

MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

GEORGIAN BAY MÉTIS COUNCIL

ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT



June 7, 2022

To: Citizens of the Georgian Bay Métis Council (GBMC)
From: Office of the Electoral Officer
Re: GBMC - Community 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 for all positions on the MNO Georgian Bay Métis Council for a four-year (4) 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.

If you are interested in putting your name forward for one of these positions, please see the following page for instructions. A self-nomination form is enclosed, or contact the Electoral Officer for a copy. All times in this notice are in Eastern Standard Time (EST).

13 Positions on the Council:

- President
- Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Senator
- Women's Representative
- Youth Representative
- Councillor-at-Large (4 positions)
- Councillor-with-Portfolio (2 positions) (these positions will be assigned to committees)

COUNCIL ELECTION DATES:

July 29, 2022, 9 a.m. – August 3, 2022, 9 p.m.

REGISTER TO VOTE: Eligible voters may vote on the phone or electronically with OneFeather. Please ensure that your contact information is up-to-date with the MNO Registry. To ensure you are on the voters list, and if you are voting for the first time using **OneFeather**, please call the toll-free for assistance 1-855-923-3006, clearly leave your name, phone number and mention the Métis election and a polling officer will return your call. You can also verify that you are on the voter's list and register online by visiting <https://onefeather.ca/nations/mno> and click the **RED** button to "**Sign Up to Vote.**" Please ensure you are registered to vote **before** voting day.

TELEPHONE VOTING: Call Toll-Free **1-855-923-3006** to vote with a polling officer over the phone. Telephone voting is only available on **July 29, 2022**, from **5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**, and again on **August 3, 2022**, from **5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

ONLINE VOTING: <https://onefeather.ca/nations/mno>. Online voting begins at **9:00 a.m.** on **July 29, 2022**, and runs through to **August 3, 2022**, closing at **9:00 p.m.**



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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTORAL CODE:

A copy is available on the MNO website www.metisnation.org.

HOW TO RUN FOR A POSITION ON THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL:

- Community Council citizens can **self-nominate for one position only**.
- Complete and submit the nomination form to the Electoral Officer by the deadline date and time.
- All nominees **must have an updated proof of address** identification document (i.e. Valid Ontario Driver's licence) in their MNO registry file.
- Official Candidates running for election will be eligible to request a voters list by contacting the Electoral Officer in writing/email. Voter lists will be available three (3) business days after the official candidate's announcement has been posted.

Opening of Nominations: 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Both pages of the nomination forms must be legible, fully completed and signed. Nomination forms can be scanned or photographed and emailed to the Electoral Officer. Nomination forms can also be submitted by mail but **must be received** by the deadline of the close of nominations.

Deadline for Close of Nominations: 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 5, 2022

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: 6:00 p.m., Friday, July 8, 2022

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. Additional time for Registry verifications may result in slight delays in posting the official candidates list.

Georgian Bay Métis Council (GBMC) Boundaries:

Northern Boundary: Beginning at Christian Island around Hope Island to Giants Tomb. Drawing a horizontal line from Giants Tomb in a Eastern direction to Crooked Bay, follow the Severn River in a South Eastern direction where it spills into Sparrow Lake, follow Sparrow Lake's west shoreline to Port Stanton, continue South East until you intersect Hwy 11.

Eastern Boundary: Beginning at Washago follow Hwy 11 south along the western shoreline of Lake Couchiching, continuing along the western shoreline of Lake Simcoe to Hawkstone.

Southern Boundary: Beginning in Hawkstone on Kempfelt Bay follow Hwy 11 in a Southwest direction to where it intersects with Hwy 26. Follow Hwy 26 in a Northwest direction through Midhurst and Minesing, continue to follow Hwy 26 West to Stayner. From Stayner follow Hwy 91 West to Duntroon.

Western Boundary: Beginning at Duntroon where Hwy 91 and Hwy 124 intersect, follow Hwy 124 north to Collingwood, follow the Nottawasaga Bay shore line in a Northern direction to Christian Island, around Hope Island to Giants Tomb.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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

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