

Fred Porter, Electoral Officer

**Suite 209, 105 N. May Street
Thunder Bay, Ontario,
P7C 3N9**

March 9, 2015

Members of Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation

RE: ADVANCE NOTICE PACKAGE

In accordance with the Custom Leadership Selection Code of Lac Des Mille Lacs First Nation/Nezaadiikaang Election Code, Chief and Council have passed a resolution declaring that an election will held June 8, 2015, for the positions of Chief and five (5) Councillors. Enclosed with this Advance Notice of the election is a Nomination Package consisting of the following:

- * Copy of Band Council Resolutions dated February 12, 2015
- * Instructions for Nominating a Candidate for Chief
- * Schedule 3 for Nominating a Candidate for Chief
- * Instructions for Nominating a Candidate for Councillor
- * Schedule 4 for Nominating a Candidate for Councillor

Important Dates to Remember:

Nominations Open	March 30, 2015
Nominations Closed	April 27, 2015
Mailed Votes must be received by:	June 8, 2015
Faxed Votes must be received by:	June 8, 2015 (at 4:30 p.m.)
ELECTION DAY	June 8, 2015
Last Day to Vote In Person	

Electoral Package will be forthcoming:

After the close of nominations, an Electoral Package will be sent by courier or by registered mail with an acknowledgment of receipt card to be returned to Fred Porter, Electoral Officer.

The Electoral Package will consist of the following:

- The “voting list”;
- A copy of the Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation Custom Leadership Selection Code;
- The Resolution of Chief and Council appointing Fred Porter as Electoral Officer and Dennis Robinson as the Adjudicator;
- The Resolution of Chief and Council increasing the number of Councillors from four (4) to five (5);
- A stamped return envelope with the address to which the completed Election Forms – Schedules 1 (Chief) and 2 (Councillor) should be returned (Voter Declaration to be completed at the bottom of each schedule).

Voting:

All citizens of Nezaadiikaang/Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation who have attained the full age of 18 years on or before June 8, 2015, and have not been disqualified from voting in First Nation elections (provided this does not violate their human rights) are eligible to vote in the June 8, 2015, election.

You will be able to vote by fax, mail in ballot, or by attendance in person at the place of polling, between April 30 and June 8, 2015.

By Mail: Fred Porter, Electoral Officer,
Suite 209, 105 N. May Street,
Thunder Bay, Ontario,
P7C 3N9


By Fax: Fax: (807)-622-2233

Vote in person: Suite 209, 105 N. May Street, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Monday to Friday,
between April 30 and June 7, 2015, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:00
p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT.

On June 8, 2015 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8 p.m. EDT at the
Victoria Inn, Kensington Room, 555 West Arthur Street, Thunder Bay, Ont.

(These locations are handicapped accessible).

Yours very truly,


Fred Porter,
Electoral Officer.

**LAC DES MILLE LACS FIRST NATION
CUSTOM LEADERSHIP SELECTION AND ELECTION**

**NOMINATION PACKAGE
CHIEF AND FIVE (5) COUNCILLORS**

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TAB 1

RESOLUTIONS (2) OF THE COUNCIL

**LAC DES MILLE LACS
FIRST NATION**

**RE: LEADERSHIP SELECTION OF
CHIEF AND ELECTION OF
COUNCILLORS**



BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Chronological No.:
File Reference No.: 0012-02-2015

NOTE: The words "from our Band Funds", "capital", or "revenue", whichever is the case, must appear in all resolutions requesting expenditures from Band Funds.

The Council of the: LAC DES MILLE LACS FIRST NATION					<i>Cash Free Balance</i>
					Capital Account: \$ _____
Date of Duly Convened Meeting: ▶	<u>Day</u> 12	<u>Month</u> 02	<u>Year</u> 2015	<u>Province</u> ONTARIO	Revenue Account: \$ _____

DO HEREBY RESOLVE:

Leadership Selection of Chief and Election of Councillors

WHEREAS, the Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation Custom Leadership Selection Code was ratified and approved by the citizens of the Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation in the Referendum on First Nation Custom, which referendum concluded on 08 June 2009; and

WHEREAS, section 11 A of the Custom Leadership Selection Code requires that: Elections are required to be held for the Chief and Councillor(s) positions whenever: (a) The current Chief or Councillor(s) resign, die, are unable to physically or mentally serve, are removed from office pursuant to this Code, term is completed (3 years), or the position is vacant for any other reason based on criteria as outlined in this Code; and

