

Jan 23, 2012

Announcement To Citizens of the Métis Nation of Ontario

**Notice of Community Council Elections
for the
Atikokan and Area Métis Council**

Consistent with the Metis Nation of Ontario Community Charter agreement, By-laws and Community Council electoral code, a ballot box election has been called to fill vacancies and renew mandates of the Atikokan and Area Metis Council. All registered Métis Citizens in the Council area are encouraged to participate fully in this election process either as candidates or through exercising their right to vote. The area of the Council includes;

Eastern Boundary: Starting at Saganaga Lake at the Canada/USA border follow Region 1 boundary in a Northern direction to English River.

Northern Boundary: From English River follow Hwy 17 Northeast to Ignace, from Ignace draw a horizontal line through the Southern tip of Stormy Lake to the Southern tip of Lower Manitou Lake.

Western Boundary: From the Southern tip of Lower Manitou Lake draw a vertical line in a Southern direction through Glenorchy, through the South/Eastern tip of Rainy Lake to the Canada/USA border.

Southern Boundary: From the South/Eastern tip of Rainy Lake at the Canada/Us border, follow the Canada/USA border in an Eastern direction until you reach Saganaga Lake.

The election process is as follows:

POLLING STATION:
115 main Street
Atikokan ON

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- **Date and Time of Elections:**
Feb 26, 2012 (Sunday) between hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

RETURNING OFFICER:
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VOTERS' LIST:

February 3, 2012: Posting of the Preliminary Voters' List at the Atikokan Metis Council office (Northwest Métis Council Office 34-B King St., Dryden, ON).

- Citizens are encouraged to contact the Returning Officer to ensure their correct address and name is listed.

February 20, 2012: Posting of the Final Voters' List at the Atikokan Metis Council office (Northwest Métis Council Office 34-B King St., Dryden, ON).

- Official Candidates will be provided a copy of the Final Voters' List upon request to the Returning Officer.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTORAL CODE: A copy will be posted at the Atikokan Metis Council office.

VACANT POSITIONS ON COUNCIL:

There are 9 vacant positions as follows:

President	Chair
Secretary/Treasurer	Youth Rep
Senator	Women's Rep
Councillors (3)	

NOMINATION PROCESS:

- **Deadline for Close of Nominations:** 6:00p.m. EST, **February 10, 2012.**
Nominations are to be submitted in writing to the Returning Officer by this date and time. Nominations are to include the name of the person being nominated (the candidate); the position the candidate is seeking, name and signature of two registered MNO Citizens resident in the Council area, signature of the candidate accepting the nomination. Candidates may be nominated for one position only.
- **Announcement of Official Candidates:** 6:00p.m. EST, **February 17, 2012.**
All nominated candidates must have their documentation verified by the MNO Registrar who will be asked to do so by the Returning Officer after the Close of Nominations. The verification process ensures that all required genealogical information and proof of Aboriginal ancestry is in the records of the candidate at the MNO Registry Office. Those candidates who do not meet the verification requirements will not be able to participate as a candidate.

SCRUTINEERS:

Candidates may appoint one person to be their scrutineer at the polling station. Candidates may appoint alternative scrutineers but only the scrutineer or the alternate may be present at one time in the polling station. The name of the scrutineer and alternates must be provided in writing by the Candidate to the Returning Officer. One scrutineer per candidate may witness the counting of the ballots.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Any questions concerning this process may be addressed to the Returning Officer