

2020 Election of the Métis Nation of Ontario PCMNO Senators and Executive Senator at MNO AGA 2020

Background

- As per to Article 6.11 of [MNO Electoral Code: Part A](#), the Métis Nation of Ontario's (MNO) four (4) PCMNO Senators, and from those four the Executive Senator of the PCMNO, are chosen by MNO Senators at the AGA following the PCMNO elections, by means of a process which Senators determine by themselves.
 - A role description of PCMNO Senator can be found by clicking [here](#).
 - A role description of Executive Senator can be found by clicking [here](#).
- To support the election of PCMNO Senators, the MNO Women's Council election, and the filling of vacancies on the Métis Nation of Ontario Veterans and Youth Councils (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.
- On Friday, July 31, MNO Senators had a meeting to determine the details regarding the election of PCMNO Senators for 2020. The details below reflect the consensus reached by MNO Senators at that meeting.

Election Details

- There are four (4) PCMNO Senator positions up for election. Also, from the four chosen PCMNO Senators, one (1) Executive Senator of the PCMNO will be elected.
- As detailed in Article 6.11 of MNO Electoral Code: Part A, only Senators are eligible to vote for PCMNO Senators and Executive Senator.
 - The Electoral Code defines Senators as elected community council Senators, Senators currently serving on the PCMNO, and Senators have served in the past on PCMNO.
- **A meeting of Senators and the elections of PCMNO Senators, will take place on Sunday, November 8, starting at 1 p.m. Eastern Time.**
- Only Senators who register for the MNO AGA 2020 will be eligible to participate in the November 8 meeting and elections.

- At the meeting on November 8, there will be two separate ballots.
 - The first will include a list of all verified candidates, and electors will be able to select up-to four candidates.
 - The second ballot will be to vote for the Executive Senator: electors will be able to vote for one candidate from the four PCMNO Senators elected in the first ballot.
- The same technology that will be used to host MNO AGA 2020 on November 7 will also be used on November 8 host the meeting and election of PCMNO Senators.

Nominations

- Any Senator who is Verified according to the process set out by the MNO Registrar is eligible to run for PCMNO Senator and can self-nominate to be added to the ballot, with no need for other nominees.
 - Instructions for how to self-nominate and nomination requirements are detailed on the nomination form created by the CEO and posted to MNO's website.
- The deadline for nominations to be submitted to the CEO is **5:00 PM Eastern Time on Friday, October 23, 2020**.
- Candidates or acclamations will be announced on Monday, October 26, 2020 at **metisnation.org/election**
- Before voting on November 8, each candidate for PCMNO Senator will have the opportunity to address the meeting of Senators.
- All MNO Senators have been distributed a password-protected contact list of current community council Senators and current and previous PCMNO Senators, including their email addresses and telephone numbers. Interested Senators who have not received this list can contact the Chief Electoral Officer (contact information below).

Communications

- All of the information detailed above will be emailed to all MNO citizens shared on MNO's website.
- Senators will be informed of opportunities where the meeting and voting technology will be demonstrated in advance of the meeting and election on November 8.

Questions

- Any questions regarding the MNOWC Election 2020 can be directed to the Chief Electoral Officer, Paul DeVillers, at:

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