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2015 the term of office for Chief White Cloud (Judy Maunula), Councillor Tracy Morrison, Councillor Irma Churchill, Councillor Laura Ewing/Sheboboman and Councillor Carmel Zoccole will be completed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this 12th day of February 2015 that the Council of the Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation at a duly convened meeting enacts this resolution:

LEADERSHIP SELECTION AND ELECTION

1. There shall be a Leadership Selection and Election to conclude on 08 June 2015
2. Nominations for position of one Chief and five (5) Councillors will open 30 March 2015
3. Nominations for position of one Chief and five (5) Councillors will close 27 April 2015
4. Election Day will be 08 June 2015

ELECTORAL OFFICER

5. That Fred Porter, B.A., M. Ed. is hereby appointed as the Electoral Officer for the conduct and supervision of the Leadership Selection and Election.

ADJUDICATOR

6. That Dennis Robinson is hereby appointed as the Adjudicator.

LEADERSHIP SELECTION

7. The Electoral Officer shall be responsible for:
 - a. Forwarding by regular mail, a notice, to each eligible voter of the First Nation for whom an address is available as provided by the Chief and Council or from the voting list, that an Electoral package will be sent to them by courier or registered mail. This package will also include the Nomination Forms – Schedules 3 (Chief), and 4 (Councillor) together with nomination instructions;

- b. Forwarding, by courier or by registered mail with an acknowledgement of receipt card to be returned to the Electoral Officer at the address indicated, (105 N. May Street, Suite 209, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7C 3N9) to each eligible voter of the First Nation for whom an address is available as provided by the Council, the Electoral Package, which shall include:
 - i. The "voting list";
 - ii. The Resolution of Chief and Council appointing Fred Porter as Electoral Officer;
 - iii. A copy of the Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation Custom Leadership Selection Code;
 - iv. An envelope with the address to which the Election Form – Schedules 1 (Chief), and 2 (Councillor);
 - v. Accepting, filing and recording the name of the voter and date that the acknowledgment of receipt cards for the Electoral Package as they are returned to the Electoral Officer to confirm that the Electoral Packages have been received by eligible voters;
- c. Accepting, filing and recording the name of the voter and date that the acknowledgment of receipt cards for the Electoral Package as they are returned to the Electoral Officer to confirm that the Electoral Packages have been received by eligible voters;
- d. Preparing and conducting an Electoral Polling Station between 28 April 2015 and 08 June 2015 at 105 N. May Street, Suite 209, Thunder Bay, Ontario;
- e. Votes for the Leadership Selection and Election shall be accepted by the Electoral Officer from anywhere in the world by mail or facsimile transmission ("fax");
- f. Confirming that only those persons on the voting list or who have a letter from the Department of Indian Affairs stating that the individual would be regaining status or that the individual would be transferring to the First Nation are permitted to vote;
- g. Confirming that names of eligible voters are checked off on the master voting list maintained by the Electoral Officer as ballots are received by mail or fax or cast in person;
- h. Where the Electoral Forms – Schedules 1 (Chief) and 2 (Councillor) are returned to the Electoral Officer:
 - i. By Mail, and received prior to the closing of the polls on 08 June 2015, voting day; or
 - ii. By fax, ensuring that the fax is received prior to 4:30 p.m. EDT, 08 June 2015;.
- i. Accepting, reviewing and recording the name of the voter and date the Electoral Forms – Schedules 1 and 2 (Chief) and 5 and 6 (Councillor), as they are returned to the Electoral Officer; and
 - i. Filing and storing all copies of Electoral Forms – Schedule 1 (Chief) and Schedule 2 (Councillor) received in a secure ballot box to be maintained by the Electoral Officer; and
 - ii. Filing and storing separately all copies of Electoral Forms – Schedule 1 (Chief) and Schedule 2 (Councillor) as evidence of those eligible voters who have voted in the Selection/Election by mail or fax;
 - iii. Keeping all voting ballots for 60 days in a secure, safe and confidential place and then, if there are no appeals, confidentially destroying the ballots in front of witnesses for each candidate
- j. Preparing and conducting an Electoral Polling Station for those eligible voters who wish to cast their vote in person on 08 June 2015, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. EDT and 8:00 p.m. EDT at the Victoria Inn, Kensington Room, 555 West Arthur Street, Thunder Bay, Ontario;
- k. Immediately after the close of the poll at 8:00 p.m. EDT 08 June 2015, the Electoral Officer shall, in the presence of the candidates scrutineers and any member of the First Nation that may be present in the polling station, open the ballot box and:
 - i. Examine all Electoral Forms – Schedule 1 (Chief) and Schedule 2 (Councillor) received, either by mail, fax or in person;
 - ii. Reject all Electoral Forms – Schedule 1 (Chief) and Schedule 2 (Councillor) that have been marked incorrectly;
 - iii. Count the votes for each candidate – Chief and Councillor;
 - iv. Count and record the number of Election Forms – Schedule 1 (Chief) and Schedule 2 (Councillor) rejected.
- l. By 13 June 2015, prepare and submit to Council a written report in the form of a Statutory Declaration sworn or affirmed before a Commissioner of Oaths for the Province of Ontario stating:
 - i. That he has fulfilled his responsibilities as Electoral Officer;
 - ii. The number of voters eligible to vote in the Leadership Selection;

