# MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: September 17, 2025

COUNCIL: Niagara Region Métis Council

**ELECTION DATES:** November 3, 2025 to November 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 Niagara 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
- 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)

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.



From November 3, 2025, at 1:00 PM through to November 5, 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.



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

November 3, 2025 OR November 5, 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 <a href="www.metisnation.org">www.metisnation.org</a> on the Community Councils Contact page.

# **COUNCIL ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES:**

If you are considering a position on the council, a copy of <u>council roles and responsibilities</u> is available on the MNO's website in the Community Councils Elections tab.

# **OPENING OF NOMINATIONS:**

September 22, 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 <a href="must">must</a> <a href="must">be received</a> by the deadline date and time indicated below.

#### **CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS DEADLINE:**

October 6, 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.

# **ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICIAL CANDIDATES:**

October 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 <a href="https://www.onefeather.ca/nations/mno">https://www.onefeather.ca/nations/mno</a> 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.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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

#### **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 City of Hamilton boundary at the shore of Lake Ontario (79°37'20"W 43°13'33"N), follow the Lake Ontario shoreline in an easterly direction until you reach Mississauga Point (79°4'35"W 43°15'44"N). From here continue in a straight line east until you intersect the Canada/US border (79°4'13"W 43°15'44"N).

# Eastern Boundary:

Beginning at the Canada/US border (79°4'14"W 43°15'45"N), follow the border in a southerly direction, along the Niagara River until it intersects with the Peace Bridge (78°54'21"W 42°54'25"N).

# **Southern Boundary:**

Beginning at the Peace Bridge (78°54'21"W 42°54'25"N), follow the Peace Bridge in a westerly direction until you come to the West shoreline of the Niagara River (78°54'33"W 42°54'27"N). Follow the shoreline in a westerly direction until you are on the shoreline close to the Haldimand Dunnville Townline Road (79°42'18"W 42°51'39"N).

# Western Boundary:

Beginning at the shore of Lake Erie (79°42'18"W 42°51'39"N). follow a straight line north towards Haldimand Dunnville Townline Road (79°42'18"W 42°51'40"N). Continue northward along Haldimand Dunnville Townline Road until it intersects with River Road (79°42'24"W 42°55'6"N). Continue in a straight line north across the Grand River until you come to the intersection of Haldimand Dunnville Townline Road and Old River Road (79°42'25"W 42°55'43"N). Continue along Haldimand Dunnville Townline Road till you come to its end (79°42'30"W 42°58'N). Next continue in a straight line northward until you come to the intersection of Haldimand Dunnville Townline Road and Hwy 3 (79°42'34"W 42°59'5"N). Continue along Haldimand Dunnville Townline Road in a northern direction until it intersects with Caistorville Rd. (79°42'31"W 43°0'36"N). Continue along Caistorville Rd until it intersects with the Haldimand County Municipal boundary (79°42'42"W 43°2'9"N). Follow the Haldimand County Municipal boundary in a north westerly direction until it intersects with Westbrook Rd. (79°45'15"W 43°3'2"N). Continue to follow the City of Hamilton boundary in a northern direction along Westbrook Rd., crossing Hwy 20, Hwy 8 and the QEW, continuing along the City of Hamilton boundary until you come to the shore of Lake Ontario (79°37'20"W 43°13'33"N).