# MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

# CHARTERED COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

# Thunder Bay and District Métis Council Official Election Results February 9, 2023

Through a council resolution, I was appointed as the Electoral Officer to supervise the Thunder Bay and District Métis Council's election to ensure a fair election consistent with the MNO Community Council Electoral Code. I was responsible for conducting, overseeing, and ensuring an impartial election process, and taking any steps necessary to ensure the effective implementation of the Thunder Bay and District Métis Council's Electoral Code. The election was hosted online with OneFeather from February 6, 2023 to February 9, 2023, with online voting open throughout all hours of the election. Telephone voting was also available on the first and last day of the election between 4-8 PM Eastern Time.

After the Close of Nominations on January 20, 2023, there were fourteen (14) nominees for the ten (10) positions on the Thunder Bay and District Métis Council. The MNO Registry verified thirteen (13) nominees. One (1) nominee was not verified to hold office. Two (2) candidate's names were withdrawn before the day of the election. Four (4) positions were acclaimed to hold positions on the council, leaving seven (7) candidates running for the following positions: one (1) President, one (1) Chair, and one (1) Women's Representative. Due to lack of nominees the following positions remain vacant: Secretary, Treasurer, and one (1) Councilor-at-Large position.

As per Article B33.1 of the Thunder Bay and District Métis Council's Community Electoral Code, it is my duty to announce the results of the elections and declare elected those candidates who received the largest number of votes. The following candidates have been elected to a three (3) year term.

## **Thunder Bay and District Métis Council:**

| Position              | Name            |           |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| President             | Wendy Houston   | Elected   |
| Chair                 | Greg Dufault    | Elected   |
| Secretary             | -               | VACANT    |
| Treasurer             | -               | VACANT    |
| Senator               | Grant Robbins   | Acclaimed |
| Women' Representative | Trudy Bellamy   | Elected   |
| Youth Representative  | Madelyn Sheriff | Acclaimed |
| Councillor 1          | Brent Parres    | Acclaimed |
| Councillor 2          | James Parres    | Acclaimed |
| Councillor 3          | -               | VACANT    |

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the newly elected MNO Thunder Bay and District Métis Council members and thank all nominees that put their names forward. To the council members that previously served, thank you for your time and dedication. Thank you to the Thunder Bay and District Métis Council citizens for participating in the election and to the MNO as a whole.

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### **APPENDIX A**

#### **Statement of Poll Results**

## **MNO Thunder Bay and District Métis Council**

Election Dates: 1:00 PM EST, February 6 – 8:00 PM EST, February 9, 2023

Telephone Voting: February 6 and February 9, 2023 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM EST

Eligible Voters: 1,322 Total Voters: 116 Phone ballots: 4 Electronic ballots: 112

President (1 position)

Spoiled ballots: 0

| Candidate        | Phone | Online | Total Votes |
|------------------|-------|--------|-------------|
| Wendy Houston    | 2     | 69     | 71          |
| Robert Whiteside | 2     | 43     | 45          |

#### Chair (1 position)

| Candidate       | Phone | Online | Total Votes |
|-----------------|-------|--------|-------------|
| Greg Dufault    | 3     | 72     | 75          |
| Jason Whiteside | 1     | 40     | 41          |

# Women's Representative (1 position)

| Candidate     | Phone | Online | Total Votes |
|---------------|-------|--------|-------------|
| Trudy Bellamy | 1     | 34     | 35          |
| Melissa Berry | 0     | 21     | 21          |
| Tashya Orasi  | 0     | 7      | 7           |

#### Acclaimed:

| Candidate       | Position             |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| Grant Robbins   | Senator              |
| Madelyn Sheriff | Youth Representative |
| Brent Parres    | Councillor-at-Large  |
| James Parres    | Councillor-at-Large  |

Election Hosted online with OneFeather Results Dated: February 9, 2023

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