

MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

HISTORIC SAULT STE. MARIE MÉTIS COUNCIL - ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

April 19, 2022

To: Citizens of the Historic Sault Ste. Marie Métis Council

From: Office of the Electoral Officer

Re: Historic Sault Ste. Marie 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 Historic Sault Ste. Marie Métis Council for a two (2) 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: June 6, 2022, 9 a.m. – June 9, 2022, 9 p.m. Eastern Time (ET)

11 Council Positions:

- President
- Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Senator
- Women's Representative
- Youth Representative
- Councillors (4 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 at 9:00 a.m. on **June 6, 2022**, and runs through **June 9, 2022**, at 9:00 p.m. ET

Telephone Voting is available from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET on **June 6, 2022**, and again on **June 9, 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 the voting day starts.**

Community Council Electoral Code: A copy is available on the 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 **May 15, 2022**, at 6:00 p.m.
- Candidates' residence must be verified by the MNO Registry before **noon on May 18, 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 May 13, 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: Wednesday, April 27, 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: Sunday, May 15, 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: Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 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.

Historic Sault Ste. Marie Métis Council Boundaries:

Northern Boundary: Beginning on the shores of Lake Superior at Montreal River, follow the Montreal River East to the Northeastern tip of the Aubinadong River.

Eastern Boundary: Beginning at Desbarats, in a Northern direction, draw a horizontal line to Leebrun. From Leebrun, draw a line in a Northeast direction to where Hwy 556 intersects with Hwy 129 at Ranger Lake. From the intersection of Hwy 556 and Hwy 129, follow the Aubinadong River North to the Northeastern tip of the Montreal River.

Southern Boundary: Beginning at Gros Cap, follow the Canadian/U.S. border through the St. Mary's River, into Lake George at Echo Bay, and past Sugar Island into the waters of Lake Huron. Follow the shoreline of St. Joseph Island, beginning at Richards Landing, around the Southern tip of St. Joseph Island, past Hilton Beach and ending at Desbarats.

Western Boundary: Beginning at Gros Cap follows the shoreline of Lake Superior, North to the Montreal River.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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

Electoral Officer: Loma Rowlinson

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