

MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: September 2, 2025

COUNCIL: Great Lakes Métis Council

ELECTION DATES: October 8, 2025 to October 14, 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 Great Lakes 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.

NINE (9) POSITIONS ON THE COUNCIL INCLUDE:

- PRESIDENT
- CHAIR
- SECRETARY
- TREASURER
- SENATOR
- WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE
- YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE
- COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE (2 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 **October 8, 2025**, at **1:00 PM** through to **October 14, 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).

All times in this notice are Eastern Time.



TELEPHONE VOTING

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

October 8, 2025 OR October 14, 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.

HOW TO RUN FOR A POSITION ON THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL:

- Citizens must have a complete MNO Registry file.
- Community Council citizens can be **nominated for one Council position only**.
- The requirement for **signatures of at least three (3) eligible electors** who support the nomination, as per Electoral Code Part B, article B7.2, has been reinstated.
- Complete both sides of the nomination form and submit it to the Electoral Officer **before** the close of the nomination deadline date and time.
- Your primary residence and address must be within the council boundaries (provided on the right column).
- 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:

September 7, 2025 at 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:

September 21, 2025 at 6:00 PM (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:

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICIAL CANDIDATES:

September 24, 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:

North: Starting at Tobermory follow the shoreline of Georgian Bay South/East along the shoreline of Colpoys Bay, continuing to follow the Georgian Bay shoreline to Owen Sound, through Meaford, Craighleith, and Collingwood until Bowers Beach.

East: From Bowers Beach follow Hwy 26 South; continue on Hwy 18 South until Hwy 18 intersects with Hwy 89 at Violet Hill.

South: From Violet Hill follow Hwy 89 West through Shelburne, Mount Forest and at Minto continue South on Hwy 87 through Harriston, Wingham until you reach the South/West shores of Lake Huron at Point Clark.

West: From Point Clark follow the Lake Huron shoreline North through Port Elgin, through Pine Tree Point and continue to the Northern point at Tobermory.

ONEFEATHER – VOTER SUPPORT:

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