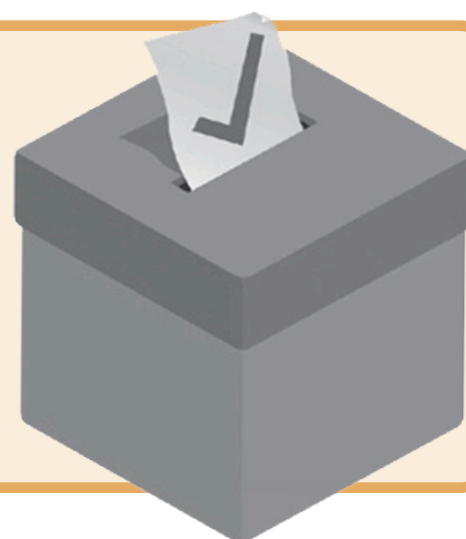


ATTENTION ALL CITIZENS OF MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

ELECTION 2020

All MNO citizens eligible to vote will be provided with the option to vote electronically or by telephone. Voting is now open and will remain so until June 1st, 2020.

More information on pages 6, 7 and 8



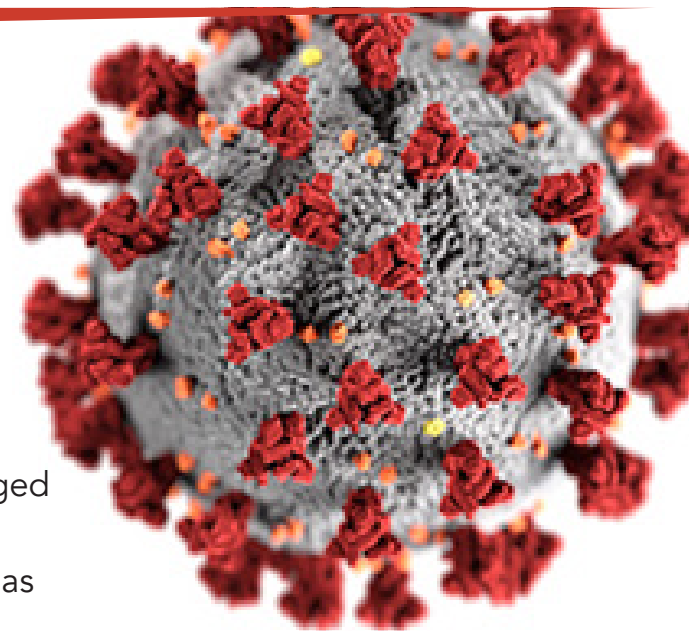
MÉTIS VOYAGEUR

SPECIAL EDITION, MAY 2020

MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

Finding our way in the time of COVID-19

We are living through an unprecedented time. The COVID-19 virus has challenged our personal wellbeing, and the wellbeing of our households, communities and nation. We at the Métis Nation of Ontario know that our people will persevere, as we have throughout our history, and emerge stronger than before.



The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) continues to work with its partners to address the needs of Métis communities and encourages all Métis citizens to visit www.metisnation.org to get the most up to date information on the MNO's response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Available COVID-19 Resources

The MNO strongly encourages Citizens with urgent needs or concerns related to COVID-19 to utilize the new help line via email at COVIDhelp@metisnation.org or by calling the toll free line 1-800-263-4889. Citizens applying for emergency financial support can apply directly online at this link: <https://covid.metisnation.org>. COVID-19 related *Fact Sheets* are being updated on a weekly basis at this time and are available on the MNO website here:

www.metisnation.org/covid-19

Message to MNO Citizens

While reports on COVID-19 are continuously evolving, the advice from health authorities and leadership at this time remains the same: Physical distancing, practicing proper hygiene and self-isolating are critical in slowing the spread of COVID-19 and flattening the curve. Heightened hygiene measures include both thoroughly washing your hands and any frequently touched surfaces (door knobs, phones, mailboxes, etc.). Additionally, individuals are encouraged to wear face masks when out for essentials, as wearing a mask both protects those around you from any accidental sneezes/coughs, while also minimizing habits of frequent face-touching -- another recommended tactic in keeping healthy and safe.

MNO Volunteer Checklist

During the call the MNO Volunteer Checklist that was sent out to all citizens

and employees through email was discussed. Following the guidelines in the checklist is particularly important for citizens who are going out in the community to volunteer for those who need check ins. The President thanked those who have been volunteering their time by calling elders and seniors in our communities to check in and see how they're doing and acknowledged the initiatives of the Women's Council and others in the community that are sewing masks for community members.

MNO Interim COVID-19 Support Program Update

The initial surge of applications for the MNO's Interim COVID-19 Support Programs has slowed. At this time, we are receiving around 30 applications a day through the online application process as well as 30-40 through our COVID-19 helpline and email address. Over 1,100

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COVID Hotline

If you have COVID-19 related concerns, need help accessing supports, or have questions regarding the Métis Nation of Ontario's response to the pandemic please contact us:

Email
covidhelp@metisnation.org
Phone (Toll Free)
1-800-263-4889

Please select the most applicable extension:

Mental Health & Addictions Support: **275**
All Other Health Related Concerns: **276**
Education and Training Support: **169**
Finance Support: **277**
Housing Support: **278**

This is a Special Edition of the Métis Voyageur containing information on the MNO's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and information on the 2020 MNO Election.

