

May 1, 2009

**Announcement To Citizens of the Métis Nation of Ontario**

**Notice of Community Council Elections  
for the  
North Bay Métis Community Council**

Consistent with the Metis Nation of Ontario Community Charter agreement, By-laws and Community Council electoral code, a ballot box election has been called to fill vacancies and renew mandates of the North Bay Metis Community Council. All registered Métis Citizens in the Council area are encouraged to participate fully in this election process either as candidates or through exercising their right to vote. The community represented by the North Bay Metis Council is described geographically as follows; North Bay, Astorville, Bonfield, Callandar, Corbiel, East Ferris, Powassan, Redbridge, Sturgeon falls

The election process is as follows:

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**POLLING STATION:**

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101 Worthington Street East, #243  
North Bay, ON P1B 1G5  
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- **Date and Time of Elections:**  
June 13, 2009 (Saturday) between hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  - **General Advance Poll for all eligible MNO Citizens:**  
June 10, 2009 (Wednesday) between hours of 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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## **VOTERS' LIST:**

**May 15, 2009** : Posting of the Preliminary Voters' List at the North Bay Metis Council office. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Returning Officer to ensure their correct address and name is listed.

**June 3, 2009**: Posting of the Final Voters' List at the North Bay Metis Council office. Official Candidates will be provided a copy of the Final Voters' List upon request to the Returning Officer.

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTORAL CODE**: A copy will be posted at the North Bay Metis Council office.

## **VACANT POSITIONS ON COUNCIL:**

There are 11 vacant positions as follows:

President	Vice-President
Secretary-Treasurer	Youth Rep
Senator	Women's Rep
Councillors at Large (4 vacant positions to be filled)	

## **NOMINATION PROCESS:**

- **Deadline for Close of Nominations:** 6:00p.m. EST, **May 22, 2009.**  
Nominations are to be submitted in writing to the Returning Officer by this date and time. Nominations are to include the name of the person being nominated (the candidate); the position the candidate is seeking, name and signature of two registered MNO Citizens resident in the Council area, signature of the candidate accepting the nomination. Candidates may be nominated for one position only.
- **Announcement of Official Candidates:** 6:00p.m. EST, **June 3, 2009.**  
All nominated candidates must have their documentation verified by the MNO Registrar who will be asked to do so by the Returning Officer after the Close of Nominations. The verification process ensures that all required genealogical information and proof of Aboriginal ancestry is in the records of the candidate at the MNO Registry Office. Those candidates who do not meet the verification requirements will not be able to participate as a candidate.

## **SCRUTINEERS:**

Candidates may appoint one person to be their scrutineer at the polling station. Candidates may appoint alternative scrutineers but only the scrutineer or the alternate may be present at one time in the polling station. The name of the scrutineer and alternates must be provided in writing by the Candidate to the Returning Officer. One scrutineer per candidate may witness the counting of the ballots.

## **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**

Any questions concerning this process may be addressed to the Returning Officer