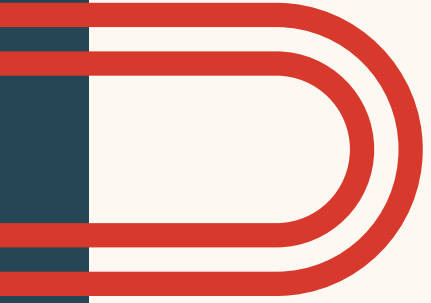


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# Membership Code Review Committee



# MEET THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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# THE COMMITTEES PURPOSE

- The Membership Committee was established in June 2024, its purpose is to:
  - support and encourage **community engagement**
  - provide **recommendations to Chief and Council** on the application, implementation, and development of the Membership Code.
- The Committee will operate until the amended Membership Code is approved and in effect.

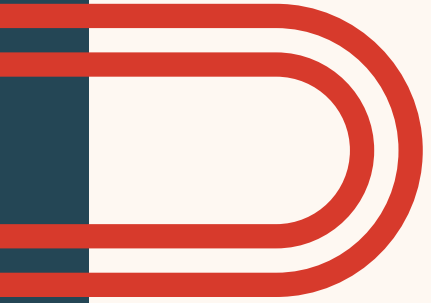
THINGS  
YOU  
SHOULD  
KNOW...



# TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP AT SEABIRD ISLAND

**Band member:** A person whose name appears on the Seabird Island Membership List.

**Affiliated member:** A person who is registered to Seabird under the Indian Act but has not submitted a membership application. This person's name does not appear on Seabird's Membership List.



# HOW TO BECOME A SEABIRD ISLAND BAND MEMBER...

1. Be registered under the Indian Act, and
2. Submit a membership application to the Enrollment Officer
3. Enrollment Officer ensures the membership criteria are met.
4. Have your application reviewed and certified as complete and accurate.



## EXPLAINING 6(1) AND 6(2) REGISTRATION

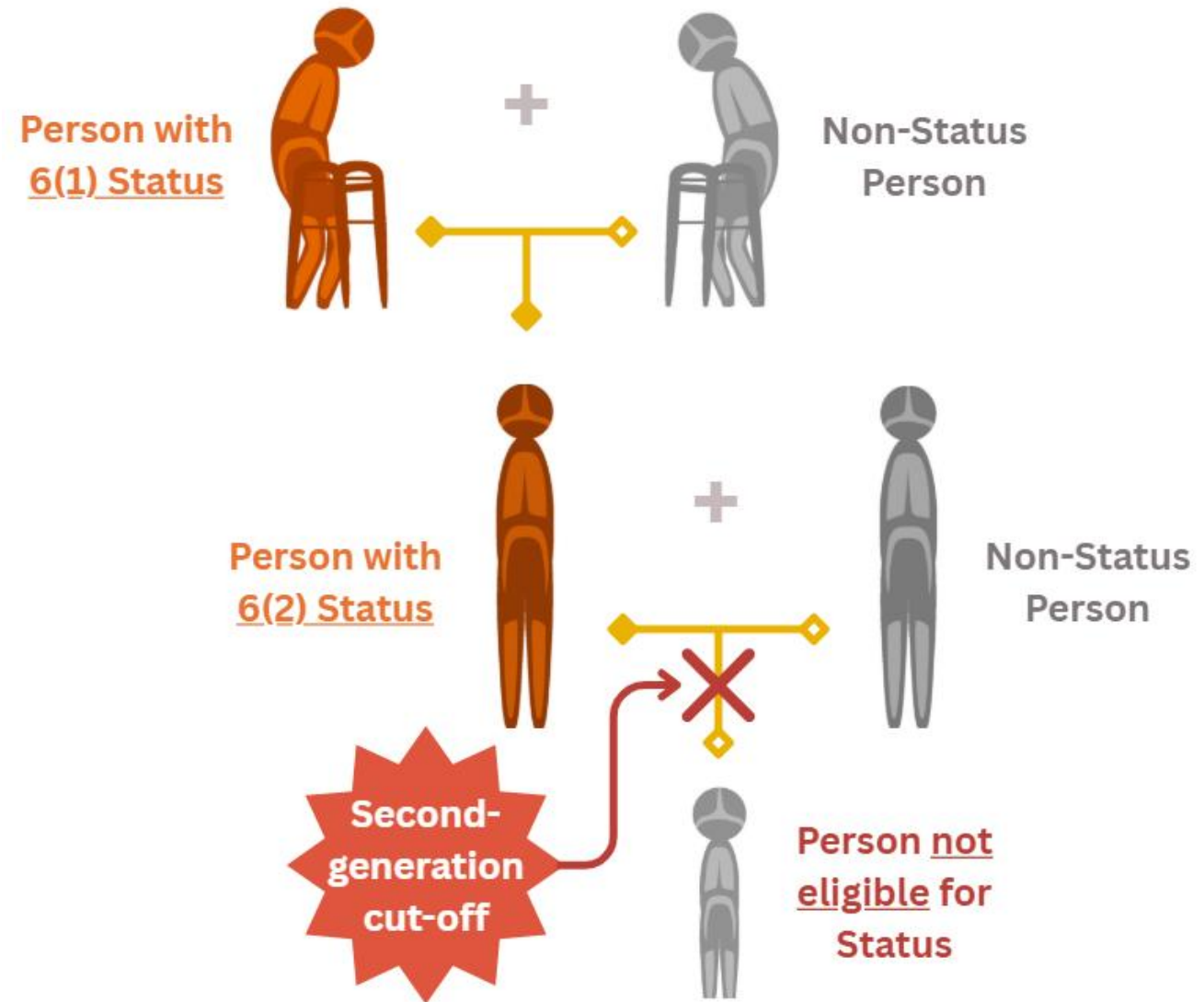
- A **person is registered** if their name is listed in the Indian Register (the federal list of people recognized under the Indian Act).
- The **registration category** explains how an individual is entitled to be registered, as follows:
  - **6(1)**: if **both** of their parents are, or were registered, or entitled to be registered.
  - **6(2)**: if **only one** of their parents are, or were registered, or entitled to be registered.

