement) process, individual Aboriginal communities have achieved differing levels of self-government.
- Numerous claims (Treaties and other agreements) have been negotiated with specific sections dealing with self-government and levels of co-management with other governments.
- Self-government is often referred to as an “inherent” right, and existed in the form of Aboriginal occupation and government of the land before the arrival of European settlers.
- There is no “one size fits all” approach to governance and self-government.

You’re being asked the following questions for one simple reason: in order to best understand your interests, your concerns, and the questions you have about Lake Babine governance, we need to know what these are.

There are no right answers or wrong answers. Your name and your survey answers are completely confidential and all the answered surveys will be combined so that nobody can be identified from their answers.

**Let's get started by getting to know a bit about you. Circle the answer that best applies to you:**

A. I am: M F

B. My age is: 18-29 30-44 45-54 55-64 65+

C. I live in: Pinkut/Donald's Landing Tachet Fort Babine Old Fort Woyenne Another Community

D. I am / am not an employee or elected member of any of the community governments.

E. I am / am not a registered Lake Babine member.

F. I have / have not at some point been an elected member of a Lake Babine Nation community government.

**In order that we understand the things that are more or less important to you, answer the following questions from 1 to 5:**

**1) is "not at all important"; 2) is "somewhat important"; 3) is "I feel neutral about this"; 4) is "important"; and 5) is "very important".**

A. How knowledgeable do you feel about First Nation's self-government?

B. How knowledgeable do you feel about LBN Government?

C. How important is it to you to be able to elect representatives from your specific community?

D. How knowledgeable do you feel you are about a First Nation's Constitution and what it means to a First Nation's members?

E. How important is it to you to know more about the role of a First Nations Constitution?

F. All newly elected members of Lake Babine government should receive skills training and other support to become good in their role on Council.

**Rate the following statements from 1 to 5, with 1 being a statement that least describes your feelings and 5 being a statement that best describes your feelings:**

1. I want to be sure that my specific community (Tachet, Pinkut/Donald's Landing, Old Fort, Fort Babine, or Woyenne, is represented in the Nation's Government.
2. I would like to see a single central Lake Babine Nation government.
3. I think that each community should have control over the issues that are central to that community's life.
4. I worry that having a central government in some role in a Lake Babine Nation governance model will mean my community will not receive the services it requires.
5. I worry that having a central government in some role in a Lake Babine Nation governance model will mean my community may not receive a fair share of benefits (including revenue, jobs, skills training etc.) through agreements with BC, Canada or resource development companies.
6. I believe that strong community specific leadership can result in a strong Lake Babine Nation government.
7. I believe that a strong central government with representation by strong community specific leadership can result in a strong Lake Babine Nation government.
8. I think that a model which has a central government and 5 community governments as partners in managing the Nation's business would be a good model of governance for Lake Babine First Nation.

**The following questions can be answered with a "True" or "False answer:**

1. My government and how it works isn't something I have a say in.

- True    False

2. There's only one model for a First Nation Government in Canada.

- True    False

3. I am interested in participating with others in a process to identify the best model of government for Lake Babine Nation.

- True    False

4. I would like to host a family meeting to learn more about possible models for a Lake Babine Nation government and Constitution.

- True    False

If you answered "Yes" to this question, please provide your contact information

Name:

Email:

Phone number: