March 9, 2021

To: Citizens of the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)
From: Office of the Electoral Officer
Re: MNO Sunset Country 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 Sunset Country 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: April 19, 2021 9 a.m. – April 25, 2021 9 p.m. EST

11 Vacant positions on Council:
President
Chair
Secretary
Treasurer
Senator
Women’s Rep
Youth Rep
Councilors (3)

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 April 19, 2021 and runs through April 25, 2021 at 9:00 p.m..
Telephone Voting is available from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. EST on April 19, 2021 and again on April 25, 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 8, 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](http://www.metisnation.org).

**How to Run for a Position on the Community Council:**

- **Deadline for Close of Nominations:** 6:00p.m. EST, April 2, 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 8, 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 Sunset Country Métis Council is described geographically as follows:

- **Southern Boundary:** From Rainy River follow the Canada-US international border along the Rainy River in an easterly direction, follow through to Fort Frances, through Rainy Lake until the Canada-US border intersects with the most eastern tip of Rainy Lake.

- **Eastern Boundary:** From the eastern tip of Rainy Lake draw a vertical line in a northerly direction through Mine Centre to where Hwy 502 meets the Lower Manitou Lake.

- **Northern Boundary:** From where Hwy 502 meets the Lower Manitou Lake draw a horizontal line in a westerly direction through Crow Lake continue west through southern tip of Lake of the Woods to the Canada-US border.

- **Western Boundary:** From the southwestern tip of Bigsby Island at the Canada-US border follow the Canada-US border in a southern direction to Rainy River.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**
Any questions concerning this process may be addressed to the Electoral Officer.

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