March 16, 2021

To: Citizens of the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)
From: Office of the Electoral Officer
Re: MNO Northwest Métis Council Election

Consistent with the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Community Charter agreement, By-laws and Community Council electoral code, an election has been called to fill vacancies and renew mandates of the MNO Northwest Métis Council for a three (3) year term. 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. Council boundaries are provided on the next page.

COUNCIL ELECTION DATES: May 10, 2021 9 a.m – May 16, 2021 9 p.m. EST

10 Vacant positions on Council:
- President
- Chair
- Secretary-Treasurer
- Senator
- Women’s Rep
- Youth Rep
- Councilors (4)

If you are interested in putting your name forward for a position on the council please see the next page for instructions. The nomination form is included or contact the Electoral Officer for a copy.

The election process is as follows – you may vote electronically or by phone;
- On-Line Voting: https://onefeather.ca/nations/mno
- Telephone Voting: 1-855-923-3006 (Toll Free)

Dates and times of election:
On-Line Voting begins 9:00 a.m. on May 10, 2021 and runs through May 16, 2021 at 9:00 p.m..
Telephone Voting is available from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. EST on May 10, 2021 and again on May 16, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. EST.

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VOTING:
- Eligible voters should Sign up to Vote at https://onefeather.ca/nations/mno
- A voters list will be available to verified candidates upon request, (2 days after nominations close)
- Verifications of Candidates are complete on April 28, 2021
- Note: Only verified Candidates running for election will be eligible to request a “voters list” by contacting the Electoral Officer.
Community Council Electoral Code: A copy is available on MNO website www.metisnation.org.

How to Run for a Position on the Community Council:

- **Deadline for Close of Nominations:** 6:00p.m. EST, April 23, 2021.
  
  Nomination forms of candidates are to be submitted in writing to the Electoral Officer by this date and time. Nominations are to include the name of the person being nominated (the candidate); and the position the candidate is seeking. **Candidates can self-nominate** for one position only. A nomination form is provided or you can contact the Electoral Officer to request a form.

- **Announcement of Official Candidates:** 6:00p.m. EST, April 28, 2021.
  
  After the Close of Nominations all nominated candidates must have their documentation verified by the MNO Registrar who will be asked to do so by the Electoral Officer. The verification process ensures that all required genealogical information and proof of Métis ancestry is in the records of the candidate with the MNO Registry Office. Those candidates who do not meet the verification requirements will not be able to participate as a candidate.

The Northwest Métis Council is described geographically as follows:

**Southern Boundary:** Beginning at southeastern tip of Crow Lake draw a horizontal line in an easterly direction through the southern tip of the Lower Manitou Lake, through the southern tip of Stormy Lake to Hwy 599 where it intersects with Hwy 17 at Sandbar Lake Provincial Park.

**Eastern Boundary:** From where Hwy 17 and Hwy 599 intersect at Sandbar Lake Provincial Park follow Hwy 599 north to Silver Dollar.

**Northern Boundary:** From Silver Dollar follow Hwy 642 northwest to Sioux Lookout. From Sioux Lookout draw a vertical line to Lac Seul. From Lac Seul draw a horizontal line through to Hwy 105 to Wabauskang. Continue northwest through the southern tip of Wabauskang Lake, through the southern tip of Anishinabi Lake to the eastern shores of Oak Lake. Follow the shore line of Oak Lake west until you reach the most western tip of Oak Lake.

**Western Boundary:** From the western tip of Oak Lake draw a vertical line in a southerly direction through Dayberry lake to the southeastern tip of Crow Lake.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**

Any questions concerning this process may be addressed to the Electoral Officer.

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