

May 1, 2009

Announcement To Citizens of the Métis Nation of Ontario

**Notice of Community Council Elections
for the
Ottawa Métis 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 the mandate of the Ottawa Métis Council. All registered Métis Citizens in the Council area are encouraged to participate fully in this election either as candidates or by exercising their right to vote.

The Council area is:

South/West to South/East Border

Beginning at Balderson draw a vertical line east to Numogate, from Numogate follow Hwy 43 to Winchester.

South/East to North/East Border From Winchester follow the Nation River North through Berwick, Chrysler, Casselman, Riceville until you reach Wendover.

North/East to North/West Border From Wendover follow the Ottawa River and Quebec Border through Ottawa to Arnprior.

North/West to South/West Border From Arnprior follow Hwy 508 South West to Calabogie. From Calabogie follow Hwy 511 South through Brightside, Hopetown and Lanark until you reach Balderson.

If you are a registered Métis Citizen in this area you are eligible.

The Election process:

POLLING STATION will be located at:

Métis Nation of Ontario
500 Old St. Patrick Street
Ottawa, ON K1N 9G4

• **Date and Time of Elections:**

Friday, July 24, 2009 between 9:00 a.m..and 5:00 p.m.

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VOTERS' LIST:

- **June 30, 2009:** The Preliminary Voters' List will be posted at the MNO Head Office located at 500 Old St. Patrick St. in Ottawa. MNO Citizens are encouraged to contact the Returning Officer to ensure their name and address is correct.
- **July 17, 2009:** The Final Voters' List will be posted at the MNO Head Office at 500 Old St. Patrick St. in Ottawa. Official Candidates will receive a copy of the Final Voters' List upon request to the Returning Officer.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTORAL CODE: A copy will be posted at the MNO Office.

VACANT POSITIONS ON COUNCIL:

There are 10 vacant positions as follows:

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

NOMINATION PROCESS:

- **Nominations Close:** 5:00p.m. EST, **Tuesday, June 30, 2009.**
Nominations are to be submitted in writing to the Returning Officer by this date and time. Nominations must include the name of the person being nominated (the candidate), the position the candidate is seeking, the names and signature of two registered MNO Citizens resident in the Council area and the signature of the candidate accepting the nomination. Candidates can be nominated for only one position.
- **Announcement of Official Candidates:** 5:00p.m. EST, **Friday, July 17, 2009.**
At the request of the Returning Officer, the MNO Registrar will verify the documentation of all candidates nominated following the Close of Nominations. The verification process ensures that all required genealogical information and proof of Aboriginal ancestry is in the candidates records of the MNO Registry.

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 can 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 should be addressed to the Returning Officer.