



RESOLUTION 1

POSTPONED MARCH 2023 TO THE JUNE 2023 MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY (REVISED)

Subject: Elector Outreach and Education

Legislation Affected: *Electoral Act*

Submitted by: Electoral Act Committee

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

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Vote Required for Approval: 75%

BACKGROUND

This resolution was originally submitted to the March 2023, MNGA, and postponed to the June 2023, MNGA due to time constraints. In the interim, the *Electoral Act* Committee modified the resolution as indicated by the underlined parts in the resolution.

WHEREAS

1. Historically, only about 10 percent of Métis have voted in past elections in British Columbia; and,
2. For many people, voting can be a confusing and intimidating experience; and,
3. Democratic best practices include outreach to electors to inform them of when, where, and how to vote, along with the candidates who are running to represent their interests.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The following changes be made to the *Electoral Act*

- A. In Article 5.2, strike the word “may” and insert “shall” in its place.
- B. Add the following to the end of Article 5.2a: “activities may include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Working with MNBC staff to develop and distribute a voters guide for electors, that explains in plain language where, when, and how to vote;
 - ii. Newspaper advertisements in local papers where there is a Chartered Community (if available and subject to funding);
 - iii. Social media, including the purchase of ads;
 - iv. Direct mail and email notices to electors;

- v. Arranging for virtual townhall meetings, either individually in each region, or in combination with other regions, for provincial and regional Candidates to respond to questions and comments from electors;
 - vi. Working with MNBC committees and Chartered Communities to provide outreach opportunities in their communities, especially youth outreach;
 - vii. Any other opportunities that may be requested by a Chartered Community or Region, or considered by the Chief Electoral Officer to be appropriate for all or for a specific region or Community.
- C. Add the following as a new Article 5.2b and renumber existing 5.2b to 5.2c:
- b. The Chief Electoral Officer shall, as much as reasonably possible in as many outreach activities as possible, include information regarding the positions available for election, a description of responsibilities, and time commitments.
- D. Insert the following in section 8.1 as a new part b:
- b. The positions available for election, including a description of responsibilities and time commitment.

AND renumber the remaining subsections in 8.1 accordingly.