To update your contact information please complete and sign a change of address form (available at www.metisnation.org and send it to:

MNO Registry
Métis Nation of Ontario
Suite 1100 - 66 Slater Street
Ottawa, ON, K1P 5H1
Phone: 1-855-798-1006
Email: info@mnoregistry.ca



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MNO Supports Citizens Through COVID-19 crisis

The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) will be strategically deploying its portion of the critical funds allocated through the \$305 million Indigenous Community Support Fund from the Government of Canada and the \$17 billion Action Plan: Responding to COVID-19 fund from the Government of Ontario to meet the needs of Métis communities and to help stop the spread of COVID-19. “The safety and security of our citizens, families, and communities through this difficult time remains our single most important priority” said the President of the Métis Nation of Ontario.

The MNO will receive \$3.625 million from the Government of Canada and \$100,000 from the Government of Ontario respectively. This first round of funds provided by the two levels of government will be used to support citizens and communities in a wide range of areas from accessing food, medicine, medical transportation, and other household supplies to other forms of economic relief for citizens who require it due to job or economic loss.

“The spread of COVID-19 requires the focus and collaboration of all governments. The Métis

Nation of Ontario is working bi-laterally with the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to collaborate on our collective response. We are appreciative of both governments’ commitment to work with the Métis Nation of Ontario during this challenging time, and the acknowledgment that more funds will be needed as we continue to deliver support,” added the MNO President.

The MNO website continues to provide updates to citizens and information on the measures that can be taken by Métis citizens to protect themselves and their communities. The MNO has postponed a series of planned gatherings and events as well as its election. In addition, the MNO has moved in person consultations with citizens to telephone consultations and online town halls.

The MNO will continue to work with its partners to address the needs of Métis communities and encourages all Métis citizens to visit www.metisnation.org to get the most up to date information on the MNO’s response to the COVID-19 outbreak. MNO citizens and Métis families in Ontario facing any difficulties as a result of COVID-19 are encouraged to contact the MNO at 1-800-263-4889 or covidhelp@metisnation.org

About the Indigenous Community Support Fund

The Government of Canada has committed \$305 million to a new distinctions-based Indigenous Community Support Fund to help Indigenous communities’ responses to the spread of COVID-19. The fund has been put in place to help address the immediate needs in First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities – to which \$30 million is earmarked for Métis governments across the country.

About the Ontario’s Action Plan: Responding to COVID-19

The Government of Ontario has committed to a \$17 billion response to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Ontario’s Action Plan: Responding to COVID-19 fund earmarks \$26 million to Indigenous peoples and communities which includes emergency assistance to address financial need of Indigenous people in urban areas and to help cover extra health care costs and critical supplies for remote First Nation communities.



Métis Voyageur submission deadline:

NEXT ISSUE: June 15, 2020

Send your stories
and photos to:
CommOps@metisnation.org



A group of companies has donated 100 one-litre bottles of hand sanitizers to the MNO for its staff and volunteers to use.

MNO grateful for gracious hand sanitizer donation

MNO is so thankful for the gift of 100 one-litre bottles of hand sanitizer!

Our partners at Shared Value Solutions secured a large quantity of pure alcohol from global distillery Diageo, got distilleries like Murphy’s Law to turn it

into hand-sanitizer, and had it delivered by shipping partner AMJ Campbell.

The bottles will be distributed throughout our Community Councils for use of volunteers going out into our Métis communities across the province!

2020 MNO Annual General Assembly postponed

Out of concern for the safety and wellbeing of Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) citizens, families and communities during the COVID-19 pandemic, on April 27, 2020 the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO) passed a resolution to postpone the 2020 Annual General Assembly (AGA).

The resolution takes into

consideration the advice of public health officials who maintain that social distancing efforts are likely to remain in effect throughout the coming months and into the summer. The 2020 AGA, scheduled to take place during the third week of August in Toronto will therefore be postponed, but not cancelled. More details will be provided as it becomes available.

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Call

1-855-798-1006

or send an email to
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SUBMISSION POLICY:

The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) encourages contributions from MNO citizens and staff. All submissions are edited to conform to the Canadian Press Style Guide as well as for grammar, repetitiousness, spelling and to accurately reflect the official names and titles of individuals, organizations, bodies and agencies referenced in submissions.

The MNO does not accept submissions including editorials and letters to the editor that make partisan political statements.

With the exception of letters to the editor and submissions to the family section, all submissions should NOT be written in the first person.

The recommended length for a submission is between 400 and 600 words. Submissions longer than that may be edited for length.

MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

COVID-19 Emergency Financial Supports

MNO offers financial support to citizens in need: The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) has created several MNO COVID-19 Emergency Financial Support Programs to provide supplemental emergency financial supports for citizens and their families. These emergency supports are in place to help bridge the transition to the Federal Government's Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB). APPLY NOW AT: <https://covid.metisnation.org>

COVID-19 EMERGENCY INCOME AND RENT RELIEF PROGRAMS

Two new relief programs are available through the MNO COVID19- Emergency Financial Support Programs. The **MNO Income Relief Benefit** and the **MNO Rent Relief Benefit**.

The Rent Relief Benefit will provide a one-time benefit to MNO Citizen households, to a maximum of \$1,000, to assist in paying rent costs as they transition to CERB and other supports. This benefit is limited to one per household and can be combined with the MNO Emergency Income Relief Benefit.

The Emergency Income Relief Benefit provides a one-time benefit to MNO Citizens, to a maximum of \$750, to assist in paying for expenses such as food or medicine as they transition to CERB and other supports. This benefit is also limited to one per household.

These two benefits are available to MNO Citizens who have lost income since March 15, 2020 as a result of the pandemic.

Those who qualify for these two supports include those experiencing:

- Layoff or job loss
- Reduction in work hours
- Quarantine or self-isolating
- Loss of self-employment
- Loss of income because of caring for someone who is sick due to COVID-19
- Loss of income due to the need to stay home with children due to school closures

While the MNO understands that everyone is experiencing hardships during this unprecedented situation, only those who fall within the parameters above are eligible to receive these funds.

In order to qualify for these benefits, citizens must provide:

- A copy of MNO Citizenship Card
- A Record of Employment (ROE) - or - proof of lay-off/job loss - or - proof of reduced work hours
- Self-employed applicants: a Declaration of Self-Employed Income Declaration Form
- A void cheque or direct deposit slip for Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

For those applying for the Rent Relief Benefit two further documents must be provided:

- Proof of tenancy (copy of lease - or - letter from landlord)
- Proof of current rent amount (recent rent receipt (within last 2 months) - or - letter from landlord)

Social Assistance and Ontario Disability Support Program recipients should be aware that these benefits may affect their social assistance benefits and are suggested to inquire with their case worker before applying.

COVID-19 EMERGENCY FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

For citizens with children, there are further benefits that offer help during the pandemic.

For Citizens with children aged 0-12, the MNO is offering the **MNO Emergency Family Fund**. Families may be eligible to receive a one-time benefit of \$500 per child, up to a maximum of \$2,000, to aid during this time of physical distancing. This benefit is limited to one per household.

For Citizens with children aged 0-6, the MNO has the **MNO Food Security Fund for Children**. Families can receive up to \$600 (based on \$200 monthly for three months) to purchase food to support child nutrition. This benefit is limited to one per household.

For Citizens with children aged 0-6, the MNO has the **MNO Technology Fund for Children**. Families can receive a one-time benefit of \$500 per Métis family to assist in the purchasing of technology for their children aged 0-6 to support learning at home. Technology can include, but is not limited to, laptops, Chromebooks, tablets, headphones, software, and apps. This benefit is limited to one per household.

To qualify for these MNO COVID-19 Emergency Family Support Programs:

- Parent or child must be a citizen of the Metis Nation of Ontario and reside in Ontario
- Child(ren) must be: between the ages of 0-12 years for Emergency Family Fund and/or between the ages of 0-6 years for the Food

Security and the Technology Fund

- Provide proof of child(ren)'s age (i.e. copy of birth certificate, passport, health card, etc.)
- Must not be receiving emergency support from any other Métis Government

These funds will be dispersed through electronic funds transfer for all who qualify. Applications can be submitted via the MNO website.

For those who may not qualify for financial assistance detailed above the MNO is offering other ways to help. Please contact our toll-free number at **1-800-263-4889** or via email **covid-help@metisnation.org**.

MNO welcomes more capital funding

Funds will flow through Métis Capital Corporations including the Métis Voyageur Development Fund

The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) welcomes the Government of Canada's April 18, 2020 announcement of funding for small and medium sized Indigenous businesses facing challenges and economic hardships due to COVID-19.

This distinctions-based approach will see this money flow through Métis Capital Corporations including the MNO's Métis Voyageur Development Fund (MVDF). The Federal funding announced will allow the MVDF to provide eligible Métis businesses with \$40,000 in support. \$30,000 of which will be in the

form of an interest free repayable loan and \$10,000 of which will be non-repayable.

While these amounts align with the level of government support being provided to non-Indigenous businesses, the MNO and the MVDF are working hard to secure additional funding from other partners that will allow the MVDF to supplement these amounts and to support to more Métis businesses in the coming months. While priority is being given to existing and former clients of the MVDF, all Métis businesses are encouraged to visit the MVDF website and add



their name to the Métis Business Registry.

We welcome this funding as it will allow both the MNO and MVDF to keep Métis businesses informed about COVID-19

related support. Visit the Métis Business Registry to complete the form and register your business today! As previously stated, the MVDF is doing all it can to support Métis businesses and

entrepreneurs during this unprecedented time and the economic situation COVID-19 has caused. The MVDF is supporting Métis entrepreneurs in Ontario in the following ways.

