

## **Election to fill vacancies on the Métis Nation of Ontario Veterans Council at MNO AGA 2020**

### **Background**

- As per Article 10 of the [MNO Electoral Code: Part A](#), elections to fill any vacancies on the Métis Nation of Ontario Veterans Council (MNOVC) subsequent to the Elections of the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO), shall be held at the next MNO Annual General Assembly (AGA).
- Further, the Code details that the Chief Electoral Officer shall conduct any such Annual General Assembly Elections to fill vacancies and shall follow the rules set out in the MNO Electoral Code: Part A, with any necessary practical amendments, including that only delegates who are registered at the AGA may vote.
- To support the filling of vacancies on the MNOVC, the MNO Youth Council, the MNO Women's Council election, and the election of PCMNO Senators (all of which regularly take place at the AGA following the PCMNO election) the PCMNO has re-appointed Paul DeVillers as Chief Electoral Officer (CEO).
- Due to COVID-19, the 2020 Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) AGA will be a virtual meeting. All elections that are regularly held surrounding the AGA will also be conducted virtually.

### **MNOVC Election Details**

- There are currently six (5) vacancies on MNOVC up for election: the positions of President, Chair, Senator for Veterans, Secretary and Treasurer.
- All eligible MNO citizens who are Veterans, are sixteen (16) years of age or older, and who are registered for MNO AGA 2020, may vote for a candidate to fill the vacant positions.
  - For greater clarity, only MNO citizens who are Veterans registered for MNO AGA 2020 will be able to vote to fill MNOVC vacancies.
  - Voter eligibility is defined as per voter eligibility in the MNO Electoral Code.
- The election to fill vacancies on MNOVC will be held virtually (with an option to vote by telephone) on **Sunday, November 8**.
  - Eligible voters will receive an email on Sunday, November 8 with a link to vote and will be able to vote **between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM Eastern Time that day**.

## **Nominations**

- Any MNO citizen sixteen (16) year of age and older, who is a Veteran, who is Verified according to the process set out by the MNO Registrar, is eligible to run, if they meet the nomination requirements detailed in MNO's Electoral Code.
  - Nomination requirements are detailed on the MNOVC nomination form created by the CEO and posted to MNO's website.
- MNO Veterans can self-nominate to run in this election: no other nominees will be required. Instructions for how to self-nominate will be detailed on the MNOVC nomination form created by the CEO and posted to MNO's website.
- **UPDATED:** The deadline for nominations to be submitted to the CEO is **5:00 PM Eastern Time on Monday, October 12, 2020.**
- Candidates and any acclamations will be announced on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at **[metisnation.org/election](http://metisnation.org/election)**
- Relevant voters' lists will be securely sent to cleared candidates (i.e. those for whom confirmation has been received that rights and privileges as an MNO citizen have not been suspended) upon their Verification by MNO Registry.

## **Communications**

- All of the information detailed above will be emailed MNO citizens and shared on MNO's website. Other communications vehicles, such as MNO social media channels, will also be used to share information about this election as widely as possible.

## **Questions**

- Any questions regarding the MNOVC election to fill vacancies can be directed to the Chief Electoral Officer, Paul DeVillers, at:

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