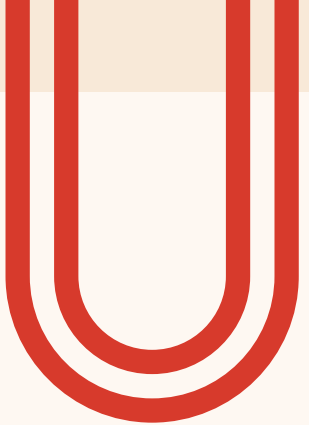
# THE SECOND-GENERATION CUT-OFF

Under the Indian Act, people with 6(2) Status cannot pass Status onto their children on their own, like when they parent with a non-status individual.

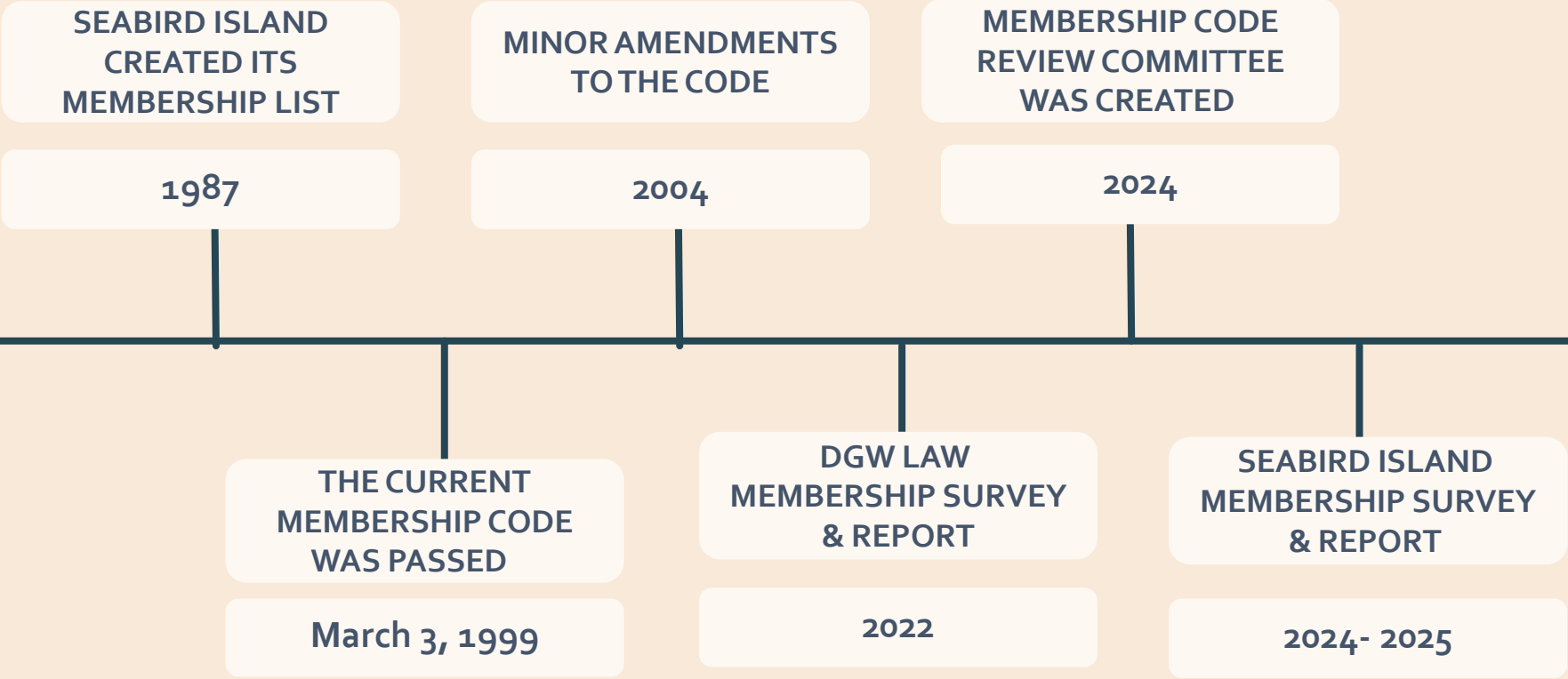
**This loss of entitlement is known as the 'Second-Generation Cut-Off'.**

It prevents many descendants of Band Members from becoming members, affecting future generations and limiting membership growth.



