

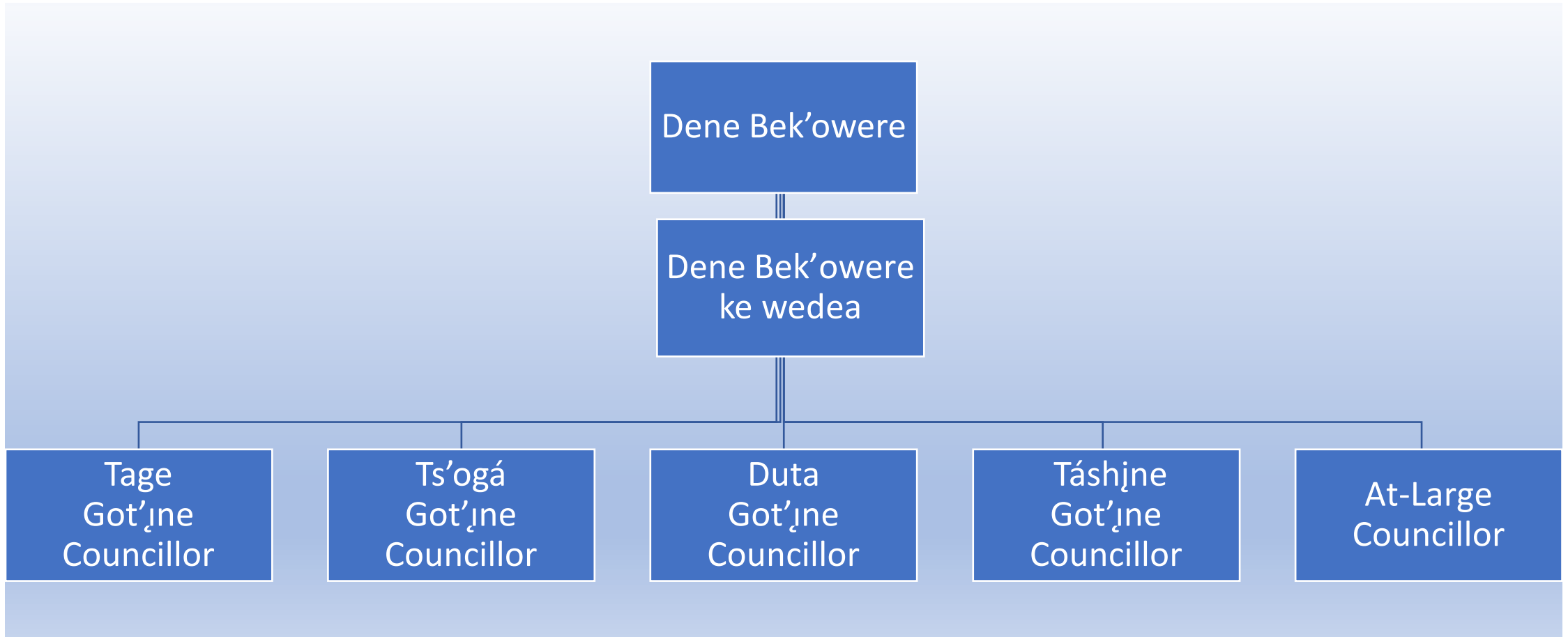
Governance Workshop

How we will **elect** the Delà Got'ine Government

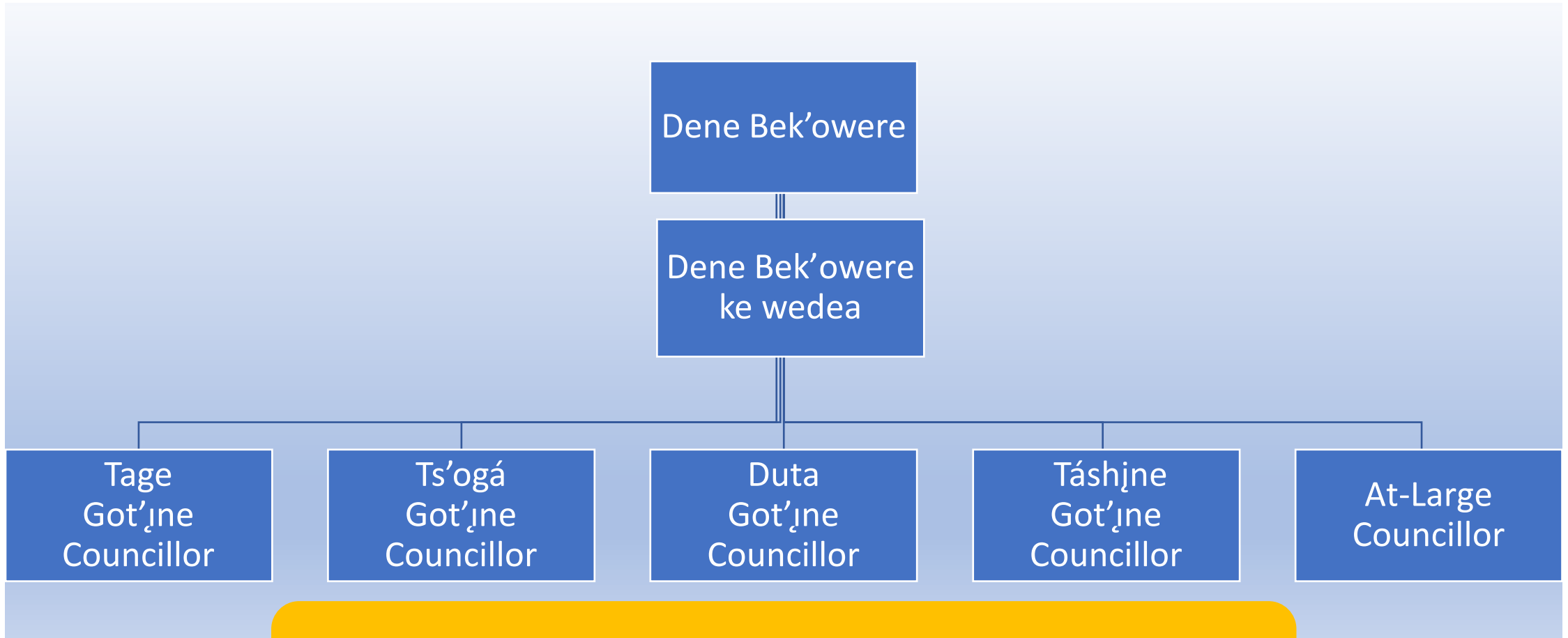
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Once elected, a Got'ine Councillor must represent the **INTERESTS OF ALL**, not just their own Got'ine.

Dene Bek'owere

- ✓ 35 years of age
- ✓ a Ts'ıduwe (member)
- ✓ resident in Berah Gut'on Túé (2 years except for education, or medical leave, etc.)
- ✓ not be insolvent or have debts owing to the Band exceeding \$5,000 with no payments for 6 months
- ✓ no criminal convictions within 4 years of the election
- ✓ good provider according to the laws of the Dela Got'ıne

Dene Bek'owere ke wedea

