

**FAQS - GENERAL** 

# 2024 MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA ELECTION

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

These FAQs 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 2024 MNBC Election?

Answer 1: No. You can only vote by mail or electronically in the 2024 Election. There are no physical polling stations. Eligible voters will be mailed a voting information card with all the necessary information. If your Community has requested a Community ballot box, you can deposit your Mail-In Ballot there.

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

Answer 2: Mail in ballots will be mailed no later than August 12, 2024, to eligible voters, for whom a current mailing address is known. It may take several days for these voting packages to reach voters — however, if you have not received your mail in ballot voting package by August 19, 2024, please contact the Chief Electoral Officer immediately at <a href="mailto:voterhelp@onefeather.ca">voterhelp@onefeather.ca</a> or 1-855-923-3006. Your Mail in Ballots must be received by the Chief Electoral Officer no later than 8:00PM PT September 7, 2024. Mail in Ballots received after this time will not be counted or recorded.

## FAQ 3: How do I get online voting credentials?

<u>Answer 3:</u> Eligible voters wishing to vote online must complete OneFeather's identity authentication and verification process. This process is fast and easy.

If you are using OneFeather for the first time, you will need to create a OneFeather account using your personal email address. Please have the following information readily available to verify your identity and create your eligible voter profile:

- email address;
- date of birth; and
- MNBC Citizenship number (found on the back of your MNBC Citizenship card).

You can create your eligible voter profile anytime and will receive additional voting instructions and your PIN to vote online when online voting opens.

<u>Current users who already have a OneFeather account</u> will sign in using their email address and password.

#### Digital voting opens on August 24,2024 at 8:00 AM PT.

Electors will be provided a single use voter PIN (personal identification number) via email to access the ballot(s) they are eligible to vote on.

If you wish to vote online, please visit <a href="https://www.onefeather.ca/nations/mnbc">https://www.onefeather.ca/nations/mnbc</a> and follow the instructions provided.

- FAQ 4: I registered for online voting but did not receive a PIN. How do I get a PIN?
- Answer 4: First check your junk mail or spam folder. If it isn't there, contact the Chief Electoral Officer at <a href="mailto:voterhelp@onefeather.ca">voterhelp@onefeather.ca</a> or call 1-855-923-3006.
- FAQ 5: I have recently moved and did not get a mail-in ballot voting package how do I get one?
- Answer 5: Contact MNBC Citizenship immediately to confirm your new mailing address and confirm your region of voter eligibility. Citizenship will advise the Chief Electoral Officer.
- FAQ 6: When does the mail-in ballot voting package have to be returned?
- Answer 6: Mail-In Ballots must be received by the Chief Electoral Officer no later than 8:00PM Pacific Time September 7, 2024. Mail-In Ballots received after the close of POLL will not be counted or recorded. 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 at 1-855-923-3006.

If your voting package is incomplete (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 sent to you by express post (min 2-5 days delivery time).

If your ballot is for the wrong region, the region on record may be incorrect (for example you have moved). We will review with you and replace your Ballot – we will send the replacement document to you by express post (min 2-5 days delivery time).

#### **FAQ 8:** Can I nominate more than one candidate?

#### Answer 8:

Yes. However, you cannot nominate more than one (1) candidate for any given office i.e. you can only nominate a maximum of one candidate running for President. In addition, you can nominate candidates only for an office you are eligible to vote for. 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?

### Answer 9:

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?

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

> **Please Note:** No new electors will be permitted to be added to the voters list 45 days prior to the election date (Section 7.6). Members who receive their citizenship after July 24,2024 are not eligible to vote in the 2024 Election.

- 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?
- Answer 11: 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 to you by regular post.