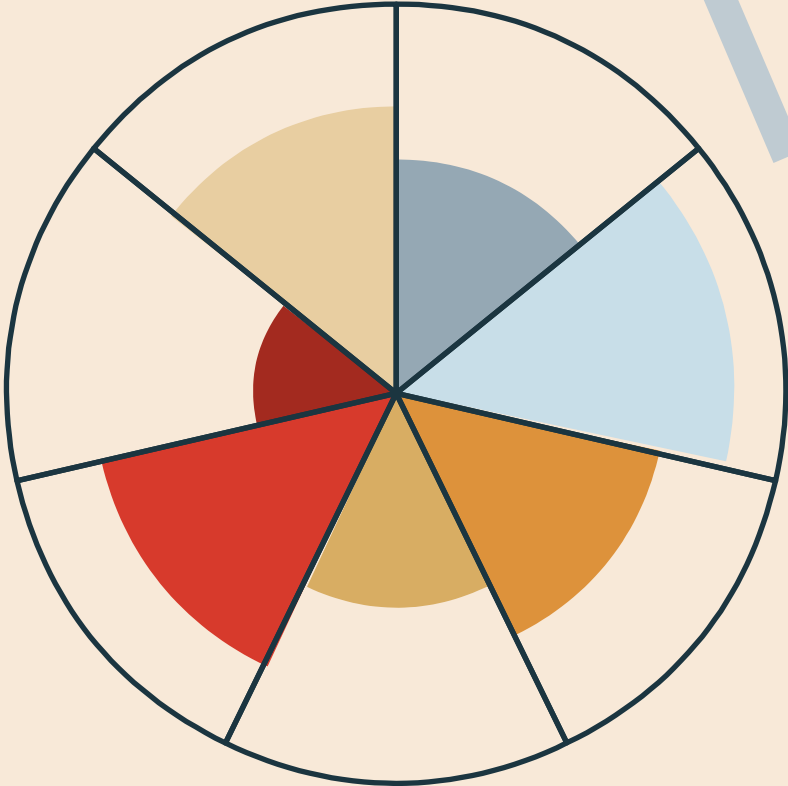


# EVENT TIMELINE



# MEMBERSHIP CODE SURVEY

## KEY RESULTS



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2024-2025  
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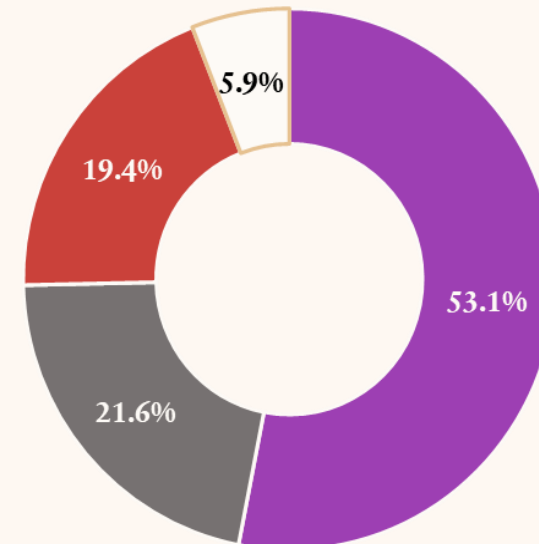


## WHO SHOULD BE A MEMBER?

To address the **Second-Generation Cut-Off**, most agreed that:

- Seabird Island should consider **including Non-status individuals in its membership.**

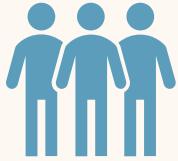