- ✓ 18 years of age
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Got'ine Councillors

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At-Large Councillor

- ✓ 18 years of age
- ✓ resident in Berah Gut'on Túé (2 years except for education, or medical leave, etc.)
- ✓ Does NOT need to be a Ts'ıduwe (member)
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What we learned from our “test drive” of the new election process

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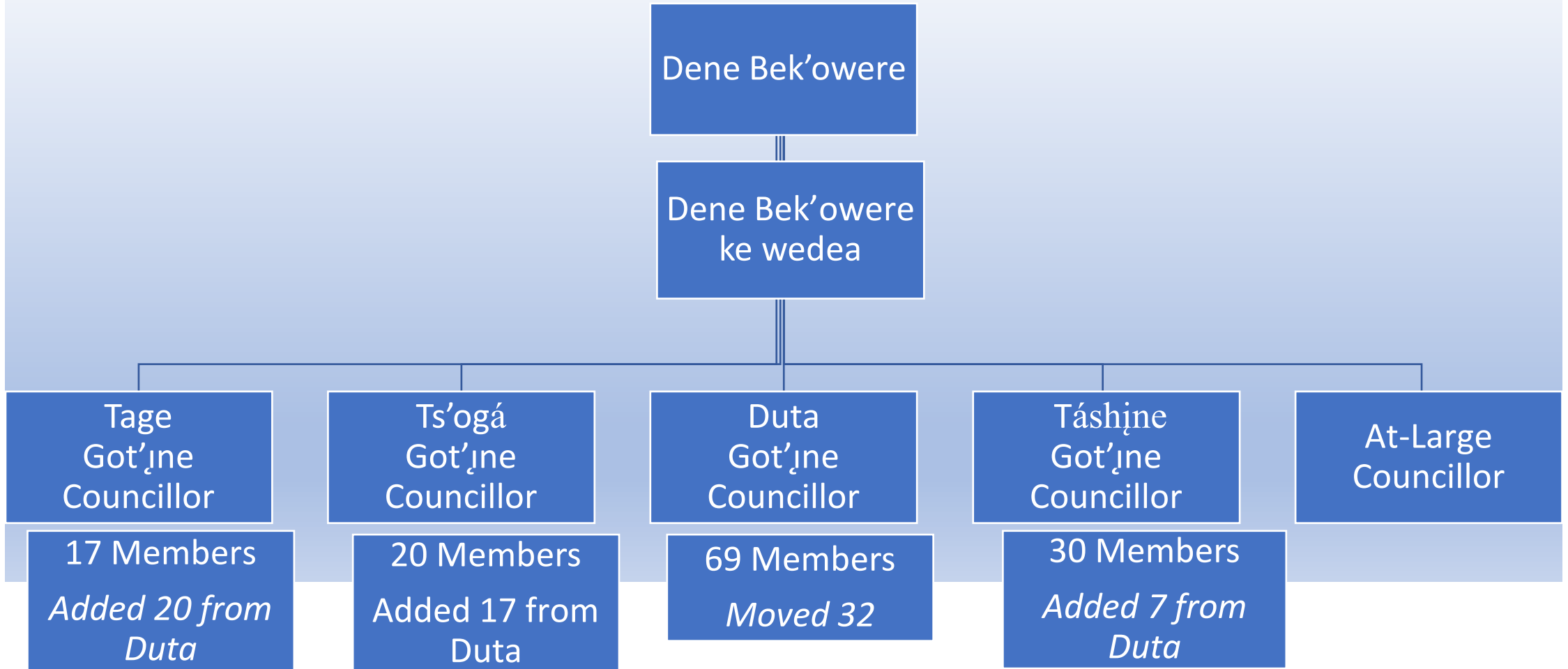
- 3 members including the Chief Returning Officer
- Chief Returning Officer was responsible for the election procedures
- Committee is independent and appointed by the Council

