



## RESOLUTION 12

SUBMITTED TO THE MARCH 2023 MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: Elector Outreach and Education

Legislation Affected: *Electoral Act*

Submitted by: Electoral Act Committee

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

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### 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. Working with MNBC committees and Chartered Communities to provide outreach opportunities in their communities, especially youth outreach;
  - vi. 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.