If the Membership Code should consider including individuals not eligible for status under the Indian Act, according to Respondents (n=188)



■ Yes ■ Unsure ■ No ■ Non-Response

# KEY RESULTS

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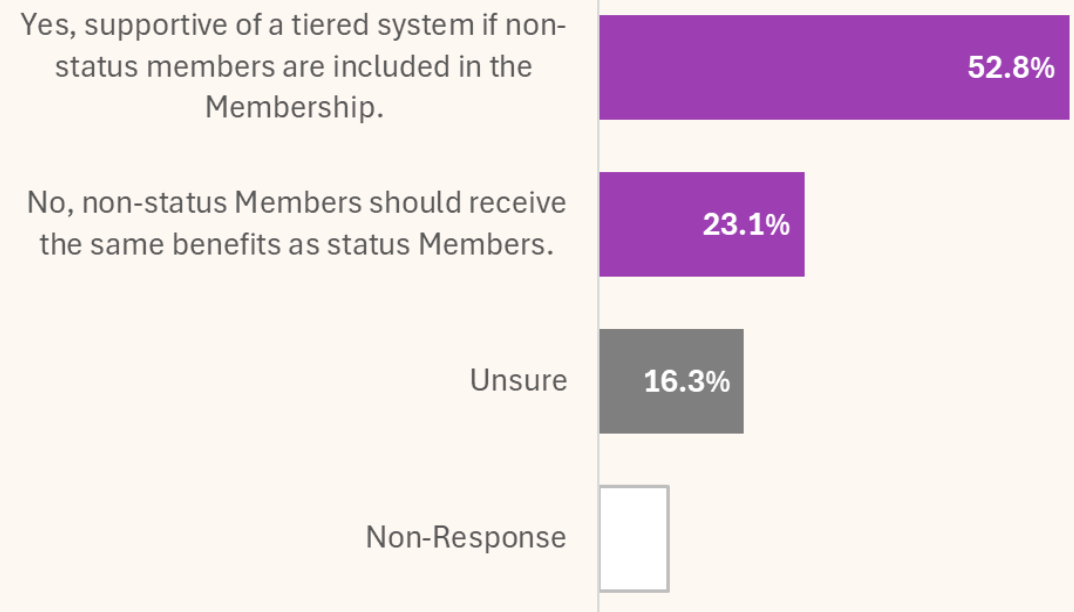
## HOW SHOULD THEY BE INCLUDED?

**Membership funding is based on status.** Non-status members may need to be supported through **own-source revenue**.

**To manage funding and program limits,** most agreed that:

- **Non-status members should have different access to certain rights and benefits** through a kind of 'tiered' system.