- iii. The number of voters who voted in the Leadership Selection;
- iv. The number of votes in favour of each candidate; and
- v. The number of Schedule 1 forms (Chief) and Schedule 2 forms (Councillor) rejected.

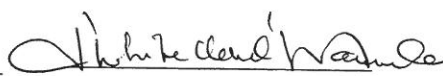

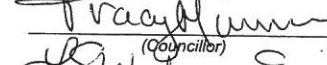

8. That in consideration and in satisfaction of his fulfilment of his responsibilities as Electoral Officer, Fred Porter shall be paid as per the Letter of Engagement dated February 17, 2015.
9. That the Adjudicator, Dennis Robinson, shall be responsible for supervising and administering all elections complaints and appeals in accordance with the provisions of the Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation Custom Leadership Selection Code.

This Resolution is hereby made at Thunder Bay, Ontario, at a duly convened meeting of the Council of the Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation this 12th day of February 2015. Voting in favour of the Resolution are the following members of the Council:

Being a majority of those members of the Council of the Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation present at the aforesaid meeting of the Council. The quorum of the Council is three members.

This resolution of Council is hereby made at Thunder Bay, Ontario at a duly convened meeting this 12th day of February, 2015. Voting in favour of this resolution are the following members of Council.

Quorum 3

		
(Councillor)	(Chief)	(Councillor)
		
(Councillor)	(Councillor)	(Councillor)
		
(Councillor)	(Councillor)	(Councillor)
		
(Councillor)	(Councillor)	(Councillor)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY					
Expenditure	Authority	Source of funds:	Expenditure	Authority	Source of Funds
		<input type="checkbox"/> Capital <input type="checkbox"/> Revenue			<input type="checkbox"/> Capital <input type="checkbox"/> Revenue
Recommending Officer:			Recommending Officer:		
Signature		Date	Signature		Date
Approving Officer:			Approving Officer:		
Signature		Date	Signature		Date



BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Chronological No.:
File Reference No.: 0010-02-2015

NOTE: The words "from our Band Funds", "capital", or "revenue", whichever is the case, must appear in all resolutions requesting expenditures from Band Funds.

The Council of the: LAC DES MILLE LACS FIRST NATION					Cash Free Balance	
					Capital Account: \$ _____	
Date of Duly Convened Meeting: ▶	<u>Day</u> 12	<u>Month</u> 02	<u>Year</u> 2015	<u>Province</u> ONTARIO	Revenue Account: \$ _____	

DO HEREBY RESOLVE:

WHEREAS, The Chief and Council of the Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation are empowered by the People to act on behalf of the First Nation and are recognized as having such authority by the Government of Canada pursuant to the Indian Act; and

WHEREAS, the Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation Custom Leadership Selection Code was ratified and approved by the citizens of the Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation in the Referendum on First Nation Custom, which referendum concluded on June 8th, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Section 3 B. Of the Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation Custom Leadership Selection Code states "the Chief and Council may from time to time increase the number of Councillors by Resolution of the Chief and Council, provided it does not exceed one Councillor per one hundred (100) citizens on the band list of the Nezaadiikaang/Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation; and

WHEREAS, AANDC's Indian Registration System Individual Report dated January 6th, 2015 shows a registered Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation band membership as six hundred and six (606);

THEREFORE BE IT REVOLVED that the Chief and Council of the Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation are in full support of increasing the number of Councillors to be elected in the June 8th, 2015 election to five (5) from the present number of four (4).

This resolution of Council is hereby made at Thunder Bay, Ontario at a duly convened meeting this 12th day of February, 2015. Voting in favour of this resolution are the following members of Council.