To help current clients minimize the cash strain on their business the MVDF is suspending interest and fees on all loans until May 31, 2020. They will also be deferring all regular scheduled loan payments.

Additional resources for the Ontario Métis business community during the COVID-19 crisis can be found on MVDF's website at www.mvdf.ca.

The financier of Choice for

Métis

Entrepreneurs in Ontario

Financing up to \$1,000,000 for resources and related sector businesses

Rates and security customized to promote Métis business success

Contributions for business plans and ongoing support

Métis VOYAGEUR Development Fund

mvdf.ca

MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

MNO OPT-OUT CONTACT FORM

Recently, you may have been contacted by the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO). Staff and volunteers have been calling and emailing citizens to check in and ensure people have access to the help they need. If you would like to opt out of such phone calls in the future, please indicate below, and mail or email this form to the MNO Registry at info@mnoregistry.ca

I do not wish to receive further phone calls related to COVID-19 or similar emergencies.

My Citizen Card number:

Name: Last First Date of Birth: MM / DD / YYYY

If you wish to be contacted:

If you did not receive a phone call or email, and would like to ensure the MNO has up to date contact information for you, please fill in the following, and mail or email to MNO Registry at info@mnoregistry.ca. You can also call the MNO Registry at 1-855-798-1006, and a team member will be glad to help you.

My Citizen Card number:

Name: Date of Birth:

Street Address:

Apartment or Unit # RR # PO Box:

City / Town: Province: Postal Code:

Phone number:

Email:

Signature:

Signature: Date: MM / DD / YYYY

Suite 1100 – 66 Slater Street, Ottawa, ON K1P 5H1
Tel: 613-798-1006 | Toll-Free: 855-798-1006 | Fax: 613-722-4225
E-mail: info@mnoregistry.ca
Web: metisnation.org

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I didn't get a letter about how to vote. What do I do?

All eligible voters – whether or not they receive a letter by mail or email – can visit the website <https://onefeather.ca/nations/mno> to activate their profile, verify their eligibility, and to receive additional voting instructions and their unique PIN to vote electronically or by phone.

For assistance, please use the red “Help” button located near the bottom of the <https://onefeather.ca/nations/mno> web-page or call OneFeather at this toll free number 1-855-458-5888.

Voters have the choice to vote online or by telephone. Both voting options will be available from May 5th (12:01AM Eastern Time) to June 1, 2020 (6:00PM Eastern Time).

I tried to vote for my Regional Councillor (or my Regional Youth Representative) but there were no candidates listed. Why?

If no candidates put their name forward to run for the position, or if only one candidate put their name forward for the position, there will be no voting for the position.

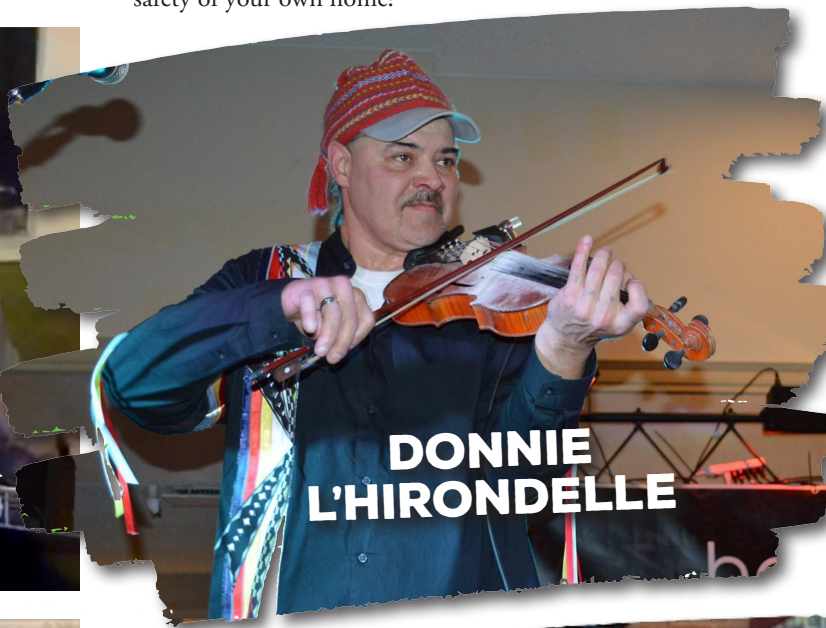
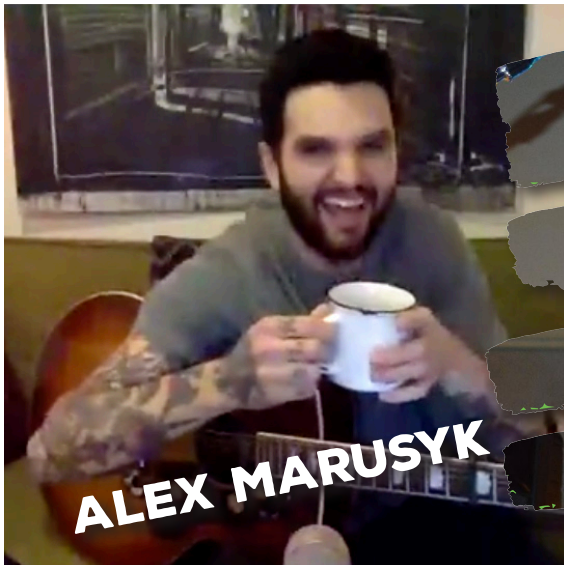
Acclamations (where only one Candidate was nominated for a position) will be announced by the Chief Electoral Officer on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at www.metis-nation.org/election.