If non-status individuals included in the Membership Code should be placed under a sort of "tiered" Membership system, according to Respondents (n=188)



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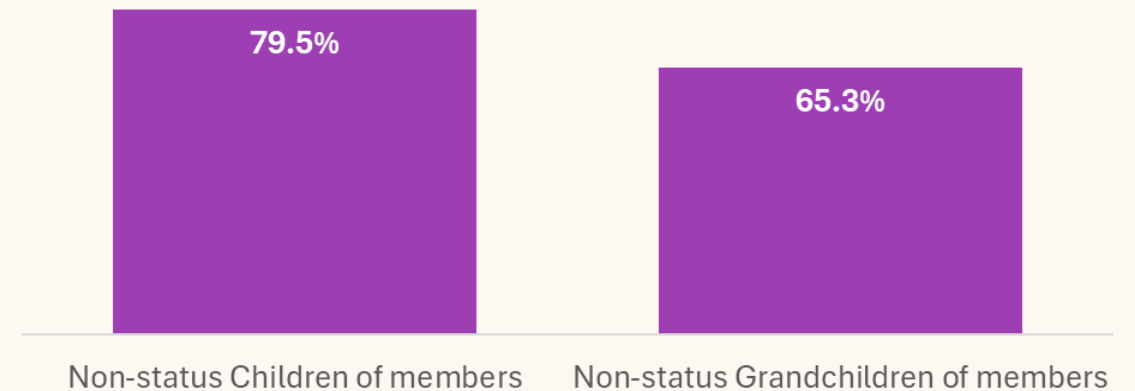


## WHO SHOULD THIS INCLUDE?

Under this 'tiered' system, most agreed that the following groups should be included:

- **Non-status children** of members with status; and,
- **Non-status grandchildren** of members with status.

### Who should qualify as a non-status member, according to Respondents (n=188)





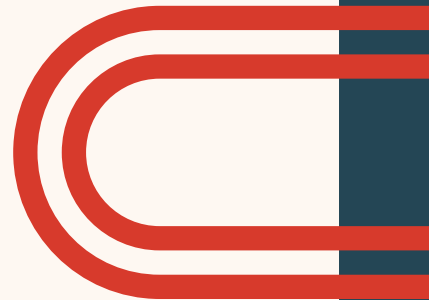
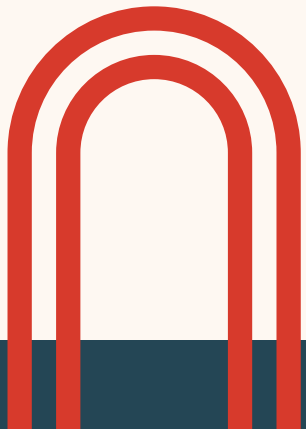
# WHAT WAS HEARD

- **Non-Status children and grandchildren** of Members with Status **should be considered to join** Seabird Island's Membership.
- **Non-status Members may have different rights and benefits** than Members with Status.
- **Custom adoptions should not be permitted for adults**, while children remain unclear.
- **Criminal record checks should be required for adult applicants who do not have ancestral ties to Seabird Island.**
- More voices from **Youth (18-24)** and **off-reserve Members** need to be heard.

**\*MORE SURVEY RESULTS ARE AVAILABLE  
FOR MEMBERS TO ACCESS**

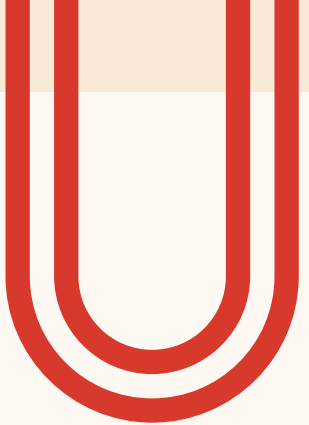
# FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

- Would learning more about the **traditional practices of adoptions of children (under 18)** affect how Members feel about custom adoption?
- What **type of criminal record** could impact an applicant's **eligibility** for membership?
- Does a **clause on divorce** change how Members view **non-status spouses**?
- Are there any **values and/or responsibilities** that Membership should be **required** to follow?

