



**2021 MÉTIS NATION BRITISH
COLUMBIA BY-ELECTION**

FAQS - CANDIDATES

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

These FAQ's are directed toward nominees/candidates. Additional FAQ's are available online and will be updated as needed from time to time.

FAQ 1: Can I run in the 2021 By-Election if I do not have my MNBC citizenship card?

Answer 1: As long as you are a registered voter (on the voters list) you are eligible to run and vote in this election. Having a physical MNBC citizenship card is not a requirement, however, you will need to know your MNBC citizenship number in order to run for office, nominate someone and vote successfully.

FAQ 2: Do I have to submit a written declaration and Criminal Record Check if I want to be a candidate?

Answer 2: Yes. Articles 23.7 and 45 of the MNBC Constitution state that individuals are disqualified as MNBC Citizens if they have been convicted of a criminal offense carrying a penalty of two (2) years or more. All candidates must provide a written declaration and Criminal Record Check to the Chief Electoral Officer along with their filed nomination papers per Articles 23.7 and 45 of the MNBC Constitution.

NOTE: Results and content of Criminal Record Checks will not be made public.

FAQ 3: If I currently hold an elected position in MNBC, do I have to resign to run in the 2021 By-Election?

Answer 3: No. The MNBC Electoral Act (Article 8.3 g) only requires a salaried contractor or employee of the MNBC having to resign. Neither the MNBC Electoral Act nor the Constitution require any elected officials of MNBC (including Métis Chartered Communities) to step down from their current position, or to forego the duties of their current office while running in an election. This has been past practice for all MNBC general elections and by-elections.

Furthermore, elected officials are still required to continue working and performing their duties during the election/by-election period. As such they are entitled to continue receiving their remuneration during this period.

FAQ 4: May I run for an MNBC office if I have served as a director at another Métis association/organization in the one year prior to the date of the 2021 By-Election (unaffiliated with the Métis Nation British Columbia and its Métis Chartered Community)?

Answer 4: No. Nominated candidates cannot accept a nomination for an elected position if they are serving or have served as a director or officer of another provincial Métis body or association other than a Métis Chartered Communities during the one year period prior to the date of the 2021 By-Election.

FAQ 5: Who is responsible for coordinating candidacy papers and associated nomination signatures?

Answer 5: It is the sole responsibility of each person seeking nomination to coordinate, complete and submit their nomination package to the Chief Electoral Officer. For example, MNBC citizens who are signing nomination forms must send the nomination form directly to the candidate.

FAQ 6: Will MNBC or the Electoral Officer provide a voters list to Candidates?

Answer 6: Yes. The Chief Electoral Officer will provide the appropriate voters list and their contact information as per the MNBC Election rules and procedures. Candidates are expected to respect all citizen privacy rights along with provincial and federal laws regarding address, email, and telephone details and solicitation in general.

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES FAQ'S

FAQ 7: What is the requirement for Candidate Affiliation Disclosure?

Answer 7: Candidates for the office of President of the MNBC are required, under Resolution 3 of the Special Métis Nation General Assembly, to “disclose any affiliation with any organizations, political or otherwise, that may have an effect on any affairs of MNBC.”

Candidates are expected to provide disclosure for the last ten years (to 2011).

Candidates must sign that they consent with this condition under the “Affirmation” page of this Nomination Package.

The candidate’s disclosure will be made public by the Chief Electoral Officer.

Failure to adhere to this condition may be considered a breach of fiduciary duty to MNBC.

FAQ 8: What are the requirements for campaign expenditure limits, campaign contribution limits, and contributor disclosure?

Answer 8: Campaign contribution and expenditure limits, and contributor disclosure, are specified in Resolution 3 of the Special Métis Nation General Assembly. Further details can be found [here](#).

Candidates must sign that they consent and will comply with the Campaign Financing Disclosure and spending limits under the “Affirmation” page of this Nomination Package.

Failure to adhere to this condition may be considered a breach of fiduciary duty to MNBC.