Is OneFeather electronic and telephone voting secure?

OneFeather founder Lawrence Lewis prepared a Summary of Security Protocols for Electronic & Phone Voting for the Chief Electoral Officer which details security in place for Electronic and Telephone voting.

VIRTUAL KITCHEN PARTY

COVID-19 hasn't been all bad, because it has prompted the MNO to turn up the volume with the Virtual Kitchen Party! We may not be able to jig to the fiddle in person but we can definitely do it online! Join us on the MNO Facebook page every Friday for the Virtual Kitchen Party. Don't let the quarantine keep you down! Dance, clap and sing along with great Métis entertainers from the comfort and safety of your own home!



Finding our way in the time of COVID-19

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applications have been received and the bulk are in the process of being reviewed by our staff. Of those supports that have been approved for payment or paid out we have assisted approximately 300 Métis children! To date, half of those applicants who have applied have been contacted by our support team. We thank you for your patience.

Federal Supports for Post-Secondary Students

Frequently asked questions in all of our previous Town Hall Calls have been around what supports are available for post-secondary students and when more information will be coming. This week we finally got our answer. This week the Federal Government announced the Canada Emergency Student Benefit along with a host of other supports to help students who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The application process for this benefit will be similar to the Canada Emergency Response Benefit, but is not online yet. This funding is part of a larger \$9 billion aid package that the Government of Canada announced on April 22. Through this funding grant money for stu-

dents including those volunteering this summer will be increased. They are also going to double the student grants for incoming students and are investing \$291 million for expiring federal graduate research scholarships and post-doctorate fellowships.

MVDF Announcement

The Federal Government has also announced additional funding to help support for small and medium sized Indigenous businesses facing challenges and economic hardships due to COVID-19. The Government's distinction's based approach will see this money flow through Métis Capital Corporations including the MNO's Métis Voyageur Development Fund (MVDF). The Federal funding announced will allow the MVDF to provide eligible Métis businesses with \$40,000 in support. \$30,000 of which will be in the form of an interest free repayable loan and \$10,000 of which will be non-repayable. More information on page 3.

Quarantine Creative

In order to emphasize and enhance social connections during this time of social distancing we've created a social media campaign designed

to showcase the amazing art and creative pursuits of our MNO Citizens and employees. If you are beading, sewing, painting, drawing, or weaving during the quarantine we want to see it! We'd love to see what you're up to during the quarantine and share your art with the world! Join us by tagging us on social media and using the hashtag #QuarantineCreative or by sending us a direct message on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram. Share your art with us and help us spread some positivity because we're all in this together!

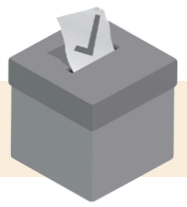
Harvesting Rights during COVID-19

We know how important being out on the land and the water is to our people and to our citizens in this regard. To be clear, at this time there are no restrictions on Crown Land Camping for MNO harvesters in their traditional territories. For those that live outside their territories or are without Harvest Certificates this is an issue of Métis mobility rights. This as an item already identified within the MNO-Ontario Framework Agreement on Harvesting and will be one for discussion. We ask that citizens approach harvesting as you did prior to COVID-19 by harvesting within your territories (when exercising your community's rights as a holder of an MNO Harvester Certificate) or by hunting, fishing, or

camping as per Ontario regulations when outside your territories.

As for Camp Closures, some townships, municipalities, cities, and conservation authorities have instituted restrictions or closures to some of the facilities they oversee in the interest of public safety. In the case of conservation authority lands, if a Harvester has questions or is experiencing challenges in accessing a previously used area they should follow up with their Captain of the Hunt who can provide them with more information on their specific situation. These public health measures have been put in place to help protect our families and communities. As we know Métis communities are at a higher risk for COVID-19 based on our own research around health outcomes so we need to be cognizant of the risks and mindful of the safety measures in place to help protect our loved ones. MNO is currently waiving harvester application and renewal fees as well as citizenship application fees at this time to make the process easier on everyone. We will continue to update as new information is provided and a harvesting communicate is being prepared.

MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO ELECTION 2020



Memo from the Chief Electoral Officer

Cancellation of In-person Voting in 2020 Election Due to COVID-19

April 6, 2020

Further to my Memorandum of March 18, 2020 postponing election day to June 1, 2020, this memorandum is to give notice of cancellation of the in-person voting at polls on May 23 and on June 1. The other two methods of voting i.e. online voting and telephone voting will become the only methods for electors to vote. The opportunity to vote by these methods is available to all electors. The period during which voting will be accessible will be from 12:01 AM EST, May 5 to 6:00 PM EST time on June 1.

