

# MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

## OTTAWA REGION MÉTIS COUNCIL ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

2023-09-01

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 Ottawa Region Métis Council for a two-year (2) term. All registered Métis Citizens, 16 and over, who live in the council boundaries are encouraged to participate in this election as a candidate or by exercising their right to vote.

All Métis Youth aged 16-29 can vote for the Youth Rep.

All Métis Women who have identified as a woman with Registry can vote for the Women's Rep.

All citizens can vote for the Senator position.

If you are interested in putting your name forward for one of these volunteer positions, please see the following page for instructions.

***Due to the ongoing pandemic, there is no in-person voting. Voting will be done online or over the phone.***

### **COUNCIL ELECTION DATES:**

**Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. to Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 8 p.m.**

*All times in this notice are in Eastern Standard Time (EST).*

### **12 Positions on the Council:**

- President
- Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Senator
- Women's Representative
- Youth Representative
- 2SLGBTQ1+ Representative
- Councilor-at-Large (5 positions)

### **SIGN UP and REGISTER TO VOTE!**

**Before voting day, please register and verify that you are on the voter's list.**

In order to vote, please go to <https://onefeather.ca/nations/mno> and click the **RED** button to **“Sign Up to Vote.”** Input your name that is on your MNO card and citizenship number with the dash (do not use any letters that may be at the end of your MNO citizenship number). Only one (1) voter PIN per email address is permitted. If you don't have your own email address, please see registration assistance below.

**Registration and Voting Assistance:** If you are voting for the first time using OneFeather, and require any assistance with registration, electronic or telephone voting, please visit <https://onefeather.ca/nations/mno> and click the **RED “HELP”** button **or** call OneFeather at this toll-free number **1-855-923-3006** and leave your name, phone number and mention the Métis election. A polling officer will return your call after noon.

### **HOW TO VOTE:**

**ONLINE VOTING:** Online voting begins at **1:00 p.m.** on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and runs through to October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, closing at **8:00 p.m.** To vote online, you need to register (see above) and use the Voter PIN that will be emailed to you the morning of the first election day.



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**TELEPHONE VOTING: 2 DAYS ONLY!** If you have no internet access or are having difficulties voting online, we have arranged support for you to vote verbally, on the phone, with a Returning Officer. Telephone voting is available on **Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 OR Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023**, from **4:00 to 8:00 p.m.** To vote on the phone, please call the Toll-free number **1-855-923-3006** and follow the prompts. Leave a message with your name and phone number, and the Returning Officer will call you back so you can vote.

### **HOW TO RUN FOR A POSITION ON THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL:**

- Citizens must have a complete MNO Registry file to run for a council position.
- Community Council citizens can **self-nominate for one position only.**
- Complete and submit the nomination form to the Electoral Officer before the close of the nomination deadline date and time. A nomination form has been included with this package, or you can contact the Electoral officer to request a copy at [councilelection@metisnation.org](mailto:councilelection@metisnation.org).
- All nominees must provide the MNO Registry with an **updated proof of address** identification document (i.e. Valid Ontario Driver's licence). This can be submitted with your nomination form.
- Official Candidates running for election are 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.

**Council Roles & Responsibilities** can be found here: <https://www.metisnation.org/community-councils/community-council-elections-2/>

**Electoral Code:** Official election Candidates should review the electoral code. A copy is available on the council contact page on the MNO's website [www.metisnation.org](http://www.metisnation.org).

**Opening of Nominations:** **Monday, September 18, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.**

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.

**Close of Nominations Deadline:** **Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. (noon)**

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:** **Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 4:00 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. Additional time for Registry verifications may result in slight delays in posting the official candidates list.

### **Ottawa Region Métis Council (ORMC) Boundaries:**

South/West to South/East Border Beginning at Balderson draw a vertical line east to Numogate, from Numogate at two (2) Kms East of Hwy 15, follow Hwy 15 in a southern direction to Hwy 32, follow Hwy 32 south through Gananoque to the Canadian/United States border. Follow the Canadian/United States border east until the Quebec border at Riviere Beaudette. South/East to North/East Border from the Quebec border at Riviere Beaudette, follow the Ontario/Quebec provincial border north to Pointe Fortune. North/East to North/West Border from the Quebec border at Pointe Fortune follow the Ontario/Quebec provincial border in a western direction through L'Original, continue west through Wendover along the Ottawa River to Arnprior. North/West to South/West Border from Arnprior follow Hwy 508 South West to Calabogie. From Calabogie follow Hwy 511 South through Brightside, Hopetown and Lanark until you reach Balderson.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Any questions concerning this process may be addressed to the Electoral Officer, Jennifer Pauzé at Toll-Free 1-800-263-4889 ext. 344 or Email: [councilelection@metisnation.org](mailto:councilelection@metisnation.org)