



## Office of the Regional Returning Officer

### NOTICE OF ELECTION

#### TO ALL ELIGIBLE VOTERS RESPECTING THE ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE CREE SCHOOL BOARD

Notice is hereby given that an election has been called on **Wednesday, October 9, 2024** for the office of Chairperson of the Cree School Board.

The Chairperson is elected by the eligible voters of the Cree Nation for a term of three (3) years. The present notice is in accordance with “*Consolidated By-Law No. 1 – General By-Law*” and “*Consolidated By-Law No. 2 Respecting Procedures for the Election of the Chairperson of the Cree School Board*”.

#### Nomination Procedures

THE NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRPERSON WILL BE OPEN ON **Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.** AND WILL CLOSE ON **Monday, September 9, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.**

- Only persons who meet the qualifications and who have been nominated in writing by ten (10) eligible voters on the nomination form may be candidates for the office of Chairperson;
- An elector cannot sign the nomination form of more than one candidate for the same elected office.

**Completed nomination forms must be submitted to and received by the Regional Returning Officer** in person, by email, by mail or by fax at an address or number provided by the Regional Returning Officer, **before September 9, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.** Any nomination form received after this deadline will NOT be accepted.



## **Nomination Forms**

The nomination forms can be obtained from the Regional Returning Officer or may also be downloaded from the website of the Cree School Board at: [www.eeyoueducation.ca](http://www.eeyoueducation.ca)

## **Deadline for Nominated Candidates**

A nominated candidate must expressly inform in writing the Regional Returning Officer whether he or she accepts the nomination for the position within three (3) days of being informed in writing by the Regional Returning Officer that his or her candidacy has been accepted, which can be no later than **Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.**, failing which his or her name will be removed from the final list of candidates. This notice may be communicated by a nominated candidate electronically, such as by fax or by email.

**The Regional Returning Officer shall inform the Cree Communities, using any reasonable means, which may include the publication on the website and official social media pages of the Cree School Board, of the names of eligible candidates running for the election. Such eligible candidates may commence their election campaign, including the posting of electoral signs, only following the public announcement by the Regional Returning Officer.**

## **Qualifications to Vote**

The qualifications to vote in the election of the Chairperson of the Cree School Board are as follows:

- To be a member of the Cree Nation (a person who qualifies as a Cree in accordance with the criteria for eligibility established in Section 3 of the *James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement*) whose name appears on the applicable electoral list, as provided by the Cree Nation Government;
- Be the age of majority (eighteen (18) years of age or over on the date of the election);

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- And not to be affected by any legal incapacity or subject to protective supervision within the meaning of the *Civil Code of Québec*.

### **Qualifications to be a Candidate**

To be eligible for the office of Chairperson, the candidate must:

- Be a member of the Cree Nation (*a person who qualifies as a Cree in accordance with the criteria for eligibility established in Section 3 of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement*);
- Be the age of majority (eighteen (18) years of age or over on the date of the election);
- Not to be affected by a legal incapacity or be subject to protective supervision within the meaning of the *Civil Code of Québec*;
- Not to have been found guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction of an offence listed in sections 4.03e) and f) of the Cree School Board Consolidated By-law No.1 - General By-Law.

A person who is employed by the Board is not eligible to hold office as a Chairperson unless that person resigns from his or her employment with the Board as soon as elected.

In addition, a person who is employed full-time with another employer than the Board or who holds a full-time elected office may not hold office as the Chairperson unless, as soon as elected, that person resigns his or her employment or takes a full-time leave of absence from his or her employment or that person resigns his full-time elected office.

The Chairperson must hold office on a full-time basis and may not take other full-time gainful employment or occupy another full-time elected office during his or her term of office with the Council.

### **POLLS in Eeyou Istchee (election day)**

The election poll will be situated in every Cree community of Eeyou Istchee in order to permit the eligible electors to vote in person.

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**POLLS outside of Cree communities (election day)**

***Other polling stations may be designated by the Regional Returning Officer outside of the Cree communities where deemed appropriate to allow eligible voters to vote in person.***

**ADVANCE POLL (in person):** Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

An advance poll in person shall be held in every Cree community of Eeyou Istchee for those electors who are unable to vote in person at the principal poll (election day).

***Other polling stations for this advance poll may be designated by the Regional Returning Officer outside of the Cree communities where deemed appropriate to allow eligible voters to vote in person.***

**TRAVELLING POLL (in person):** Friday, October 4, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A travelling poll will take place for the Elders who reside in the community or community members who reside in Cree camps and traplines and are unable to vote on the election day due to physical disability or other limitations. In addition, travelling polls will be held in mining camps for the eligible electors who work at the mine sites and are unable to vote at the principal election poll.

**Please check future Public Notices for the locations of the polling station(s) in each community and other locations, where deemed appropriate by the Regional Returning Officer.**



**MAIN ELECTION POLL:** Wednesday, October 9, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

In all the Cree communities and other locations as determined by the Regional Returning Officer.

**NOTICE GIVEN ON THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2024 BY ORDER OF THE REGIONAL RETURNING OFFICER.**



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