

2022 MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA BY-ELECTION

FAQS - GENERAL

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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https://www.onefeather.ca/nations/mnbc https://www.mnbc.ca/2022-vicepresident-election/

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These FAQ's are prepared for your convenience. They may be updated or changed over time. Please refer to the MNBC Electoral Act for more information or contact the Chief Electoral Officer.

FAQ 1: Can I vote in person in the 2022 MNBC By-Election?

<u>Answer 1</u>: No. You can only vote by mail or electronically in the 2022 By-Election. There are no physical polling stations or advance physical polling stations.

FAQ 2: How do I get a mail in ballot voting package?

Answer 2: All eligible voters will be sent a mail in ballot package.
If you do not receive a mail in ballot package, please contact the Chief Electoral Officer by the following methods:

1) By phone: 1-855-923-3006

- 2) By Email: support@onefeather.ca
- 3) Online: Click here

FAQ 3: How do I vote online using OneFeather for the 1st time?

Answer 3: Visit the link provided below and click the "Sign up with OneFeather" or "Vote with OneFeather" red button. Please have the following information available to verify your identity and create your eligible voter profile: email address, date of birth, and MNBC citizenship/registry number. Please read and follow the instructions provided - you will be guided through the voting process.

Please note that you will not be provided a ballot or your PIN until online voting opens.

Click here to start this process and vote online.

FAQ 4: I voted online in the last election, and want to vote online in this election. What do I need to do to get online voting credentials?

- <u>Answer 4:</u> If you voted online in the last election, your profile with OneFeather is still active. You will be sent vote event information automatically.
 - When the voting event is announced you will be sent an email with voting event details and a link to access voting related information.
 - When online voting opens you will be sent an email with voting event details, and a link to access your ballot and cast your vote.
 - You may also login with your username and password <u>here</u>, and click "Vote Now" when online voting opens and any time prior to the close of the poll.

Please note that you will not be provided a ballot or your PIN until online voting opens.

- **FAQ 5:** I have recently moved and did not get a mail in ballot voting package how do I get one?
- <u>Answer 5</u>: Contact the MNBC Citizenship Registrar immediately to confirm your new mailing address and confirm your region of voter eligibility. The Registrar will advise the Chief Electoral Officer – you must still request your mail in ballot voting package from the Electoral Officer directly.
- FAQ 6: When does the mail in ballot voting package have to be returned?Answer 6: Mail in Ballot voting packages must be received prior to the close of the Poll by 8:00PM PT April 27, 2022.

VERY IMPORTANT: the post mark of postage is irrelevant – any mail in ballots received after the close of the Polls will not be recorded or otherwise acknowledged as received.

FAQ 7: My mail in ballot voting package is incorrect/incomplete – what do I do?

Answer 7: Contact the Chief Electoral Officer immediately.

<u>If your voting package is incomplete</u> (for example missing a document) we will review with you the nature of the document and determine how best to get you the document – for example, download it online. However, a missing ballot or ballot for the incorrect region will be express post to you (min 2-5 days delivery time).

<u>If your ballot is for the wrong region</u> it is likely that the region on record is incorrect (for example you have moved recently). We will need to replace your Ballot – the replacement document will be sent by express post to you (min 2-5 days delivery time).

FAQ 8: Can I nominate more than one candidate?

Answer 8: Yes. However, you can not nominate more than one (1) candidate for any given office - i.e. you can only nominate a maximum of one candidate running for vice-president. In addition, you may be limited in nominating candidates for particular offices. For example, a male elector is not eligible to nominate someone for the Office of Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia. For more information refer to Sections 8.4 and 8.5 of the MNBC Electoral Act – other limitations may apply.

FAQ 9: Candidates are contacting me...is this permitted?

<u>Answer 9</u>: Yes. Officially confirmed candidates in the MNBC election are provided with voter lists, including their names, mailing address and phone numbers for their particular region and the office they are seeking election. If you do not wish to be contacted by a Candidate, you may advise them directly.

FAQ 10: My name is not on the official voter list? What do I do?

<u>Answer 10</u>: Contact the MNBC Citizenship Registrar immediately to confirm your region of voter eligibility – it may be that you are listed in another region. The Registrar will advise the Chief Electoral Officer and the voters list will be updated accordingly.

> However, please note that **no new electors will be permitted to be added the voters list 45 days prior to the election date** (Section 7.6).

- FAQ 11: I am a citizen of MNBC but am temporarily living outside the province during the election. Can I get my ballot redirected to my temporary address?
- <u>Answer 11</u>: Yes. Please contact the Chief Electoral Officer immediately and advise them of your request. The Chief Electoral Officer will confirm your residency and voter eligibility directly with you. Your mail in voting package will then be mailed (regular post) to you.