This decision is not made lightly and is made pursuant to authority given the Chief Electoral Officer in Article 44 of the Electoral

Code where it is stated that in emergency situations the Chief Electoral Officer “may for the sole purpose of enabling Electors to exercise their right to vote or enabling the counting of votes, adapt any provision of this Code, and in particular, may extend the time for performing any obligation or doing any act under this Code.”

This decision is made because with the restrictions on travel and congregating, it still remains impossible to train the election officials to staff the polls. We are unable to determine when these restrictions will be removed. It is also made to ensure that there is no risk to the most vulnerable in the population namely our elders and anyone with underlying medical conditions or compromised

immune systems. It could be a very long time before these vulnerable citizens could safely attend the polls. This removed the option of a further postponement of the election date. Also, democracy demands that fair and open elections are to be held for defined terms and in this case the four-year terms have expired and any extended postponements would be tenuous.

For the above reasons I made these decisions, recognizing that we have two methods in place to allow every elector the opportunity to vote without being exposed to health risks.

I am cognizant that some citizens may be unfamiliar with navigating the online or telephone voting systems. OneFeather, the third-party contractor engaged to conduct

the online and telephone voting has agreed to extend service to handle any extra demand for online and telephone voting occasioned the cancellation of the in person voting. OneFeather has also agreed to engage extra staff if necessary to provide additional assistance via their help line to assist those citizens not comfortable with online and telephone voting.

Memo from the Chief Electoral Officer

Voting information for eligible voters

As of the week of April 12, 2020, by mail or by email, voters will be receiving information about voting in the MNO Election. All eligible voters - whether or not they receive a communication - can visit the website <https://onefeather.ca/nations/mno> to activate their profile, verify their eligibility, receive additional voting instructions and their unique PIN to vote electronically or by phone. For assistance, please use the red “Help” button located near the bottom of the webpage or call OneFeather at this toll free number 1-855-458-5888. Voters have the choice to vote online or by telephone. Both voting options will be available from May 5th (12:01AM Eastern Time) to June 1, 2020 (6:00PM Eastern Time).

PLEASE NOTE: The emailed version of the letter is being sent from OneFeather, an independent, Indigenous-owned election services provider contracted by the Chief Electoral Officer to execute the online and telephone voting. The FROM field of the email will say: OneFeather - MNO Election 2020 <lewis.l@telus.net>. If you deleted this email, you can visit the website <https://onefeather.ca/nations/mno>.

As a citizen of the Métis Nation of Ontario, you are entitled to vote for the candidates of your choice for the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO). In addition, those citizens who are also Veterans as defined by the MNO Veterans’ Council can vote for the positions on that Council. Finally, MNO citizens who are between the ages of sixteen (16) and twenty-nine (29) years of age may also vote for their Regional Youth Representative, Youth Representative on PCMNO, and Chairperson on the MNO Youth Council of their choice.

Candidates will be announced on May 4, 2020 on MNO’s website at www.MetisNation.org/Election. Please visit this website regularly for the latest information about the election.

This election, every voter has two options for voting: online or by telephone.

The decision to cancel in-person polling stations was not made lightly. It was made because with COVID-19 restrictions on travel and congregating, it remains impossible to train the election officials to staff the polls. It is also made to ensure that there is no risk to the most vulnerable in the population, namely our elders and anyone with underlying medical conditions or compromised immune systems. It could be a very long time before these vulnerable citizens could safely attend the polls. Democracy demands that fair and open elections are to be held for defined terms and in this case the four-year terms have expired, and any extended postponements would be tenuous.

Electronic Voting will be available from May 5th (12:01AM Eastern Time) to June 1, 2020 (6:00PM Eastern Time) – to vote electronically, visit the website below and click the red button to “Activate Profile”. You will require your MNO citizenship number, date of birth and personal email address to complete this process.

IMPORTANT: please read and follow all the instructions provided. If you need assistance, please use the red “Help” button located near the bottom of the page.

<https://onefeather.ca/nations/mno>

Telephone Voting will be available from May 5th (12:01AM Eastern Time) to June 1, 2020 (6:00PM Eastern Time) – call the phone number below in order to “Activate Profile”. You will require your MNO citizenship number and date of birth to complete this process.

IMPORTANT: it could take 15-20 minutes to complete your vote by telephone. If for any reason your connection is terminated, you will need to start the process over again. During the present Covid-19 pandemic phone lines are stressed and operating over capacity – please

utilize electronic voting if you can.


TOLL FREE NUMBER: 1-833-976-0616

If you require any assistance with electronic or telephone voting please visit the website <https://onefeather.ca/nations/mno> and click the red “HELP” button, or call OneFeather at this toll free number 1-855-458-5888.

During these unprecedented times of the Covid-19 pandemic we have all been asked and even required to shift the way we do business, interact with each other, and ensure the


continuity of health, governance and operations and personal welfare. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated as we all adjust to this new ‘normal’ of living and looking after each other. The MNO and election staff are doing everything possible to ensure that this important governance event is concluded as soon as possible.

