



**Chief Electoral Office
Métis Nation of Alberta**

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Date: June 22, 2018
From: Dr. Sheila D. Genaille, LL.D.
Chief Electoral Officer
Subject: Official Release of Nomination Papers

Nominations Papers are released by the Chief Electoral Officer **June 22, 2018** and nominations close **July 25, 2018**. Nomination papers received after **5:00 p.m., July 25, 2018** *will not be honored*.

Nomination papers are available for the following positions:

- ❖ Provincial President
- ❖ Provincial Vice-President
- ❖ Regional President
- ❖ Regional Vice-President

Nomination papers are available at the following locations:

- ❖ Chief Electoral Office
Métis Veterans Memorial Building
12317 – 111 Avenue, Edmonton
- ❖ Métis Nation of Alberta web site
(packages may be downloaded and printed) www.albertametis.com
- ❖ Region 1 Office Lac La Biche
- ❖ Region 2 Office, Bonnyville
- ❖ Region 3 Office Calgary
- ❖ Region 4 Office Edmonton
- ❖ Region 5 Office Slave Lake
- ❖ Region 6 Office Peace River

Included in the package are some guidelines to help ensure proper procedures are followed according to the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Election By-Laws.

All forms must bear original signatures; faxed or photocopied signatures will not be accepted.

Candidates to provide the Chief Electoral Officer with the following:

1. The required number of signatures of electors and candidate's signature (attached form).
2. Completed and signed Statutory Declaration (attached).
3. An original letter from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada must be dated between opening of nominations June 22, 2018 to the close of nominations July 25, 2018 (attached sample). The letter shall be addressed to you declaring that you are not currently registered as a status Indian under the provisions of the *Indian Act*. Application for the letter may be made to Mr. Stephen Nichols Head, Indian Registration and Band Lists, Telephone: 780-495-4162 Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada - Alberta Region Suite 630 Canada Place, 9700 Jasper Avenue. Candidates must provide Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada with: a birth certificate and valid government issued photo I.D. To ensure that the letter is processed in time, it is recommended that candidates apply as early as possible.
4. A non-refundable deposit of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) that shall be deposited into the Education Foundation of the Métis Nation of Alberta Association. Candidates are requested to provide cash, a certified cheque, or money order payable to Métis Nation of Alberta.
5. Qualified candidates must complete all documents and all **Original Nomination Papers** must be filed with the Chief Electoral Office (photocopies and facsimile copies will not be accepted).
6. Candidates must provide the Chief Electoral Office with a valid government issued photo identification card (i.e. driver's license) to verify residency requirement.

Upon receipt and verification of nomination papers, all candidates will be notified by the Chief Electoral Officer.

Finally, while there are a specified number of signatures from Métis Nation of Alberta Association members required for nomination, it is strongly recommended that all candidates obtain extra signatures.

Should the need arise, the office of the Chief Electoral Officer may provide more packages to the Regions and/or candidates. The package may also be printed from the website www.albertametis.com.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Chief Electoral Office.



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ELECTION - 2018
ISSUED BY THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER
NOMINATION FORM FOR
PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT

We the undersigned electors of the Métis Nation of Alberta, hereby nominate:

First Name

Initial(s)

Surname

Address: _____

City/Town: _____, Alberta

Postal Code _____

As candidate for the office of **PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT**

Address (of candidate) in the Alberta where legal notices may be issued or served

Metis Nation of Alberta Election By-Laws - Article 6.5 “All nominations for President and Vice-President shall include the following:” 6.5 (b) of “one hundred and fifty (150) signatures of electors nominating the candidate;”

Nomination papers are not valid and shall not be accepted for filing by the Chief Electoral Officer unless the original paper is submitted for filing. All forms must bear original signatures; faxed or photocopied signatures will not be accepted.

Candidate Surname

Any combination of Legal Name, and Initials

I, _____, declare that
(PRINT NAME)

I am eligible under the By-laws of the Métis Nation of Alberta to be a candidate and I consent to my nomination as Provincial President.

