



## Otipemisiwak Métis Government

### 2025 Late Fall Election – Wabasca-Desmarais Métis District

#### Public Notice

By Notice of the Chief Electoral Officer on this day, December 10, 2025; the voting period for the **2025 Wabasca-Desmarais Métis District By-Election (22)** 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 – Wabasca-Desmarais Métis District By-Election (22)** for the Otipemisiwak Métis Government.

##### DISTRICT COUNCILLOR (1 position)

- Tara Hawryliw
- Jennifer Schacher

#### \*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.

#### 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 **Wabasca-Desmarais Métis District (22)** for at least 90 days before the close of voting to be entitled to vote for District Councillor.



The exact address for the polling location will 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 **1 polling location** in the following community for **Wabasca-Desmarais Métis District (22)**:

(Minor Location) **February 22, 2026**

- Wabasca

#### **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