Quorum 3

_____	<i>Whitecloud Manda</i>	_____
(Councillor)	(Chief)	
_____	<i>Jana Ourschiep</i>	_____
(Councillor)	(Councillor)	(Councillor)
_____	<i>Shebman Ewarp</i>	_____
(Councillor)	(Councillor)	(Councillor)
_____	<i>Tracy Howlin</i>	_____
(Councillor)	(Councillor)	(Councillor)

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Expenditure	Authority	Source of funds:	Expenditure	Authority	Source of Funds
		<input type="checkbox"/> Capital <input type="checkbox"/> Revenue			<input type="checkbox"/> Capital <input type="checkbox"/> Revenue
Recommending Officer:			Recommending Officer:		
Signature _____			Signature _____		
Date _____			Date _____		
Approving Officer:			Approving Officer:		
Signature _____			Signature _____		
Date _____			Date _____		

TAB 2

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR
NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES
FOR
POSITION OF CHIEF**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR POSITION OF CHIEF

Important: It is the obligation of each person who wants to be nominated as a candidate for Chief to ensure that the required nomination papers are received by the Electoral Officer by April 27, 2015, no later than 4:30 pm EDT.

Copies of the nomination form (Schedule 3) are enclosed with this Advanced Notice Package sent to each eligible voter for whom there is an address.

You are not required to complete this form unless:

- you are seeking to be nominated for Chief, or
- you are supporting a person who is seeking nomination for Chief

CANDIDATES FOR CHIEF:

If you wish to be nominated as a candidate for Chief, you must complete the Nomination Form-Schedule 3 and return it to Fred Porter, Electoral Officer, by April 27, 2015, no later than 4:30 .m. EDT. Nominations for the position of Chief require the submission to the Electoral Officer of nomination papers consisting of:

1. evidence of support for the candidate from at least ten (10) voters
2. the acceptance by the candidate for the nomination of Chief
3. evidence of a current security clearance/criminal records check

The Electoral Officer will submit to Council and the Electorate a report stating the candidates for Chief and Council. At the time of accepting their nominations, candidates must provide the Electoral Officer with a written declaration of the names and contact information of TWO scrutineers for the election process. Each candidate is allowed to have one scrutineer present at times as outlined in the Code and the other may serve as an alternate.

If less than 10 nomination papers (10 completed copies of Schedule 3) are received by the Electoral Officer by April 27, 2015, your candidacy for Chief will be rejected. The forms may be delivered to Fred Porter by mail, fax or in person.

Once the nominations have closed on April 27, 2015, the Electoral Officer will immediately prepare and make available to each candidate to Chief a list of every citizen eligible to vote in the election (the "voters list").

An individual can only be a candidate for either the Chief or a Councillor position, but not both.

SUPPORTERS OF CANDIDATES FOR CHIEF:

You may support the nomination of one candidate by PRINTING CLEARLY the candidate's name on the Nomination Form-Schedule 3. If a person whose nomination as a candidate for Chief whom you wish to support contacts you, you will need to complete the Nomination Form-Schedule 3.

You may either:

- return the completed Nomination Form -Schedule 3 directly to the Electoral Officer, or
- provide the completed Nomination Form - Schedule 3 to the person you are supporting to be nominated as a candidate for Chief, who will return the Nomination Form to the Electoral Officer.

SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION FORMS:

All Nomination Forms are required to be received by the Electoral Officer, Fred Porter by April 27, 2015 no later than 4:30 p.m. EDT. They may be mailed, faxed or hand-delivered to the Electoral Officer at:

FAX: (807) 622-2233

MAILED: Fred Porter, Electoral Officer
Suite 209, 105 N. May Street,
Thunder Bay, Ontario
P7C 3N9

TAB 3

NOMINATION FORM

SCHEDULE 3

FOR

POSITION OF CHIEF

SCHEDULE 3

LAC DES MILLE LACS FIRST NATION

CUSTOM LEADERSHIP SELECTION and ELECTION

JUNE 8, 2015

NOMINATION FORM FOR CHIEF

Part A: (This section is to be completed if you wish to nominate someone.)

Re: Declaration of Eligible Voter:

I, _____, state that I am a member of Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation, of the full age of eighteen years on or before June 8, 2015, an eligible voter in the Custom Leadership Selection and hereby nominate _____ for the position of Chief.

