



**2021 MÉTIS NATION BRITISH
COLUMBIA BY-ELECTION**

FAQS - GENERAL

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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 2021 MNBC By-Election?

Answer 1: No. You can only vote by mail or electronically in the 2021 By-Election. There are no physical polling stations or advance physical polling stations. Eligible voters will be mailed a voting information card with all the necessary information necessary to cast you vote electronically, or request their mail-in ballot.

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

Answer 2: Eligible voters wishing to vote by mail must request a mail-in ballot voting package from the Electoral Officer. Proof of identification will be required to confirm your eligibility to receive a mail-in ballot voting package. A mail-in ballot voting package must be requested by December 6, 2021.

Eligible voters have two methods to request a mail in ballot:

- 1) By phone: 1-855-923-3006**
- 2) By Email: support@onefeather.ca**
- 3) Online: [Click here](#)**

FAQ 3: How do I get online voting credentials?

Answer 3: Eligible voters wishing to vote online must complete OneFeather's identity authentication and verification process. This process is fast and easy, and requires the elector to verify certain credentials, and verify their email address (required). When the voting event opens, electors will be provided a PIN (personal identification number) via email to access the ballot(s) they are eligible to vote on.

[Click here to start this process and vote online.](#)

FAQ 4: I have recently moved and did not get a mail-in ballot voting package – how do I get one?

Answer 4: 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 5: When does the mail-in ballot voting package have to be returned?

Answer 5: Mail-in Ballot voting packages must be received prior to the close of the Poll by 8:00PM PT December 15, 2021.

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

Answer 6: Contact the Chief Electoral Officer immediately.

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 express post to you (min 2-5 days delivery time).

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

FAQ 7: Can I nominate more than one candidate?

Answer 7: 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 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 8: Candidates are contacting me...is this permitted?

Answer 8: 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 9: My name is not on the official voter list? What do I do?

Answer 9: 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 10: 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 10: 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.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - CANDIDATES

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 2021 By-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. Articles 23.7 and 45 of the MNBC Constitution state that individuals are disqualified as MNBC Citizens 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 Articles 23.7 and 45 of the MNBC Constitution.

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

FAQ 3: If I currently hold an elected position in MNBC, do I have to resign to run in the 2021 By-Election?

Answer 3: No. The MNBC Electoral Act (Article 8.3 g) only requires a salaried contractor or employee of the MNBC having to resign. Neither the MNBC Electoral Act nor the Constitution require any elected officials of MNBC (including Métis Chartered Communities) to step down from their current position, or to forego the duties of their current office while running in an election. This has been past practice for all MNBC general elections and by-elections.

Furthermore, elected officials are still required to continue working and performing their duties during the election/by-election period. As such they are entitled to continue receiving their remuneration during this period.

FAQ 4: May 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 2021 By-Election (unaffiliated with the Métis Nation British Columbia and its Métis Chartered Community)?

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 2021 By-Election.

FAQ 5: Who is responsible for coordinating candidacy papers and associated nomination signatures?

Answer 5: It is the sole responsibility of each person seeking nomination to coordinate, complete and submit their nomination package to the Chief Electoral Officer. For example, MNBC citizens who are signing nomination forms must send the nomination form directly to the candidate.

FAQ 6: Will MNBC or the Electoral Officer provide a voters list to Candidates?

Answer 6: Yes. The Chief Electoral Officer will provide the appropriate voters list and their contact information as per the MNBC Election rules and procedures. Candidates are expected to respect all citizen privacy rights along with provincial and federal laws regarding address, email, and telephone details and solicitation in general.

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES FAQ'S

FAQ 7: What is the requirement for Candidate Affiliation Disclosure?

Answer 7: Candidates for the office of President of the MNBC are required, under Resolution 3 of the Special Métis Nation General Assembly, to “disclose any affiliation with any organizations, political or otherwise, that may have an effect on any affairs of MNBC.”

Candidates are expected to provide disclosure for the last ten years (to 2011).

Candidates must sign that they consent with this condition under the “Affirmation” page of this Nomination Package.

The candidate’s disclosure will be made public by the Chief Electoral Officer.

Failure to adhere to this condition may be considered a breach of fiduciary duty to MNBC.

FAQ 8: What are the requirements for campaign expenditure limits, campaign contribution limits, and contributor disclosure?

Answer 8: Campaign contribution and expenditure limits, and contributor disclosure, are specified in Resolution 3 of the Special Métis Nation General Assembly. Further details can be found [here](#).

Candidates must sign that they consent and will comply with the Campaign Financing Disclosure and spending limits under the “Affirmation” page of this Nomination Package.

Failure to adhere to this condition may be considered a breach of fiduciary duty to MNBC.