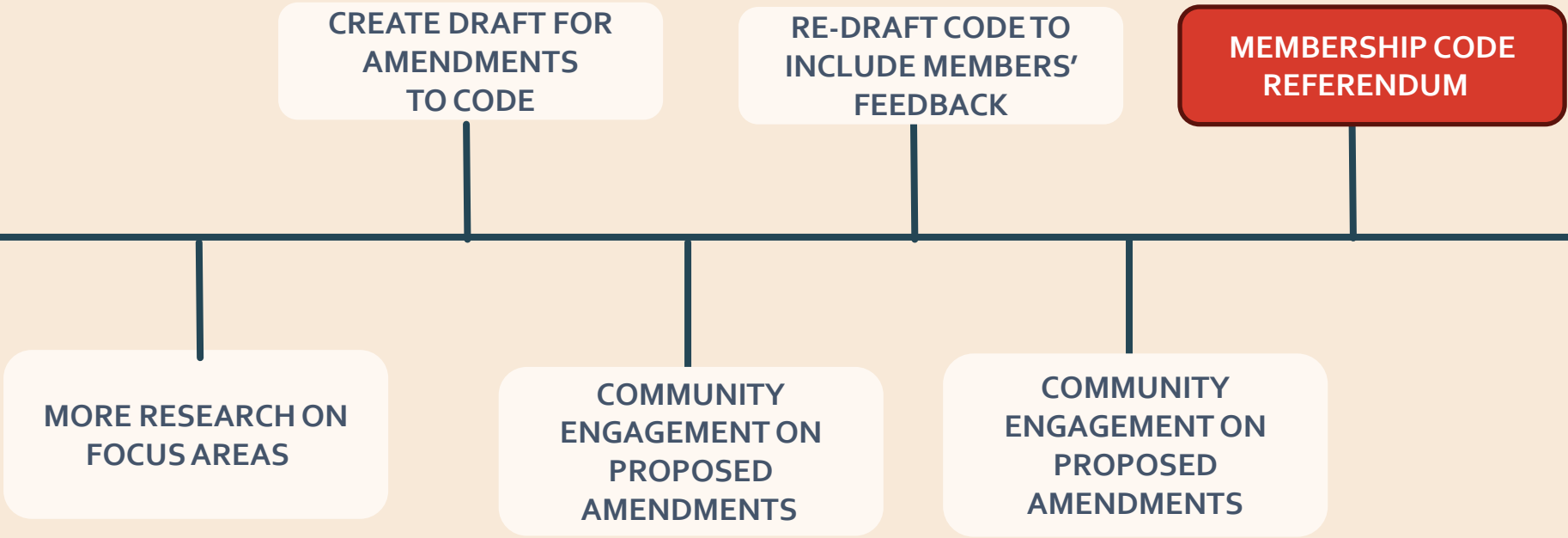


# FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

- **If non-status children and grandchildren of Members (with Status) get invited to join Membership;**
  - **How many** could end up joining?
  - **Should children and grandchildren be invited to join at the same time,** or should there be a phased approach?
  - **Does funding source impact what benefits they can access?**
  - **What health and social supports should they receive?**
  - **Could there be an impact on voting rights for current Members?**
  - **How could they feel welcomed into Seabird Island Membership in a good way?**



# NEXT STEPS



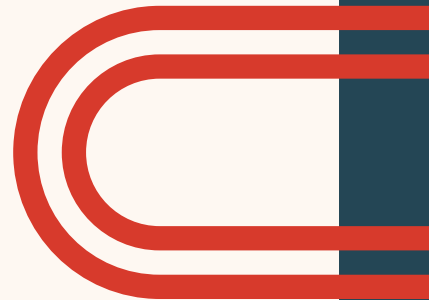
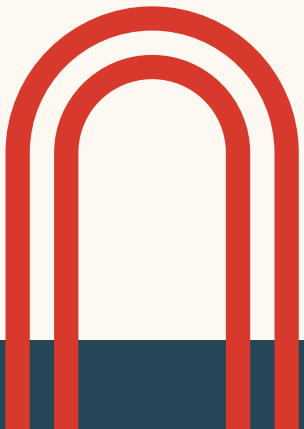
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