All other questions about the election can be directed to the Chief Electoral Officer directly by telephone at **1-800-263-4889** extension 344 or by e-mail at election@MetisNation.org.



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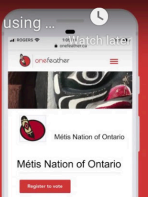
Welcome!

Please click the image (below right) to review instructions and how to activate your profile now AND vote electronically when the voting event opens May 5th.

How to vote in the MNO Election using...

Visit the OneFeather landing page set up by the Métis Nation of Ontario

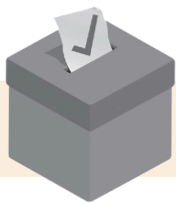
Select Register to vote.



Metis Nation of Ontario Contact Info

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Notices



MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO ELECTION 2020

Letter to the Chief Electoral Officer from OneFeather:

Summary of security protocols for electronic and phone voting

April 21, 2020

Dear Mr. Paul DeVillers,
MNO Chief Electoral Officer

I am pleased to share with you a summary of our security protocols for electronic and phone voting. OneFeather is cloud based software designed with the most current and leading cyber security technologies and data protection architecture available. All of our software also utilizes the latest encrypted technologies in all transmissions and storage, and moreover we utilize Canadian AWS servers (including multiple firewalls) – ensuring the best data protection measures available.

Voters wishing to access either electronic or

telephone voting may only do so following activation of their OneFeather profile which utilizes a number of steps to authenticate and verify a voter's identity. Once this step is completed, which includes a traditional 2-step verification process - the eligible voter is then also provided a PIN (personal identification number) unique to the voter and the voting event. If the voter does not have an email and wish to vote by phone, we provide their PIN directly to the voter following a verification process over the phone.

In order to vote successfully the eligible voter must utilize the secure voting link to ballot we provide or the toll-free number, along with their Citizenship No, Date of Birth and the PIN. If anyone of these critical pieces is absent

or otherwise used incorrectly – the voter will not be permitted to Vote, and the Chief Electoral Officer will be notified of any flagged members experiencing voting difficulties.

Other security features limit the use of only one (1) email to be used per voter – emails can not be shared or used by more than one eligible voter. We also have a number of security features which monitor 24/7/365 IP use (your computer or smart device), and brute force attacks or other attempts by bad actors to compromise the voting event. Finally, our systems track each vote, all voter activity and each voting attempt in an immutable ledger for audit and appeal purposes if needed.

OneFeather is also designed to ensure that each eligible voter is able to vote only once

for the prescribed ballots for which they are entitled to vote. We accomplish this through some sophisticated and innovative software development which essentially pairs 'tags' between ballots and voter data – effectively revealing only the ballots available to that voter and making ineligible ballots inaccessible.

While no online or digital solutions can guarantee 100% impenetrability to bad actors and unscrupulous types, we are very proud of our track record and continue to invest in the best security features and protocols available to ensure your successful voting event.

Sincerely,
Lawrence Lewis, Founder
OneFeather



For election news and ongoing updates, visit:
www.metisnation.org/election

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE VOTING:
Visit the MNO electronic voting page:
<https://onefeather.ca/nations/mno>
and click the red "HELP" button located near the bottom of the page
or call OneFeather at this toll free number :
1-855-458-5888

If you have any further questions about the election rules, contact:

Paul DeVillers
Chief Electoral Officer
1-800-263-4889 (toll free) extension 344
or by e-mail at
election@MetisNation.org

Métis Nation
of Ontario

Memo from the Chief Electoral Officer

Candidates in the 2020 Métis Nation of Ontario Election

May 4, 2020

Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO)

President:

Jennifer Parkinson
Tobias Clarke
Margaret Froh

Chair:

France Picotte
Hank Rowlinson

Vice-Chair:

Sharon Cadeau
Yvonne Jensen

Secretary-Treasurer:

Michael Stranks
Jo Anne Young

Regional Councilor, Region 2:

Tim Sinclair
Robert Whiteside
Brian Prairie

Regional Councilor, Region 3:

Jacques Picotte
Marcel Lafrance
Michel Dupuis

Regional Councilor, Region 4:

Mitchell Case
Dianne Beaudry

Regional Councilor, Region 6:

Cora Bunn
Andrew Dufrane

Regional Councilor, Region 7:

Alden Barty
David Dusome

Regional Councilor, Region 9:

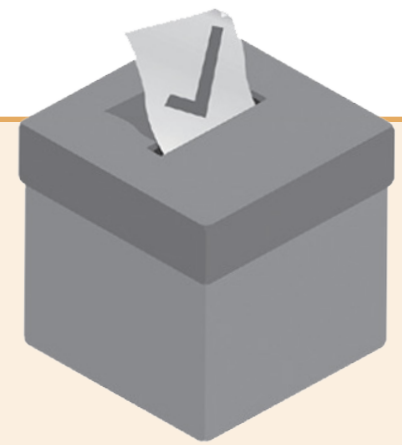
Peter Rivers
Cassandra Wilhelm

* Please note that as per Article 19.4 of the MNO Electoral Code: Part A the order of Candidates' names on the Ballot is determined by the Chief Electoral Officer putting names in a container and drawing them in in front of witnesses.

