



NOMINATION & CANDIDATES KIT

2024 MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA ELECTION

This Nomination and Candidates Kit is provided for your convenience and reference. For a complete understanding of all election processes and requirements you are expected to have read and reviewed the Métis Nation Electoral Act if you intend to run for or nominate an eligible member for Office.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please visit the following websites or contact the Chief Electoral Officer directly.

<https://www.onefeather.ca/nations/mnbc>

<https://www.mnbc.ca/node/3691>

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2024 ELECTION TIMELINE

Action / Item	Notes	Critical Date
Mail & Post Notice of Election & Nomination Packages to all electors	Section 8.1	Monday June 24, 2024
Campaign Period Begins	Section 3.6	Tuesday July 09, 2024
NOMINATION PERIOD CLOSSES	Section 8.2	Wednesday July 24, 2024
Post Notice of Poll & list of Candidates	Section 11.1	Monday July 29, 2024
Final List of registered voters due to Chief Electoral Officer	Section 7.1, 7.6 and 7.7	Wednesday July 24, 2024
Provide a copy of the provincial/Regional Elector Lists to Candidates	Section 7.3	Monday July 29, 2024
Deadline to Request community ballot box	Section 5.6	Friday August 09, 2024
Send community Ballot Boxes & Swear in Returning Officers responsible for ballot boxes		Monday August 12, 2024
SEND MAIL-IN BALLOT PACKAGES		Monday August 12, 2024
Community Ballot boxes Open	Section 15.2	Saturday August 17, 2024
Post final list of Polling Stations	Section 16.4	Saturday August 17, 2024
Deadline for Candidate Withdrawal	Section 12.1	Saturday August 17, 2024
Deadline for appeal to add name to Elector List	Section 7.7	Saturday, August 24, 2024
ELECTRONIC VOTING OPENS	Section 15.3	Saturday August 24, 2024
Community ballot boxes returned to Chief Electoral Officer	Section 5.6 iii	Saturday August 31, 2024
ELECTION DAY	Section 4.0	Saturday September 07, 2024
COUNT DAY	If necessary	Sunday September 08, 2024

MESSAGE FROM CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

Dear Candidate,

The information and contents of this Nomination and Candidates Kit is provided for your convenience. It is the candidate's sole responsibility to ensure that their nomination submission and their conduct during the election event are fully compliant with the rules and governing processes of the Electoral Act. Please take the time to review this document – questions can be directed to my office anytime. We would be pleased to receive your enquiry and answer any questions you may have.

Included in this package are all the forms and instructions necessary to complete a successful nomination. We have also included a timeline document with the critical voting event dates for the 2024 Election. Please review all these documents thoroughly.

Time is of the essence, and you are encouraged to start and complete the nomination process as early as possible. No extensions of any type will be considered – you must complete all the requirements for a successful nomination fully and completely and on time.

If you require any assistance whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact me. My coordinates are on all official election Notices and the cover of this document.

All the very best,



Lawrence Lewis, Chief Electoral Officer.

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 2024 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. Article 23.7 of the MNBC *Constitution* state that individuals are disqualified from running for elected MNBC positions 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 Article 45 of the MNBC *Constitution*.

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

FAQ 3: If I hold an elected position in my Métis Chartered Community do I have to resign in order to run in the 2024 Election?

Answer 3: No. Neither the MNBC *Electoral Act* nor the *Constitution* require elected officials or representatives to step down from their position during an election while running for office.

FAQ 4: Can 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 2024 Election (unaffiliated with the Métis Nation British Columbia and its Métis Chartered Communities)?

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 2024 Election. (Art. 8.7)

FAQ 5: If I am an employee of or contractor for MNBC, do I have to resign in order to run in the 2024 Election?

Answer 5: No, however Article 8.3g of the *Electoral Act* requires salaried employees to take a leave of absence from their position during the campaign. Article 8.3h requires that contractors must submit notice of termination of all current contracts at the close of nominations.

