



**Otipemisiwak Métis Government**  
**2025 Late Fall Election – Red Deer Métis District**

**Public Notice**

By Notice of the Chief Electoral Officer on this day, December 10, 2025; the voting period for the **2025 Red Deer Métis District Election (03)** for the Otipemisiwak Métis Government will resume with the final day of voting to be February 22, 2026.

**CANDIDATE DETAILS**

**DECLARATION OF CERTIFIED CANDIDATES**

Notice was hereby given that the following individuals had successfully submitted their nomination packages and have satisfied the requirements set out in the *Otipemisiwak Métis Government Elections and Referenda Act (the Election Law)*. As such, the Chief Electoral Officer has deemed the following individuals as candidates in the **2025 Late Fall Election – Red Deer Métis District (03)** for the Otipemisiwak Métis Government.

**[ACCLAIMED] Election by Acclamation:** Where the Chief Electoral Officer accepted only one candidate nomination for an elected office within the nomination period, pursuant to Section 44 of the *Election Law*. The certified candidate is to be elected to their respective office.

**DISTRICT CAPTAIN** (1 position)

- **Norma Gauthier**
- **Kassandra Metson**
- **Bernie Ouellette**

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR** (Min. 4-Max. 6 positions)

- **Bobbi Cunningham [ACCLAIMED]**  
(Central)
- **Chantal Granger [ACCLAIMED]**  
(Central)
- **Simone M. Ladd [ACCLAIMED]**  
(Central)
- **Christopher Ouellette [ACCLAIMED]**  
(Western)
- **Ed Ouellette [ACCLAIMED]**  
(Eastern)

\*Please refer to Red Deer District Bylaws for District Councillors.



## **\*ELECTION UPDATE\***

On October 8, 2025, the Otipemisiwak Métis Government's Chief Electoral Officer issued a Public Notice in response to the Canada Postal strike.

Given a Cabinet resolution, the voting period for the 2025 Late Fall Election was delayed. Confirmed Candidates in contested elections were able to campaign and access the preliminary voters list for the purpose of campaigning.

There are indications that consistent mail service is in place. With all three methods of voting available, Cabinet has approved a resolution to authorize the Chief Electoral Officer to resume the Voting Period for the 2025 Late Fall Election (completed Winter 2026) as well as extend the time period for mail-in ballots from 21 days to 28 days. In addition, all in-person polling locations will run for 1 day only.

Acclaimed Candidates will be confirmed when elections have been certified.

## **VOTING DETAILS**

Voters must be Métis Nation within Alberta Citizens and (16) years of age or older to be entitled to vote.

Voters must be ordinarily resident in **Red Deer Métis District (03)** for at least 90 days before the close of voting to be entitled to vote for District Captain.

The exact addresses for each polling location are to be determined, along with any additional locations that may be deemed necessary and approved by the Chief Electoral Officer in consultation with District Leadership.

All polling station hours will operate from **8am to 8pm**.

### **IN-PERSON VOTING – POLLING VOTING STATION**

There will be **3 polling locations** in the following communities for **Red Deer Métis District (03)**:

(All Minor Locations) **February 22, 2026**

- Red Deer
- Rocky Mountain House
- Stettler

### **MAIL-IN VOTING**

- A mail-in ballot package will be sent via mail to each Citizen that is eligible to vote on **January 20, 2026**.
- Mail-in ballot packages will be sent to the address on file with the MNA.
- If a mail-in ballot is not received, or a replacement mail-in ballot package is required, Citizens should make this request no later than 10 days prior to the final day of the vote.

### **ELECTRONIC VOTING**

Electronic voting will be open for the entire duration of the voting period which is from **February 16 – 22, 2026**.



**VOTER SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE**

Voter support and assistance will be made available for Citizens during the voting period. Citizens requiring support and/or assistance should contact [Elections@metis.org](mailto:Elections@metis.org).

**NAME/MAILING ADDRESS OPT-OUT**

The list of voters will be distributed to each candidate. \*Note that a candidate is entitled to receive a list of only the voters that are ordinarily resident in the District in which the candidate is running.

Citizens may opt-out of having their name and/or mailing address included on the list of voters that will be circulated to candidates.

- To opt-out, please email: [Elections@metis.org](mailto:Elections@metis.org)

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Del Graff  
Chief Electoral Officer  
Métis Nation of Alberta

December 10, 2025

Date