



Wahta Mohawks

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IMPORTANT NOTICE ELECTION CHANGE

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The election staff of the Wahta Mohawks election are advising that due to the current outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, that the date of the election has been postponed.

This decision was based on the following factors:

- Many surrounding areas, including the province of Ontario and the Wahta Mohawk Territory have declared a state of emergency
- That Public Health and the Government of Canada encourage that all residents, in order to protect themselves, should remain self-isolated
- That many of our Indigenous peoples have higher risk factors, such as diabetes, and are therefore more susceptible to the virus
- All gathering of peoples are discouraged in order to lessen the risk of transmitting the virus

Currently, we do not know a lot about the virus, and therefore cannot predict when these cautionary measures will be lifted. Taking this into consideration, the Election Day has been moved. The election for the Wahta Mohawks will now be **Saturday, April 25, 2020** at 2664 Muskoka Road 38 on Wahta Mohawk Territory between the hours of **9h00 to 19h00** local time.

This allows electors to decide if they would like to receive a mail-in ballot package instead of attending the polls and provides ample time to get the required paperwork to the Election staff and have the ballot sent out and returned.

If an Elector wishes, they may request a mail-in ballot by returning the *Vote-By-Mail Ballot Application Form*. Please return this form to either the Electoral Officer or Assistant Electoral Officer **as soon as possible** (contact information below). **If you have previously requested a ballot you will not be provided another one. Photo identification is required for all Electors, without exception.**

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact:

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