

MOHAWKS OF KANESATAKE 2025 GENERAL ELECTION
ELECTION UPDATE (Saturday, August 2, 2025)

Further to my August 1 decision to cancel the polls scheduled for today and key reasons for this decision, I spoke with Vice-Chief Brant Etienne this morning about possible next steps moving forward in the election process:

Step 1: CONSULTATION - Invite community members to share information and collect feedback regarding flaws in the current Electoral Code.

Step 2: CODE REVISION – Amend relevant part of the Electoral Code and present proposed amendments in a series of Information Meetings.

Step 3: RATIFICATION – Hold a ratification vote for electors to determine the approved amendments and include them in a ratified, updated Code.

Step 4: NOMINATIONS – Duly inform electors of the nomination process including a mailing to all electors with a current mailing address on record with the MCK administration then facilitate the receipt, review, and approval of candidates within a workable timeframe to verify their eligibility.

Step 5: CAMPAIGNING – Approved candidate are provided an opportunity to present their platforms to a more informed electorate through mail, online, and a fairly facilitated forum for all candidates.

Step 6: ELECTION DAY – Operate a poll/s in the community for local electors to vote in person and receive final remote votes (via mail and online) then count all ballots and announce the results.

Based on my experience, this expedited process can be completed in six months and within the duration of the incumbent Council's extended term as per Section 8.3 of the current Electoral Code.

This process can be carried out with or without my direct involvement and my role will be clarified in the near future following further discussions with the MCK during their extended term of office.

The patience and cooperation of electors and members is appreciated as we work our way through this challenging period and I remain available to respond to legitimate questions and concerns regarding this election and the aforementioned process once adopted for implementation.



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