(DATE)

CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE

ELECTION - 2018
CANDIDATE'S DEPOSIT TRANSMITTAL

Enclosed is a deposit for the nomination of the following candidate:

Candidate's Name: _____
Candidate's Phone Number: (_____) _____

Position: _____

Date

Signature

Certified Cheque

Cash

Money Order

Distribution

1. Chief Electoral Officer
2. Métis Nation of Alberta – Finance Department

STATUTORY DECLARATION

CANADA)
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA)
TO WIT)

IN THE MATTER OF
THE GENERAL ELECTION of the
Métis Nation of Alberta Association

I, _____
(Name)

Of the _____ of _____
(Town or City)

In the Province of Alberta

DO SOLEMENLY DECLARE THAT:

1. That I am a Métis Lifetime member who is entitled to hold office;
2. That I am the full age of sixteen (16) years or will be that age on election day;
3. That I have been ordinarily resident in Alberta continuously from the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the election day;
4. That I have no financial debt owing to the Métis Nation of Alberta or its affiliates that is more than (30) days in arrears;

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.

DECLARED before me at _____)

In the Province of Alberta, this _____)

Day of _____ A.D. 2018

Signature

A COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS IN AND FOR
THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

**THIS IS A SAMPLE OF LETTER YOU MAY USE TO SEND TO
INDIGENOUS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA**

Date: June 22 to July 25, 2018

Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada - Alberta Region
Suite 630 Canada Place
9700 Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 4G2

Attention: Mr. Stephen Nichols
Head, Indian Registration and Band Lists
Telephone: 780-495-4162

Dear Mr. Nichols:

The Metis Nation of Alberta is conducting a General Election September 18, 2018 with Advance Polls August 18, 2018.

Provision of the By-Laws of the Métis Nation of Alberta requires that as a candidate, I shall provide an official letter from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada stating that I am not currently registered as a Status Indian under the provisions of the Indian Act.

Would you please forward an official letter to me at the below address.

OR

I would be pleased to pick up the letter from your office.

Yours truly,

(Signature)

(Name Print)

(Address)

(Town/City)

(Postal Code)

Alberta

Note: Candidates must provide the following two pieces of identification to Indigenous and Northern Affairs:

- Birth certificate;
- Valid Government Issued Photo I.D.



OFFICIAL NOTICE



Issued by the
Chief Electoral Officer

2018 - GENERAL ELECTION

In accordance with ARTICLE 3.1 of the Election By-Laws, notice is hereby given that the **GENERAL ELECTION** of all Elected Officers of the Métis Nation of Alberta will be held on **Tuesday, September 18, 2018**.

Elected Officers include President, Vice-President, six (6) Regional Presidents, and six (6) Regional Vice-Presidents.

Voting will be by secret ballot in the elector's polling subdivision. Polling Station locations will be posted in the Chief Electoral Office, Regional Offices, the Provincial Office, and www.albertametis.com.

Advance Polls – August 18th 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 pm
Election Day – September 18th 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 pm

To be an eligible elector, each member must be properly registered with the Métis Nation of Alberta.

Article 7.4 of Election By-Laws "There shall be no vouching." Application for membership may be made at the Elector's respective Regional Office or Provincial Head Office.

NOMINATIONS:

2018 Nominations Papers Will Be Released June 22, 2018
Nominations Close July 25, 2018 (5:00 pm)
Last day to Withdraw Nomination July 27, 2018 (5:00 pm)

ARTICLE 10 POSTING OF NOTICE OF POLL AND CANDIDATES

10.1: Where more candidates are nominated for any particular office than are required to be elected the Chief Electoral Officer shall:

- (a) Within twenty-one (21) days after the close of nominations post in each Regional Council office a notice indicating:
 - (i) names of the candidates; and
 - (ii) the location, date and time when the polling station will be open for voting

For further information contact

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2018 - NOMINATIONS

Notice is hereby given that nominations for the position of **Provincial President, Provincial Vice-President, and one (1) Regional President, and one (1) Regional Vice-President** for each of the six Regions of the Métis Nation of Alberta will be released as of **June 22, 2018** at the office of the Chief Electoral Officer.

