MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO
ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

November 2, 2026

COUNCIL:	**Thunder Bay and District Métis Council**
ELECTION DATES:	**December 14 to December 17, 2026**

An election has been scheduled for all positions on the Thunder Bay and District Métis Council (TBDMC) to serve a three (3) year term, in accordance with the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Community Charter Agreement, By-laws, and Community Council Electoral Code.

- 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 eligible voters 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 a volunteer council position, a nomination form is included with this notice.

There is no in-person voting at a polling station. Voting will be conducted online or by phone. Instructions on registering and voting are provided in this package and online.

TEN (10) POSITIONS ON THE COUNCIL INCLUDE:

- **PRESIDENT**
- **CHAIR**
- **SECRETARY**
- **TREASURER**
- **SENATOR**
- **WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE**
- **YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE**
- **COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE (3 positions)**



DIGITAL ONLINE VOTING

https://onefeather.ca/nations/mno

From **Dec 14, 2026,** at **1:00 PM** through to **Dec 17, 2026**, closing at **8:00 PM** LOCAL TIME.

As the polls open, you will receive your unique voter PIN by email. Digital voting is available throughout the dates and times listed above. To vote online, go to the OneFeather website and follow the instructions. To obtain your voter PIN, you must first **activate your voter account**. You may also activate your account and vote by phone; see telephone voting for details.



TELEPHONE VOTING

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

Dec 14, 2026 OR **Dec 17, 2026**
Between **4:00 PM – 8:00 PM** LOCAL TIME.

If you plan to vote by phone or are having trouble voting online, support is available to vote with a Returning Officer on the dates and times listed above. Call the toll-free number 1-855-923-3006 and follow the prompts. If you reach an answering machine, leave a clear message with your name, area code, phone number, and indicate which election you are voting for. A Returning Officer will return your call.

All voting times are in Eastern Time.

Office of the Electoral Officer

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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**.
- At least **three (3) signatures of eligible voters** who support the nomination, as per Electoral Code Part B, article B7.2, are required on the nomination form.
- Complete both sides/pages 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's Charter boundaries (see 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 here or visit www.metisnation.org and select the Community Council Contacts page.

COUNCIL ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

Click this summary of council roles and responsibilities, or visit the MNO's website www.metisnation.org and select the Community Council Elections tab.

OPENING OF NOMINATIONS:

November 7, 2026 at 9:00 AM (ET)

A nomination form is enclosed, or you can download a copy from the MNO's website on the Community Councils Elections page. Both sides of the nomination form must be legible, fully completed, and signed. Nomination forms can be scanned or photographed and emailed or mailed to the Electoral Officer.

Email your nomination form(s) to: councilelection@metisnation.org.

CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS DEADLINE:

November 25, 2026 at 6:00 PM (ET)

The Electoral Officer must receive all nomination forms by the specified date and time. Incomplete or late nomination forms will not be accepted. If you are concerned about mail delivery, please submit your nomination form via email to ensure it arrives on time.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICIAL CANDIDATES:

November 27, 2026 at 6:00 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 list of candidates. 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 activate your OneFeather voting account. Visit https://www.onefeather.ca/nations/mno and follow the instructions to access the voting event, or scan this QR Code with your mobile device to get started. Use the email address on file with the MNO Registry. Only one voter PIN per email address is allowed. If you do not have your own email address or have issues with your voter PIN, please contact OneFeather for assistance.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOUNDARIES:

The Council's boundary description is in the Charter on the MNO's website, or you can scan the QR code below with your mobile device:

FOR FURTHER ELECTION INFORMATION:
Tara Luxmore, Electoral Officer
Loma Rowlinson, Deputy Returning Officer
Toll-Free: **1-800-263-4889 ext. 380**
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Unit 311 – 75 Sherbourne Street, Toronto,
ON, M5A 2P9
Email: councilelection@metisnation.org

ONEFEATHER – VOTER SUPPORT
For assistance with voter account activation, voter PIN, or other voting issues, support is available Monday to Friday from 12:30 PM to 7:30 PM. If staff are busy, please leave a message and a representative will return your call.
Toll Free: **1-855-923-3006**
Email: voterhelp@onefeather.ca