

MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO PCMNO SENATORS ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: June 25 2024

Position(s): PCMNO SENATOR (4 positions)

ELECTION DATE: August 14, 2024, from 6-9 PM

POLLING STATION: Quality Inn and Conference Centre - Georgian Room – Midland, ON

Consistent with the Metis Nation of Ontario's Electoral Code Part A, article 6.11, an election has been called to elect four (4) Senators to sit on the Provisional Council of the Metis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO) for a four-year term. The four (4) newly elected PCMNO Senators will then be able to run for the position of the PCMNO Executive Senator.

Every current chartered Council Senator, PCMNO Honorary Senator, and sitting PCMNO Senator can put their name forward to run for a PCMNO Senator position in the election. All current chartered Council Senators, PCMNO Senators, and PCMNO Honorary Senators, present and in person at the polling station, can exercise their right to vote for the four (4) PCMNO Senators and then for the PCMNO Executive Senator. The [PCMNO Senator role description](#) is available online.

No proxy or alternative voting methods are permitted. You must present yourself in person and be at the polling station to cast a vote.

If you want to run for one of the PCMNO Senator positions, a self-nomination form is available online: [Senator Self-Nomination Form](#). A complete election package with a self-nomination form will also be mailed out to all eligible Senators.

You can also contact the Chief Electoral Officer, Paul Devillers, for more information and to request a copy of the nomination form at election@metisnation.org or Toll-Free: 1-800-263-4889 Ext. 344.

OPEN OF NOMINATIONS: June 30, 2024

Both pages of the [Senator self-nomination form](#) must be legible, fully completed, and signed. Nomination forms can be scanned, photographed, and emailed to the Chief 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. If there is a concern with delayed mail delivery, please send your nomination form in by email.

CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS: July 15, 2024, at 4 PM (EST)

The Chief Electoral Officer must receive all nomination forms by the above date and time.

Incomplete nomination forms and late arrivals will not be accepted.

- The MNO Registrar will verify the nominee's file, proof of address, and eligibility to hold office. The verification process takes up to three (3) business days.

- Only candidates who meet the verification requirements will be eligible to participate.

OFFICIAL CANDIDATES ANNOUNCEMENT: July 18, 2024 at 6 PM (EST)

- The official candidate announcement will be posted on the MNO's website up to three business days after nominations close. It will also be emailed to all eligible voting Senators.
- Additional time for Registry verifications may result in slight delays in posting the official candidates list.
- The election results will be announced on August 14, 2024, after voting has ended.
- Official candidates are encouraged to review the MNO's [Electoral Code Part A, article 6.11](#).

HOW TO RUN for a PCMNO SENATOR POSITION:

- Citizens must have a complete MNO Registry file.
- Any current PCMNO Senator, chartered Council Senator and Honorary Senator can run for office and **self-nominate**.
- Both sides of the [Senator self-nomination form](#) must be completed, signed, and delivered to the office of the Chief Electoral Officer **before** the close of nomination deadline of **July 15, 2024, at 4 PM (Eastern Time)**.
- A Senator 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 or call Toll-Free 1-800-263-4889 Ext. 344
- A PCMNO Senator must be a verified MNO citizen and permanent resident of Ontario.
- For verification, 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 nomination form. For more information on other acceptable ID, please get in touch with the MNO Registry at Toll-Free 1-855-798-1006.
- The Senator's election follows the MNO's [Electoral Code Part A](#) article 6.11.

HOW TO RUN FOR THE PCMNO EXECUTIVE SENATOR POSITION:

- Submit a completed [Senator self-nomination form](#).
- Only those elected as one of the four (4) PCMNO Senators are eligible to run for the Executive Senator position.
- On August 14, 2024, the four (4) newly elected PCMNO Senators can be nominated or self-nominated from the floor for the position of PCMNO Executive Senator.
- If multiple PCMNO Senators are nominated, a new PCMNO Executive Senator ballot will be generated.
- The PCMNO candidate with the lowest number of votes will drop from the ballot.
- Another ballot will be generated, and voting will continue.
- This process will repeat until only two (2) remaining PCMNO Senator names are on the ballot.
- This will be the final ballot and vote.
- The PCMNO Senator with the most votes on that final ballot will be deemed elected as the PCMNO Executive Senator.

POLLING STATION & PREPARING TO VOTE:

- Voters must register to attend the [MNO's Annual General Assembly \(AGA\)](#) and be present inside the polling station (ballroom) to vote.
- The polling station will open at 6:00 PM (Eastern Time).
- Upon arrival, you must present your MNO citizenship card or photo ID to a polling clerk. The clerk will then provide a paper copy of the PCMNO Senator candidates' names and a voting device (clicker).
- Only one (1) voting device per voter is available.

- Please do not remove the voting device from the room or leave it unattended, as replacements will not be provided.
- The Chief Electoral Officer will chair the PCMNO Senator's election and explain how the voting will be conducted.
- A Deputy Electoral Officer and sworn-in Polling Clerks will also be in attendance.
- The candidates will be given 2 minutes to speak to the Senators, starting at 6:30 PM.
- Voting will commence immediately after the final candidate has addressed the voters.
- There will be no Q&A session.

VOTING FOR THE FOUR (4) PCMNO SENATORS:

- The first ballot will include all the names of every Senator who was announced as a candidate.
- Names on the ballot will appear alphabetically by surname (last name).
- All Senators can cast a ballot and vote for four (4) candidates on the first ballot.
- The Senator with the fewest votes will be dropped from the ballot, and the next round of voting will commence. Senators can again vote for four (4) candidates.
- The above process will continue, dropping the candidate with the fewest votes from the ballot until only five names are left on the final ballot. Senators will vote for four (4) candidates.
- The candidate with the lowest votes will be eliminated, and the remaining four candidates will be declared elected.
- The candidate with the highest number of votes is **not** automatically the Executive Senator.
- The next round of voting will identify which one (1) of the four (4) newly elected PCMNO Senators will become the Executive Senator.

VOTING FOR THE PCMNO EXECUTIVE SENATOR:

- Only the newly elected PCMNO Senators can be considered for the position of Executive Senator.
- PCMNO Senators can self-nominate or be nominated by other Senators from the floor.
- If only one PCMNO Senator is nominated, the Chief Electoral Officer will announce the acclamation of the PCMNO Executive Senator, and the election will end.
- If more than one PCMNO Senator is nominated, a ballot will be generated with all of the candidates' names on it.
- All Senators in the room will be able to vote, but only for one (1) of the candidates.
- The candidate with the lowest number of votes will be removed from the ballot.
- If required, a new ballot will be generated, and the same voting process will repeat until only two (2) names remain on the ballot. This will be the final ballot.
- With only two (2) names on the ballot, the candidate with the most votes will be declared victorious.
- The Chief Electoral Officer will make the official election results announcement of the newly elected PCMNO Executive Senator and three (3) PCMNO Senators

For more information, contact:

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