

MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: June 14, 2024



COUNCIL:

MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO WOMEN'S COUNCIL (MNOWC)

ELECTION DATES:

August 7, 2024 at 1 PM (EST) to August 14, 2024 at 7 PM (EST)

Consistent with the Métis Nation of Ontario Women's Council's [terms of reference](#), an election has been called for all positions on the Métis Nation of Ontario Women's Council (MNOWC) for a four-year (4) term. The MNOWC determined to follow an electoral process similar to that of MNO Community Councils.

The election will be hosted online, with four (4) hours of telephone voting available on the first and last day of the election.

- All verified Métis women citizens, 16 and over, who have identified as women with the MNO Registry are encouraged to participate in this election as a candidate or by exercising their right to vote.
- For the position of President, all eligible voters are invited to cast their votes.
- Only women in specific regions can vote for their Regional Women's Representative.

A self-nomination form is available online if you want to run for one of the volunteer council positions. Click here: [MNOWC Self-Nomination Form](#).

Due to the pandemic, there is no in-person voting. Voting will be done online or over the phone. Instructions on registering and voting are provided in this package and online.

POSITIONS ON THE COUNCIL INCLUDE:

- MNOWC PRESIDENT
- REGION 1 WOMEN'S REP
- REGION 2 WOMEN'S REP
- REGION 3 WOMEN'S REP
- REGION 4 WOMEN'S REP
- REGION 5 WOMEN'S REP
- REGION 6 WOMEN'S REP
- REGION 7 WOMEN'S REP
- REGION 8 WOMEN'S REP
- REGION 9 WOMEN'S REP



DIGITAL ONLINE VOTING

<https://onefeather.ca/nations/mno>

**August 7, 2024 at 1 PM until
August 14, 2024 at 7 PM.**

(Dates, Times)

To vote online, visit the above website, activate your account, and use the Voter PIN emailed to you on the first election day as the polls open. You can activate your account and vote online anytime during the above dates and times.

All times in this notice are Eastern Standard Time



TELEPHONE VOTING

2 DAYS ONLY! 1-855-923-3006 (Toll-Free)

**August 7, 2024 or August 14, 2024
Between 3 PM to 7 PM 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 during the dates and times shown above. Please call the toll-free number 1-855-923-3006 and follow the prompts. If you get an answering machine, please leave a clear message with your name, area code, and phone number, and a Returning Officer will return your call. Telephone voting is only open on the dates and times indicated above.

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

Métis Nation
of Ontario

HOW TO RUN FOR A POSITION ON THE MNOWC:

- Citizens must have a complete MNO Registry file.
- MNO Women citizens can self-nominate for one position only.
- Complete both pages of the [self-nomination form](#) and submit it to the Chief Electoral Officer **before** the close of the nomination deadline: July 16, 2024, at 5 PM (EST). A self-nomination form can be downloaded from the MNO's website, or you can contact the office of the Chief Electoral Officer to request a copy.
- To be eligible for the position of MNOWC President, you must be a permanent resident of Ontario.
- To run for a Regional position, your permanent address must be within the proper region.
- For verification, as per the [Community Council Electoral Code](#), the MNO Registry requires an **updated proof of address** identification document (e.g., a Valid Ontario Driver's licence) that can be submitted with your self-nomination form. For more information on other acceptable ID, please get in touch with the MNO Registry at 1-855- 798-1006.
- Interested in running for office? MNO Women citizens can view the [MNOWC's Roles & Responsibilities](#) online.
- Official candidates should visit this page to view the [MNOWC's Terms of Reference](#).

OPENING OF NOMINATIONS:

June 23, 2024

The [self-nomination form](#) is available online. Both pages must be legible, fully completed, and signed. Nomination forms can be scanned or photographed and emailed to the Electoral Officer. Original copies are not required. Nomination forms can also be submitted by mail but **must be received** by the deadline date and time indicated below.

CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS DEADLINE:

July 16, 2024 at 5 PM (EST)

The Chief Electoral Officer must receive all self-nomination forms by the above date and time. **Incomplete nomination forms or late arrivals will not be accepted.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICIAL CANDIDATES:

July 19, 2024 at 6 PM (EST)

The MNO Registrar will verify the nominee's file, proof of address, and eligibility to hold office. The verification process can take up to three (3) business days. 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. After verification, the official candidate announcement will be posted on the MNO's website. The official candidate announcement will also identify those who may have been acclaimed.

HOW TO VOTE:

ACTIVATE YOUR ONEFEATHER VOTER ACCOUNT!

Before voting day, please ensure you have created and confirmed your OneFeather account.

Visit <https://www.onefeather.ca/nations/mno> and follow the instructions to access the voting event, or you can scan this QR Code with your cell phone to get started. When signing into OneFeather, please use the



email address that is on file with the

MNO Registry. Only one voter PIN per email address can be provided. If you do not have your own email address or need assistance to vote, contact OneFeather:

ONEFEATHER – VOTER SUPPORT:

Voter PIN, Online & Telephone
Voting Toll-Free: 1-855-923-3006
Email: voterhelp@onefeather.ca

VOTING REGIONS – BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Only citizens who are ordinary residents of a Region may vote for their Regional Women's representative. The following is a brief (not full) list of towns/cities that illustrates MNO voting regions.

Region 1: Sioux Lookout, Dryden, Sioux Lookout, Kenora, Fort Frances, Atikokan

Region 2: Thunder Bay, Geraldton, Marathon

Region 3: Chapleau, Timmins, Cochrane, Temiskaming

Region 4: Sault Ste Marie, Blind River, Spanish

Region 5: Webbwood, Sudbury, Britt, North Bay, Mattawa

Region 6: Pembroke, Ottawa, Kingston, Belleville, Peterborough

Region 7: Barrie, Parry Sound, Midland, Owen Sound & Grey-Bruce

Region 8: Oshawa, Toronto, Brampton, Oakville

Region 9: Niagara, Hamilton, Kitchener, London, Sarnia, Windsor

If you need additional assistance to determine your voting region, please contact the [Chief Electoral Officer](#).