

## COMMUNITY NOTICE

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## **GENERAL ELECTION UPDATE**

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Office of the Executive Director is providing an update on the 2024 MCA General Election Process.

On July 18, 2024, the Akwesasne Election Appeal Board (AEAB) issued their decision to set aside the full election results, which requires a new election to be held. No appeals to the AEAB's July 18<sup>th</sup> decisions were filed in the Akwesasne Court. One separate Appeal was filed in the Court that was excluded from the AEAB hearings since it was determined to have no merit. The Court does not have a deadline by which to respond to the filing.

Based on the decision of the AEAB, the election process will continue. The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) and the Deputy Electoral Officers (DEO) will continue serving the remainder of their 3-year terms.

The next steps are as follows:

- 1. Corrections and full review of an updated Voters List
- 2. Setting dates for Nominations and the General Election

An updated Voters List will be posted at least 30 days prior to the new election date. All voters are advised to review the list to ensure they are on it. Community members who are planning to vote for the first time must apply to be placed on the Voters List. Placement on the Voters List does not occur automatically.

Steps for Registering to Vote:

Complete a registration application, Schedule "G," declaration of eligibility, Schedule "H" and proof of residence. Schedules "G" and "H" can be picked up at the Akwesasne Justice Department located at 45 Johnson Road, Kana:takon, or it can be downloaded from our website: www.akwesasne.ca/voterregistration
Submit the fully completed Schedules "G," "H" and **proof of residence** to the Chief Electoral Officer by delivering it to 45 Johnson Road, Kana:takon no later than 48 hours prior to the election start date & time.
The CEO may conduct a brief interview with you to confirm your eligibility and add you to the list.

4. Your name will appear on the final voters list that is published 48 hours prior to the election.

If you have any questions regarding the election process, please contact the Akwesasne Justice Department at 613-575-2250 or email <u>info@akwesasne.ca</u>.