

MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

NIAGARA REGION MÉTIS COUNCIL - ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

March 31, 2022

To: Citizens of the Niagara Region Métis Council

From: Office of the Electoral Officer

Re: Niagara Region 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 Niagara Region 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 as a candidate or by exercising their right to vote. Council boundaries are outlined on the next page.

COUNCIL ELECTION DATES: May 19, 2022 9 a.m. – May 24, 2022 9 p.m. Eastern Time (ET)

12 Council Positions:

- President
- Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Senator
- Women's Representative
- Youth Representative
- Councilors (5 positions)

If you are interested in putting your name forward for a council position, please see the following page for instructions. A nomination form is enclosed, or contact the Electoral Officer for a copy.

Election Process – you may vote electronically or by phone:

- **On-Line Voting:** <https://onefeather.ca/nations/mno>
- **Telephone Voting:** 1-855-923-3006 (Toll Free)

Election Dates and Times:

On-Line Voting begins 9:00 a.m. on **May 19, 2022** and runs through **May 24, 2022** at 9:00 p.m. ET

Telephone Voting is available from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET on **May 19, 2022** and again on **May 24, 2022** from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET.

VOTING: Eligible voters should Sign up to Vote at <https://onefeather.ca/nations/mno> or call 1-855-923-3006 (Toll-Free) for assistance. Please ensure that your contact information is updated with the MNO Registry. It is recommended to register with OneFeather **before voting day starts.**

Community Council Electoral Code: A copy is available on MNO website www.metisnation.org.



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All times are in Eastern Standard Time

How to Run for a Position on the Community Council:

- Candidates can **self-nominate for one position only**.
- Complete and submit the nomination form (both pages) to the Electoral Officer by the deadline.
- Nominations must be received by April 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
- Candidates' residence must be verified by the MNO Registry before **noon on April 28, 2022**.
- Candidates must be prepared to provide proof of address to run for any position on the council.
- Verifications of Candidates are anticipated to be complete on April 28, 2022.
- Official Candidates running for election will be eligible to request a voters list by contacting the Electoral Officer in writing. Voters lists will be available **three (3) business days** after the official candidate's announcement has been posted.

Opening of Nominations: Thursday, April 7, 2022

Both pages of the nomination forms must be fully completed and signed. Nomination forms can be scanned or photographed and emailed to the Electoral Officer. They can also be submitted by mail.

Deadline for Close of Nominations: Monday, April 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Nomination forms of candidates are to be received by the Electoral Officer by this date and time. Incomplete nomination forms or late arrivals will not be accepted. A nomination form is enclosed, or you can contact the Electoral Officer to request a form.

Announcement of Official Candidates: Thursday, April 28, 2022 about 6:00 p.m.

After the Close of Nominations, the Electoral Officer will ask the MNO Registrar to verify the nominee's file and eligibility to hold office. The verification process, takes up to three (3) business days, and ensures that all files are complete and a proof of address has been verified. Those candidates who do not meet the verification requirements will not be eligible to participate as a candidate. Additional time for Registry verifications may result in slight delays in posting the official candidates list.

Niagara Region Métis Council Boundaries:

South Boundary: Lake Erie is the south border.

West Boundary: Beginning on the shore of Lake Erie just east of Cayuga draw a vertical line north between Fruitland and Winona to the QEW

North Boundary: Lake Ontario is the north boundary.

East Boundary : Canada/US border is the eastern boundary line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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

Electoral Officer: Loma Rowlinson

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