FAQ 6: Who is responsible for coordinating candidacy papers and associated nomination signatures?

Answer 6: It is the sole responsibility of each person seeking nomination to coordinate, complete and submit their nomination package to the Chief Electoral Officer. MNBC citizens who are signing nomination forms must send the nomination form directly to the candidate, who will then submit it as part of their nomination package to the Chief Electoral Officer.

FAQ 7: Will MNBC or the Electoral Officer provide a voters list to Candidates?

Answer 7: Yes. The Chief Electoral Officer will provide the appropriate voters list and their contact information as per the MNBC Election rules and procedures. Candidates shall be required to execute an Oath to protect and respect citizen privacy rights and conduct themselves with extreme care and consideration once access to the voters list is provided, along with understanding and following all provincial and federal laws regarding address, email, and telephone details and solicitation in general.

NOMINATION PACKAGE CHECK LIST

Provincial Offices	Minimum Number of Original Signatures	Regional Offices	Minimum Number of Original Signatures
President or Vice President	20	Regional Director	10
Chairperson of the Métis Women of BC	10	Regional Representative of the Métis Women of BC	5
Chairperson of the Métis Youth of BC		Regional Representative of the Métis Youth of BC	3
The Minimum Number of Original Signatures must be from Electors who:	Reside in British Columbia	The Minimum Number of Original Signatures must be from Electors who:	Reside in the region in which the candidate seeks nomination
	Are NOT signatories of another candidates' nomination papers for the same position		Are NOT signatories of another candidates' nomination papers for the same position
	Are eligible to vote in the 2024 MNBC Election		Are eligible to vote in the 2024 MNBC Election

Please ensure that you submit the following information to the Chief Electoral Officer as the candidacy nomination package¹ for the Métis Nation British Columbia 2024 General Election:

- ✓ Completed Nomination Form with original signatures.
- ✓ Completed Nomination Acceptance Declaration Form
- ✓ Completed Criminal Record Check (CRC) Declaration Form.
 - A “name based CRC” – not requiring fingerprints is acceptable.

¹ All forms can also be downloaded from the following websites:
 - <https://www.onefeather.ca/nations/mnbc>
 - <https://www.mnbc.ca/node/3691>

- ✓ Completed Affirmation Form attesting to certain facts regarding your MNBC Provincially Registered Métis citizen of British Columbia status.
- ✓ Copy of a written letter requesting a leave of absence sent to the MNBC Chief Executive Officer (if applicable).

NOTE:

- Candidates can submit additional signatures beyond the minimum required if they so wish.
- For more information on types of CRC's please visit:
<https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/types-criminal-background-checks>
- To find out where to go to get your CRC please visit:
<https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/where-do-get-a-criminal-record-check>

NOMINATION FORM

Provide the minimum number of original signatures of eligible electors as defined in Article 8.4 of the MNBC Electoral Act (*see previous page for chart of required signatures for each elected office*). Nominators must print their name, MNBC Citizenship number and their Métis Chartered Community and sign the nomination form. The Chief Electoral Officer will verify all nominators.

We strongly recommend that you acquire more than the minimum number of original signatures of eligible electors nominating your candidacy. Please submit your nomination as a complete package (all required documents and forms) – avoid sending in batches or sporadically.

We will confirm receipt of materials via email; however, it is your sole responsibility to ensure we receive all submissions and your complete nomination package.

Print or duplicate this form as necessary to collect all your required original signatures of eligible electors nominating your candidacy.

Nominations Close: July 24, 2024, 8:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time

I hereby nominate: _____ **for the position of:**

_____. (please print clearly)

_____ (keep track of your nomination here)

Nominated by: (please print)	Citizenship No.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Métis Chartered Community	_____							
Signature	Date		month	day	2024				

(YOU MAY PRINT MULTIPLE COPIES OF THIS PAGE AS NEEDED)

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CANDIDATE ACCEPTANCE DECLARATION FORM

CANDIDATE DECLARATION

I accept this nomination and I will comply with Article 8 of the MNBC Electoral Act.

