

MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Re: Métis Nation of Ontario Annual General Assembly 2018
Assembly Decision related to Proposed Special Resolution #1 - “Verifying All MNO Citizens Are Métis Rights-Holders and Meet Current MNO Citizenship Requirements” -- September 4, 2018

At the 2018 MNO Annual General Assembly a proposed Special Resolution entitled “*Verifying All MNO Citizens Are Métis Rights-Holders and Meet Current MNO Citizenship Requirements*” was put forward to the 2018 MNO Annual General Assembly for discussion, debate and decision. The proposed Special Resolution proposed the following:

- The establishment of a two-year process for MNO Citizens to be able to provide the necessary documentation to complete their files based upon the existing requirements of the MNO’s Registry Policy and Bylaws
- Including in the Bylaws a removal provision for Citizens that may not be able to complete their files after the 2 year time frame
- Including an appeals mechanism in the Bylaws to ensure that Citizens had an opportunity for reconsideration of their file.

This proposed special resolution was discussed, debated and eventually defeated at the 2018 MNO Assembly with 77 in favour, 147 opposed, and 8 abstaining.

What does this mean?

As a result of the decision to defeat this proposed Special Resolution the proposed amendments to the bylaws that were detailed in the resolution will not proceed as per direction of the Assembly.

Does this mean that previous decisions and existing processes such as the *MNO Policy on Verification of Candidates for Holding Elected Office in MNO* or the MNO Registry and Self Government Readiness Process (RSRP) are no longer valid?

No, the defeat of the proposed Special Resolution dealt with specific revisions and additions to the MNO Bylaws that will not proceed as per direction of the Assembly. Other decisions that have been made, such as *MNO Policy 2018-01 - Policy on Verification of Candidates for Holding Elected Office in MNO* or the *MNO Registry and Self Government Readiness Process*, remain valid and continue as directed.

Additional details on the 2018 AGA, “MNO Policy #2018-001 Policy on Verification of Candidates for Holding Elected Office in MNO” and on the Registry Self Government Readiness Process also referred to as the “Registry Review” can be found on the MNO website (www.metisnation.org), and updates continue to be included in the *Métis Voyageur* newspaper.

What happens next?

Existing policies will remain in place and established processes will continue. In addition, as per direction from the 2018 MNO Annual General Assembly, there will be more communication and a community engagement process put in place on a number of important rights and self-government related issues.

Who can I contact if I have questions?

At any time MNO Communities and Citizens are encouraged to reach out to members of the Provisional Council or MNO’s Senior Administration for more information:

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