

# Métis Nation of Ontario Chief Electoral Officer

## MEMORANDUM

March 18, 2020

The health and well-being of Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) citizens, families and communities throughout the province is MNO's utmost priority.

Therefore, out of an abundance of caution, I have made the decision to **postpone the MNO Election 2020**, and to extend the period during which MNO citizens will be able to vote online or by phone. This decision is made in accordance with the emergency power provided in Article 44 of the Electoral Code.

Election Day is being moved to Monday, June 1 and Advanced Polling day is being moved to Saturday, May 23. Online and telephone voting will be accessible from 12:01 am May 5 to 11:59 pm May 29.

I am hopeful that this delay will allow the current health crisis to subside permitting us to conduct the necessary training of election officers who will be staffing the polls without putting their well-being at risk. This delay should also allow citizens interested in voting in person to vote at the polls in safety.

Please see below for a new timeline for the Election:

<b>Election Day</b> Polls open 9am – 8pm	<b>Monday, June 1</b>
<b>Advanced Polls</b> Polls open 3pm – 7pm	<b>Saturday, May 23</b>
<b>Electronic and telephone voting accessible</b>	<b>May 5 to May 29</b>
Date after which, advertising and other communications materials paid for with MNO funds and distributed by MNO will not reference the name of MNO Councillors	April 1
Last date for citizens to update contact information for elector list using a Registry Change of Address Form	April 6
Nominations close at 5pm	May 1
Acclamations announced	May 20
Information regarding online and telephone voting delivered to electors	On or before May 4

Candidates announced	May 4
Electronic and telephone voting accessible	May 5 to May 29
Advanced polls	May 23
Election Day	June 1
Elected individuals provide written consent to hold the office	By June 10
Deadline to request a re-count	By June 12
Chief Electoral Officer announcement in writing of elections to fill vacancies at next AGA	By June 12
Last day for a Candidate to object - in writing to the CEO - to the announced results respecting their Election	By June 29
Last day for Candidate to file appeal (in writing with evidence)	By July 29
CEO to provide written report regarding any appeal	By July 16
PCMNO to appoint independent investigator to hear any appeal	By July 29
Investigator to make decisions in writing on any appeal	By August 27
Ballots destroyed by CEO where no objection or appeal	By September 1
Ballots destroyed by CEO after objection or appeal	By November 30

If you have any questions please get in touch with me: by telephone at 613-798-1488 or toll free at 1 800 263-4889 extension 344 or by e-mail at [election@MetisNation.org](mailto:election@MetisNation.org).

Yours truly,



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