Candidate : (please print clearly) _____ Signature _____	Citizenship No. <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"> </td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"> </td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"> </td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"> </td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"> </td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"> </td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"> </td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"> </td> </tr> </table> Métis Chartered Community _____ Date month day 2024								
I accept my nomination as a candidate for the office of:									

CANDIDATE CONTACT INFORMATION (PRINT CLEARLY)

Full Legal Name:	
Email Address:	
Mobile:	
Alternate Phone:	
Current Residential Mailing address:	

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK DECLARATION FORM

Please complete and submit this document to the MNBC Chief Electoral Officer as part of your candidacy nomination package.

I, _____ (please print full name) am a Citizen of Métis Nation British Columbia seeking elected office in the 2024 General Election.

I, _____ (please print full name) have sought a criminal record check from my local police/RCMP detachment. In accordance with Article 23.7 and 45 of the MNBC *Constitution*, I will be disqualified from being a member of the MNBC if I have been convicted of a criminal offense carrying a penalty of two (2) years or greater, as shown by the Criminal Record Check submitted as part of this nomination package.

Furthermore, in order to seek elected office in the MNBC,

I, _____ (please print full name) shall provide a Criminal Record Check to the Chief Electoral Officer along with my filed nomination papers for the purpose of satisfying Articles 23.7 and 45 of the MNBC Constitution.

I, _____ (please print full name) understand that the results and content of the Criminal Record Check will not be made public, unless I voluntarily consent in writing.

AND I MAKE THIS SOLEMN DECLARATION conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act.

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AFFIRMATION FORM

Please complete and submit this document to the MNBC Chief Electoral Officer as part of your candidacy nomination package.

I, _____ (please print full name) am a Provincially Registered Métis Nation of British Columbia citizen, seeking elected office in the 2024 Election.

I, _____ (please print full name) am not registered under the Indian Act or the Inuit Registry.

I, _____ (please print full name) am not an officer or director of a provincial Métis body or association beyond MNBC, other than a Métis Chartered Community, and have not been at any time during the one year period prior to the September 7, 2024 date of the Election.

AND I MAKE THIS AFFIRMATION conscientiously believing it to be true.

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CANDIDATES OATH OF COMMITMENT TO PRIVACY AND CONDUCT

I, _____ (please print full name) a candidate in the MNBC 2024 General Election, I solemnly swear to uphold the following commitments:

1. Respect for Privacy and Confidentiality:

- I will protect and respect the privacy rights of all MNBC citizens, ensuring that all personal information provided to me, including addresses, emails, and telephone details, is handled with the utmost confidentiality and used solely for election-related purposes.
- I will comply with the provisions outlined in the MNBC Electoral Act regarding the use and protection of the Voters List (Article 7).

2. Adherence to Legal and Ethical Standards:

- I understand and will adhere to all provincial and federal laws related to data privacy, including the Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA).
- I will follow Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL), ensuring that all electronic communications are compliant, including obtaining explicit consent from recipients before sending emails or other electronic messages and providing clear opt-out mechanisms.

3. Responsible Campaign Conduct:

- I will conduct my campaign with integrity, fairness, and respect for all participants in the electoral process.
- I will not engage in malicious or objectionable practices, as per the MNBC Electoral Act, and will avoid any conduct that could be deemed as harassment or undue influence on voters (Article 8.15).

4. Transparency and Accountability:

- I will ensure transparency in my campaign activities, maintaining accurate records of communications and interactions with voters.

- I will be accountable for my actions and the actions of my campaign team, ensuring they also adhere to these commitments.

5. Commitment to Non-Partisan Use of Resources:

- I will not use MNBC offices, equipment, or any program delivery resources for campaign purposes, adhering strictly to the rules outlined in the MNBC Electoral Act (Article 8.16).

By signing this oath, I acknowledge my understanding of these commitments and my obligation to adhere to them throughout the election period.

I MAKE THIS OATH conscientiously and shall conduct myself accordingly.

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