

# MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: April 25, 2025

**COUNCIL:** Atikokan Métis Council

**ELECTION DATES:** June 16, 2025 to June 18, 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 Atikokan Métis Council for a four (4) 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.

## ELEVEN (11) POSITIONS ON THE COUNCIL INCLUDE:

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

*There is no in-person ballot-box voting. Voting will be done online or over the phone. Instructions on registering and voting are provided in this package and online.*



## DIGITAL ONLINE VOTING

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

From **June 16, 2025**, at **1:00 PM** through to **June 18, 2025**, closing at **8:00 PM** LOCAL TIME.

**To vote online, you need to visit the above website and activate your account. On the first election day, as the polls open, a unique voter PIN will be emailed to you.** You will need your PIN to vote. You can also activate your voter account and vote by phone (see telephone voting).



## TELEPHONE VOTING

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

**June 16, 2025 OR June 18, 2025**  
Between **4:00 PM – 8:00 PM** LOCAL TIME.

If you have no internet access or are having difficulties with your PIN or 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.

*All times in this notice are Eastern Time.*

## 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> on the Community Councils Contact page.

## 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 in the Community Councils Elections tab.

## OPENING OF NOMINATIONS:

**April 30, 2025 a 9:00 AM (ET)**

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:

**May 21, 2025 at 12:00 PM (noon ET)**

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, or you can download a copy from the MNO's website on the Community Councils Elections page.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICIAL CANDIDATES:

**May 23, 2025 at 4:00 PM (ET)**

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, please contact OneFeather for assistance (see below).

## MÉTIS COUNCIL BOUNDARIES:

**Eastern Boundary:** Starting at Saganaga Lake at the Canada/USA border follow Region 1 boundary in a Northern direction to English River.

**Northern Boundary:** From English River follow Hwy 17 Northeast to Ignace, from Ignace draw a horizontal line through the Southern tip of Stormy Lake to the Southern tip of Lower Manitou Lake.

**Western Boundary:** From the Southern tip of Lower Manitou Lake draw a vertical line in a Southern direction through Mine Center, through to the South/Eastern tip of Rainy Lake to the Canada/USA border.

**Southern Boundary:** From the South/Eastern tip of Rainy Lake at the Canada/Us border, follow the Canada/USA border in an Easterly direction until you reach Saganaga Lake.

## ONEFEATHER – VOTER SUPPORT:

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