STEP 2: Elections Committee prepared the **voters list**

- List includes each voter’s name and Got’ıne
- List published with time for corrections. Each member responsible for ensuring that the Voter’s List is correct.

Issue: Canada wanted us to make the Got’ıne lists even, so people were moved around. This caused confusion and did not follow the traditional practice.

How the numbers worked out



STEP 3: Nominations

- Dene Bek'owere, Dene Bek'owere ke wedea and At-Large Councillor could be nominated by anyone
- Got'ıne Councillors nominated by their Got'ıne
- No limit on nominations
- Nomination period can be extended by 5 days
- Anyone is found to be ineligible to be nominated can appeal the decision of the Election Committee. The appeal will be heard by an independent Appeal Committee

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Issue: What if a Got'ıne does not have an eligible nominee, even after an extension?

Appeal Committee

- Appointed by the Chief Returning Officer
- Made up of a lawyer; a Band member with experience in elections; and an Elder who carries Dela Got'ıne traditional laws and knowledge.

STEP 4: **Nomination meeting**

- Announce nominations
- Nominees must accept nomination
- Ensure nominees are eligible.

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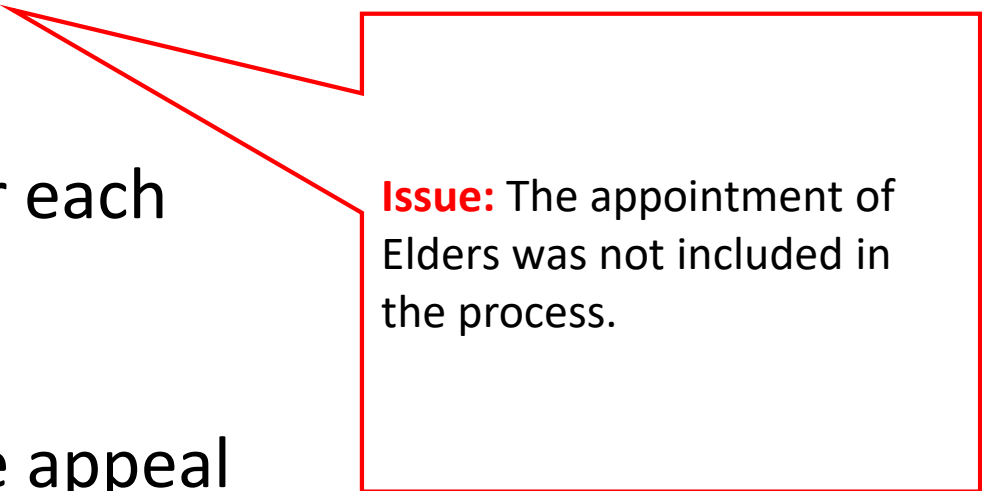
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- If there is only one eligible nominee for a position, that person is declared acclaimed and there is no need to vote for that position.