2018 Nomination Papers will be available **June 22, 2018** at the Chief Electoral Office and may be printed from the web site <http://www.albertametis.com/>

Qualified candidates must have completed **2018 Nomination Papers** filed with the Chief Electoral Office on or before **5:00 p.m., July 25, 2018**.

2018 Nomination Papers received by the Chief Electoral Office after **5:00 p.m., July 25, 2018** **will not be honoured**.

Métis Nation of Alberta Election By-Laws:

ARTICLE 6 NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE

6.4: A Métis Lifetime member is eligible to be nominated as a candidate in an election if on the day his or her nomination paper is filed he or she:

- (a) is a Métis Lifetime member who is entitled to hold office; and
- (b) is of the full age of sixteen (16) years or will be that age on election day; and
- (c) has been ordinarily a resident of Alberta continuously from the day 12 months immediately preceding the election day; and
- (d) has no financial debt owing to the Métis Nation or its affiliates that is more than thirty (30) days in arrears;

6.5: All nominations for President and Vice-President shall include the following:

- (a) written acceptance of the nomination by the candidate; and
- (b) one hundred and fifty (150) signatures of electors nominating the candidate; and
- (c) a non-refundable deposit in the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).
- (d) a deposit that is not refundable under this section shall be deposited in the general account of the Métis Education Foundation.
- (e) persons applying to hold an elected office within the Métis Nation of Alberta shall provide an official letter to the Chief Electoral Officer declaring that they are not currently registered with the Department of Indian Affairs as a status Indian under the provisions of the *Indian Act*.

6.6: All nominations for the Regional President and Regional Vice-President shall include the following:

- (a) written acceptance of the nomination by the candidate; and
- (b) seventy-five (75) signatures of electors who reside in the Region nominating the candidate; and
- (c) a non-refundable deposit in the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).
- (d) A deposit that is not refundable under this section shall be deposited equally in the general account of the foundations of the Regional Council of the candidate;
- (e) Persons applying to hold an elected office within the Métis Nation of Alberta shall provide an official letter to the Chief Electoral Officer declaring that they are not currently registered with the Department of Indian Affairs as a status Indian under the provisions of the *Indian Act*.

The election will adhere to all provisions contained within the By-laws of the Métis Nation of Alberta and the Alberta Elections Act.



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ELECTION BY-LAWS -- INFORMATION SHEET

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- (a) written acceptance of the nomination by the candidate; and
- (b) seventy five (75) signatures of electors who reside in the Region nominating the candidate; and
- (c) a non-refundable deposit in the sum of Two hundred (\$200.00) Dollars.
- (d) A deposit that is not refundable under this section shall be deposited equally in the general account of the foundations of the Regional Council of the candidate;
- (e) Persons applying to hold an elected office within the Métis Nation of Alberta shall provide an official letter to the Chief Electoral Officer declaring that they are not currently registered with the Department of Indian Affairs as a status Indian under the provisions of the *Indian Act*.



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Province of Alberta Election Act 135(1)

No election advertising at polling place

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), no person may
- (a) display inside or on the outside of, or
 - (b) distribute within,

a building used for a polling place at an advance poll or on polling day, or within the boundaries of the land on which the building is located, any election circular, card, poster, bill or other paper except those posted by the deputy returning officer or other election officials as required by this Act.

(2) When a polling place is located in a building containing a complex of interlocking offices, stores or other facilities, the prohibition in subsection (1) applies only to the store, office, or facility comprising the area designated as a polling place.

(3) Where a person displays any circular, card, poster, bill, or other paper contrary to subsection (1) or (2), the returning officer may cause it to be removed, and neither the returning officer nor any person acting under the returning officer's instructions is liable for trespass or damages resulting from or occasioned by the removal.