

# MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: February 10, 2025

**COUNCIL:** Oshawa and Durham Region Métis Council

**ELECTION DATES:** March 24, 2025 to March 27, 2025

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 Oshawa and Durham Region Métis Council for a three (3) year term.

- All registered Métis citizens, 16 and over, who live within the council boundaries are encouraged to participate in this election as a candidate or by exercising their right to vote.
- All citizens can vote for the Senator position.
- Only 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.

If you are interested in putting your name forward for one of the volunteer council positions, a nomination form has been included with this notice.

## TWELVE (12) POSITIONS ON THE COUNCIL INCLUDE:

- PRESIDENT
- CHAIR
- SECRETARY
- TREASURER
- SENATOR
- WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE
- YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE
- COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE (5 positions)

Due to the pandemic, there is no in-person voting. Voting will be done online or over the phone. How to register and vote instructions are provided in this package and online.



## DIGITAL ONLINE VOTING

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

From **March 24, 2025**, at **1:00 PM** through to **March 27, 2025**, closing at **8:00 PM** LOCAL TIME.

To vote online, you need visit the above website and activate your account (as noted above) and use the Voter PIN that will be emailed to you on the first election day as the polls open. You can activate your account and vote by phone (see below).

*All times in this notice are Eastern Standard time.*



## TELEPHONE VOTING

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

**March 24, 2025 OR March 27, 2025**  
Between **4:00 PM – 8:00 PM** LOCAL TIME.

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. 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.

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

- Citizens must have a complete MNO Registry file.
- Community Council citizens can **self-nominate for one position only**.
- Complete both sides of the nomination form and submit it 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 or download it from the MNO's website.
- Your primary residence and address must be within the council boundaries (provided on next page).
- For verification, the MNO Registry requires an **updated proof of address** identification document (i.e. Valid Ontario Driver's license), that can be submitted with your nomination form. For more information on other acceptable ID please contact the MNO Registry at 1-855-798-1006.
- Electoral Code: Official candidates should review the electoral code at <https://www.metisnation.org>

## COUNCIL ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

If you are considering a position on the council, a copy of [council roles and responsibilities](#) is available on the MNO's website.

## OPENING OF NOMINATIONS:

**February 15, 2025 a 9:00 AM (EST)**

Both pages of the nomination form 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 date and time indicated below.

## CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS DEADLINE:

**March 5, 2025 at 12:00 PM (noon EST)**

The Electoral Officer must receive all nomination forms by the above date and time. Incomplete nomination forms or late arrivals will not be accepted. A nomination form is enclosed. You can also download a copy from the MNO's website.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Tara Luxmore, Electoral Officer  
Toll-Free: 1-800-263-4889 ext. 380  
Email: [councilelection@metisnation.org](mailto:councilelection@metisnation.org)

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICIAL CANDIDATES:

**March 10, 2025 at 4:00 PM (EST)**

After the Close of Nominations, the Electoral Officer will ask the MNO Registrar to verify the nominee's file, proof of address, and eligibility to hold office. The verification process takes 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. If all candidates are acclaimed and the council has met quorum, there will be no online voting, and the official results will be posted.

## 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 provided 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.



## MÉTIS COUNCIL BOUNDARIES:

**North Boundary:** Beginning at Brown Hill (44°13'24.0"N 79°19'40.8"W), draw a horizontal line east through the towns of Udora and Vallentyne until it intersects with Hwy 7. Continue on Hwy 7 until Hwy 7 intersects with Hwy 35 in Lindsay (44°19'44.8"N 78°43'23.9"W).

**East Boundary:** Beginning at where Hwy 7 intersects with Hwy 35 (44°20'45.6"N 78°46'29.3"W), follow Hwy 35 in a southern direction until it intersects with Hwy 7 (44°09'36.5"N 78°39'38.4"W). Follow Hwy 7 east until it intersects with the Durham-Northumberland boundary line (44°10'56.8"N 78°33'13.0"W). Continue south along the boundary line to the shore of Lake Ontario. (43°54'43.5"N 78°26'12.4"W).

**South Boundary:** From Durham-Northumberland boundary line (43°54'43.5"N 78°26'12.4"W), follow the shore of Lake Ontario west to the mouth of the Rouge River (43°47'40.1"N 79°07'03.4"W).

**West Boundary:** Beginning at the mouth of the Rouge River at Lake Ontario, follow the Rouge River and the Little Rouge River in a northerly direction to the Twyn Rivers area (43°48'51.7"N 79°09'09.5"W), connecting to the southern extension of the Scarborough Pickering Townline. Follow the Scarborough Pickering Townline north and continue along the York Durham Townline (Hwy 30) to Brown Hill (44°13'24.0"N 79°19'40.8"W).

## ONEFEATHER – VOTER SUPPORT:

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