For those positions that have no candidates listed above, either a candidate has been acclaimed, or no one was nominated to run for the position.

Acclamations (where only one Candidate was nominated for a position) will be announced by the Chief Electoral Officer on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at www.metisnation.org/election.

As per Article 10 of the MNO Electoral Code: Part A the Chief Electoral Officer shall, by June 12, announce in writing that Elections to fill any vacancies will be held at the next Annual General Assembly.



ATTENTION ALL CITIZENS OF MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

ELECTION 2020

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Who manages the Election?

The PCMNO appoints an independent, non-partisan Chief Electoral Officer who is charged with operation Elections for the MNO.

The Chief Electoral Officer for MNO Election 2020 is MNO Citizen Paul DeVillers. Paul is a former Canadian MP and cabinet minister who represented Ontario riding of Simcoe North in the House of Commons from 1993 to 2005. He also serves as Chair of the Board of the Métis Voyageur Development Fund.

The Chief Electoral Officer can be reached toll free at 1-800-263-4889 extension 344, or by e-mail at election@MetisNation.org.

For MNO Election 2020, the Chief Electoral Officer has contracted an independent, Indigenous-owned, third-party election services company called OneFeather to execute the electronic and telephone voting. OneFeather's founder and CEO is Lawrence Lewis. OneFeather has more than 20 years of elections management experience, is a leader in Indigenous election administration, and a pioneer of electoral technology and best practices.



Where can I find the rules surrounding the Election?

Elections of the Métis Nation of Ontario are governed by the MNO Electoral Code: Part A. The most recent version of this Code is dated August 24, 2019, reflecting amendments made at the 2019 MNO AGA.

It is also governed by the Métis Nation of Ontario Policy #2019-003: Policy On Electronic and Telephone Voting (August 2019) (available at MNO website).

NOTE: Due to COVID-19, the Chief Electoral Officer revised some of the dates in the Code. They can be found in his March 18 Memo.



What are the positions up for election?

PCMNO:

- PCMNO Executive positions including: President, Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary-Treasurer
- Regional Councilors: one from each of the nine regions
- Post-Secondary Representative
- Youth Representative

MNO Youth Council:

- Chair of the MNOYC
- MNOYC regional youth representatives: one from each of the nine regions

MNO Veterans Council:

- President
- Chair
- Sgt-at-arms
- Secretary/Treasurer
- Senator for Veterans
- Women's Representative

NOTE: PCMNO Senators and Executive Senator (who sits on PCMNO Executive) are elected through a separate process, at the AGA following this election. As per section 6.11 of MNO Electoral Code: Part A:

6.11 Each community council may elect a senator pursuant to the MNO Electoral Code: Part B. Those senators elected to sit on their community councils, together with the senators currently serving on the PCMNO, and any senators who have served in the past on the PCMNO, who are in attendance at a general assembly, shall, by means of a process which shall be determined by themselves, choose from among themselves four (4) senators to sit on the PCMNO, and from among those four shall also choose a senator who shall sit on the Executive Committee.

Members of the MNO Women's Council, and any vacancies after the June 1 election will also be elected at the next AGA.



Who are the candidates in the election?

Candidates will be announced Monday, May 4, 2020 at www.metisnation.org/election. Acclamations (where only one Candidate was nominated for a position) will be announced by the Chief Electoral Officer on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at www.metisnation.org/election.



When can I vote?

Voters have the choice to vote online or by telephone. Both voting options will be available from May 5th (12:01AM Eastern Time) to June 1, 2020 (6:00PM Eastern Time).



How can I vote?

All eligible voters - whether or not they receive a letter by mail or email - can visit the website <https://onefeather.ca/nations/mno> to activate their profile, verify their eligibility, and to receive additional voting instructions and their unique PIN to vote electronically or by phone.

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Why are there no in-person polling stations for MNO Election 2020?

On April 6, 2020, a decision was made by the Chief Electoral Officer to cancel in-person polling stations for MNO Election 2020.

This decision was not made lightly. It was made because with COVID-19 restrictions on travel and congregating, it remains impossible to train the election officials to staff the polls. It is also made to ensure that there is no risk to the most vulnerable in the population namely our elders and anyone with underlying medical conditions or compromised immune systems. It could be a very long time before these vulnerable citizens could safely attend the polls. Democracy demands that fair and open elections are to be held for defined terms and in this case the four-year terms have expired, and any extended postponements would be tenuous.



I need help voting. What can I do?

If you need assistance voting on the OneFeather website, visit <https://onefeather.ca/nations/mno> and press the red "HELP" button located near the bottom of the page.

If you would like help voting by telephone, you can call OneFeather at this toll free number 1-855-458-5888.

If the problem is that you are not on the voters list, OneFeather will reach out to the Chief Electoral Officer to help verify your eligibility to vote.

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MNO's online voting site <https://onefeather.ca/nations/mno> and the telephone voting service is also managed by OneFeather.

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