

MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: April 15, 2025

COUNCIL: Highland Waters Métis Council

ELECTION DATES: June 3, 2025 to June 5, 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 Highland Waters 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.

TEN (10) POSITIONS ON THE COUNCIL INCLUDE:

- PRESIDENT
- CHAIR
- SECRETARY
- TREASURER
- SENATOR
- WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE
- YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE
- COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE (3 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 **June 3, 2025**, at **1:00 PM** through to **June 5, 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 time.



TELEPHONE VOTING

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

June 3, 2025 OR June 5, 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:

April 21, 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 6, 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. 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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICIAL CANDIDATES:

May 9, 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:

Please see boundary description on page 3.

ONEFEATHER – VOTER SUPPORT:

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

MÉTIS COUNCIL BOUNDARIES:

Northern Boundary: Beginning at the intersection of Hwy 118 and Hwy 28 in Paudash (77°58'21"W 44°59'11"N) draw a horizontal line eastward through Plevna and Snow Road Station ending at Balderson at the intersection of Hwy 511 and Fallbrook Rd (76°19'41"W 44°57'7"N). From here draw a straight line easterly, ending at the intersection of Hwy 15 and Ferguson Tetlock Rd at Numogate (76°2'23"W 44°57'25"N).

Eastern Boundary: From Numogate (76°2'23"W 44°57'25"N), follow Hwy 15 in a southerly direction to Smiths Falls. Continue along Union Street until you come to the intersection of Union St and Cornelia Street West (76°1'13"W 44°54'36"N). Continue in a southwest direction along Cornelia Street West until you come to the intersection of Cornelia Street West and Elmsley Street North (76°1'31"W 44°54'24"N). From here follow Elmsley Street North in a southeast direction until you come to the intersection of Elmsley Street North and Beckwith Street North (76°1'18"W 44°54'14"N). Continue South along Beckwith Street North until you come to Lombard Street (76°1'13"W 44°53'46"N). Continue along Lombard Street and then Hwy 15, passing through Portland until you arrive at the intersection of Hwy 15 and Hwy 42 at Crosby (76°15'25"W 44°39'15"N). Next follow Hwy 42 in an easterly direction until you come to the intersection of Hwy 42 and Forfar Road in Forfar (76°13'W 44°39'43"N). From Forfar continue along Hwy 42 in a south-easterly direction, passing through Delta until you come to the intersection of Hwy 42 and Hwy 33 (76°5'20"W 44°35'44"N). Next follow Hwy 33 in a southerly direction through Lyndhurst till you come to the intersection of Hwy 33 and Hwy 3 (76°7'43"W 44°32'47"N). Next follow Hwy 3 in a southerly direction until you come to the intersection of Hwy 3 and Hwy 4 near Warburton (76°2'44"W 44°27'48"N). Next follow Hwy 4 in an easterly direction to where it intersects with Hwy 2 in Mallorytown (75°52'46"W 44°28'39"N). Follow Hwy 2 in a north-easterly direction until it intersects with Hwy 5 (75°52'31"W 44°28'51"N). Next follow Hwy 5 in a southwesterly direction past 1000 Islands Parkway to the shore of St. Lawrence River at Mallorytown Landing (75°51'32"W 44°27'17"N). From here continue in a straight line to the Canada/US border (75°49'11"W 44°25'58"N).

Southern Boundary: Beginning on the Canada-US border near the Northeast end of Grenadier Island (75°49'11"W 44°25'58"N) follow the US-Canada border in a westerly direction through the St. Lawrence River, passing Grenadier Island and Hill Island, and continue until you reach the Canada-US border near the south-west tip of Wolfe Island (76°26'20"W 44°5'39"N). From here continue in a straight line in a south-west direction until you reach the eastern edge of False Ducks Island (76°47'52"W 43°56'53"N). Follow the southern shoreline of False Ducks Island until you come to its western tip (76°48'44"W 43°56'47"N). Continue in a straight line in a southwest direction until you reach the mainland, just south of Prince Edward Bay near Prince Edward Point (76°51'33"W 43°56'1"N). Continue to follow the shoreline in a westerly direction until you reach the Northumberland Electoral Boundary (77°39'14"W 44°1'18"N).

Western Boundary: From the shore of Lake Ontario at the Northumberland Electoral Boundary (77°39'14"W 44°1'18"N), follow the Northumberland Electoral Boundary North to the intersection of Wingfield Rd and First Line East near Glen Ross (77°38'46"W 44°16'20"N). Continue in a northerly direction to follow the County of Hastings Electoral Boundary until the Electoral Boundary intersects with Hwy 28 (77°59'37"W 44°58'3"N). Continue Northeast on Hwy 28 until you reach Hwy 118 in Paudash (77°58'21"W 44°59'11"N).

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