STEP 6: **Campaigning period**

STEP 7: **Election**

- To vote, you had to be 16 years of age and on the Band list
- Everyone voted on all positions
- Person who received the most votes for each position was elected
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Proposed solution: Allow any member to nominate for any Got'ıne.

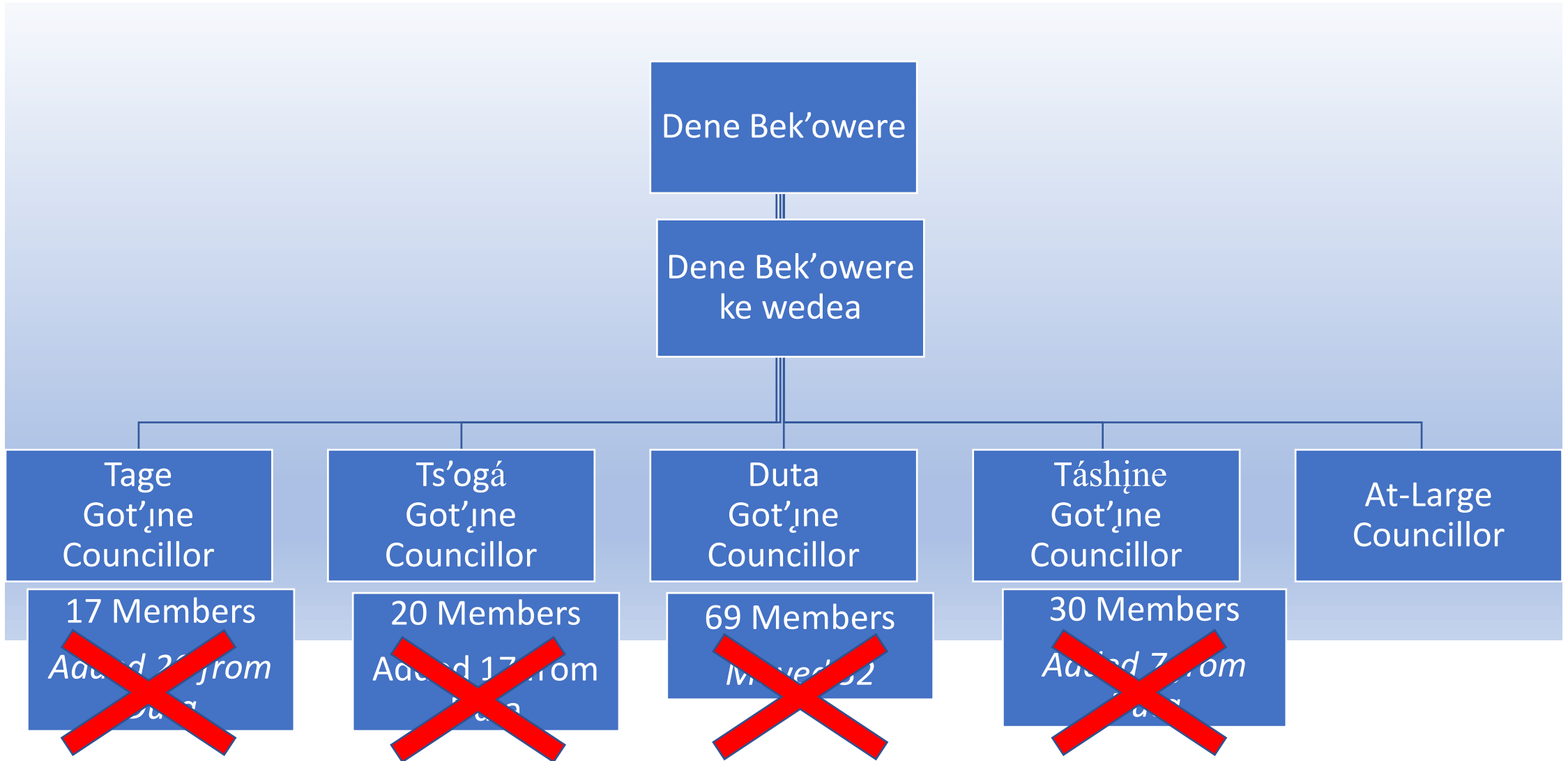
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Summary of proposed changes

1. Leave the Got'ıne as there are, without moving people to equalize numbers.
2. Any elector can nominate someone to any of the positions (not limiting people to nominate to their own Got'ıne)
3. Allow someone to be nominated from a different Got'ıne if no eligible candidate can be found.
4. Do not have acclamations (include a yes/no vote on the ballot).
5. Have the Elders Council appoint 2 Elders to the Main Council.

ARE OTHER CHANGES REQUIRED?