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Member)

Dated _____, 2015 at _____.
(Name of Town or City)

Part B: (This section is to be completed by the person being nominated.) You may send Schedule 3 to the candidate you are nominating and it is the responsibility of the candidate to complete part B, and send the completed Schedule 3 to the Electoral Officer.

Re: Declaration of Eligible Candidate:

I, _____, state that I am a member of the Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation, of the full age of eighteen years on or before June 8, 2015, an eligible voter in the Custom Leadership Selection and wish to be nominated for the position of Chief.

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Member)

Dated _____, 2015 at _____.
(Name of Town or City)

Note: A photocopy of your status card (both sides) is required as proof of membership in Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation and eligibility to nominate/vote in the Custom Leadership Selection and Election of 8 June, 2015.

TAB 4

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR
NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES
FOR
POSITION OF COUNCILLOR**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR POSITION OF COUNCILLOR

Important: It is the obligation of each person who wants to be nominated as a candidate for Councillor to ensure that the required nomination papers are received by the Electoral Officer by April 27, 2015, no later than 4:30 pm EDT.

Copies of the nomination form (Schedule 4) are enclosed with this Advanced Notice Package sent to each eligible voter for whom there is an address.

You are not required to complete this form unless:

- you are seeking to be nominated for Councillor, or
- you are supporting a person who is seeking nomination for Councillor

CANDIDATES FOR COUNCILLOR:

If you wish to be nominated as a candidate for Councillor, you must complete the Nomination Form-Schedule 4 and return it to Fred Porter, Electoral Officer, by April 27, 2015, no later than 4:30 .m. EDT. Nominations for the position of Councillor require the submission to the Electoral Officer of nomination papers consisting of:

1. evidence of support for the candidate from at least ten (10) voters
2. the acceptance by the candidate for the nomination of Councillor
3. evidence of a current security clearance/criminal records check

The Electoral Officer will submit to Council and the Electorate a report stating the candidates for Chief and Council. At the time of accepting their nominations, candidates must provide the Electoral Officer with a written declaration of the names and contact information of TWO scrutineers for the election process. Each candidate is allowed to have one scrutineer present at times as outlined in the Code and the other may serve as an alternate.

If less than 10 nomination papers (10 completed copies of Schedule 4) are received by the Electoral Officer by April 27, 2015, your candidacy for Councillor will be rejected. The forms may be delivered to Fred Porter by mail, fax or in person.

Once the nominations have closed on April 27, 2015, the Electoral Officer will immediately prepare and make available to each candidate for Councillor a list of every citizen eligible to vote in the election (the "voters list").

An individual can only be a candidate for either the Chief or a Councillor position, but not both.

SUPPORTERS OF CANDIDATES FOR COUNCILLOR:

You may support the nomination of one candidate by PRINTING CLEARLY the candidate's name on the Nomination Form-Schedule 4. If a person whose nomination as a candidate for Councillor whom you wish to support contacts you, you will need to complete the Nomination Form-Schedule 4.

You may either:

- return the completed Nomination Form -Schedule 4 directly to the Electoral Officer, or
- provide the completed Nomination Form - Schedule 4 to the person you are supporting to be nominated as a candidate for Councillor, who will return the Nomination Form to the Electoral Officer.

SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION FORMS:

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FAX: (807) 622-2233

MAILED: Fred Porter, Electoral Officer
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SCHEDULE 4

**LAC DES MILLE LACS FIRST NATION
CUSTOM LEADERSHIP SELECTION and ELECTION**

JUNE 8, 2015

NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNCILLOR

Part A: (This section is to be completed if you wish to nominate someone.)

Re: Declaration of Eligible Voter:

I, _____, state that I am a member of Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation, of the full age of eighteen years on or before June 8, 2015, an eligible voter in the Custom Leadership Selection and hereby nominate _____ for the position of Councillor.

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Member)

Dated _____, 2015 at _____.
(Name of Town or City)

Part B: (This section is to be completed by the person being nominated.) You may send Schedule 4 to the candidate you are nominating and it is the responsibility of the candidate to complete part B, and send the completed Schedule 4 to the Electoral Officer.

Re: Declaration of Eligible Candidate:

I, _____, state that I am a member of the Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation, of the full age of eighteen years on or before June 8, 2015, an eligible voter in the Custom Leadership Selection and wish to be nominated for the position of Councillor.

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Member)

Dated _____, 2015 at _____.
(Name of Town or City)

Note: A photocopy of your status card (both sides) is required as proof of membership in Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation and eligibility to nominate/vote in the Custom Leadership Selection and Election of 8 June, 2015.