



PUBLIC NOTICE

TO ALL ELIGIBLE YOUTH VOTERS OF EYYOU EENOU ISTCHEE RESPECTING THE FOLLOWING 2021 ELECTIONS OF THE CREE NATION YOUTH COUNCIL:

**YOUTH GRAND CHIEF
DEPUTY YOUTH GRAND CHIEF**

Notice is hereby given that the elections for the offices of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Cree Nation Youth Council (**CNYC**) will be held on **Tuesday, August 17, 2021**.

The CNYC Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are elected by and from among the members of the Cree Nation Youth between the ages of 13-35 and the term of office is four (4) years.

The present notice is in accordance with the “*Cree Nation Government respecting the Procedure for the ELECTION REGULATIONS, CNYC Governance Guidelines and Consolidated Law 28, for the positions of Chairperson (Youth Grand Chief) and Vice-Chairperson (Deputy Youth Grand Chief) of the Cree Nation Youth Council.*”

Polls

This election poll will be held in person in the Cree communities, as set out below. ***However, in order to ensure that the election poll is carried out safely in view of the on-going public health emergency, the Returning Officer MAY AUTHORIZE certain voters to participate in the poll by telephone where he deems it appropriate, such as for eligible voters located in “COVID-19 Areas of Risk” determined by the Cree authorities.***



Polls (Cont'd)

ADVANCE POLL: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

MAIN ELECTION POLL: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Please check future Public Notices for the locations of the polling station(s) in each Cree community, and for information regarding authorization to participate in the poll by telephone where deemed appropriate by the Returning Officer.

Qualifications to Vote

The qualifications to vote in the election of the CNYC Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are as follows:

- To be a member of the Cree Nation Government (enrolled or entitled to be enrolled as a Cree beneficiary of the *James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement*) and must be a resident of Eeyou Istchee;
- To be of the age between 13 to 35 years on the date of the elections (August 17, 2021); and
- Not to be affected by any legal incapacity.

Qualifications to be a Candidate

The qualifications to vote also apply to candidates for the offices of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are as follows:

- A member of the Cree Nation Youth as defined in Section 1 above the age of 18;
- Resident of Eeyou Istchee;
- Not have been convicted of a criminal offence.

Any person who acts as a Returning Officer or Local Returning Officer for the CNYC elections cannot be a candidate.



Nomination Procedures

Only persons who meet the candidate qualifications and who are nominated by ten (10) eligible voters on the applicable ***nomination form*** may be candidates for Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson.

The nomination period for candidates will start on **Friday, April 30, 2021** and will CLOSE on **Friday, May 28, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.** Completed nomination forms must be submitted to the Returning Officer in person, by mail, by fax or by email by this deadline. **Any nomination received after this deadline will NOT be accepted.**

The original copy of any nomination form sent by electronic means must be filed with the Returning Officer by **Friday, June 4, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

A nominated candidate must confirm in writing to the Returning Officer that he/she accepts the nomination by **Monday, June 7, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.**, failing which his/her name will be removed from the list of candidates.

The nomination form may be obtained from the Returning Officer or a Local Returning Officer appointed by him. The nomination form may also be downloaded from the website of the CNYC at: <https://creenationyouthcouncil.ca/elections-2021/>

For further information or to request or submit a nomination form, please contact Returning Officer John Henry Wapachee at: jhwapachee@nemaska.ca; [mailing address: 6 Bear Trail, PO Box 131, Nemaska, QC J0Y 3B0]; or call 514-601-4607.

NOTICE GIVEN ON THIS 26th DAY OF APRIL, 2021 BY ORDER OF THE RETURNING OFFICER.

John Henry Wapachee

Returning Officer, CNYC Elections 2021