



MOHAWKS OF THE BAY OF QUINTE

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - ELECTION REFORM

BACKGROUND/INTRODUCTION

The Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte is located midway between Toronto and Ottawa. We are the third largest First Nation in Ontario and the tenth in Canada, we have a membership exceeding 10,000 with approximately 2,500 living on the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory. The Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte has 8,889 members over the age of 18 with 1,769 living on the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory and 7,120 residing elsewhere in the world, mainly throughout Canada and the United States.

In 2019, the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte conducted a survey of all voting age members, investigating members feelings on making changes to the election process.

Currently, the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte conduct their elections under the *Indian Act*.

The Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte wish to develop a Custom Election Code for our community.

PROJECT GOALS

With this process we want to gain an understanding of the priorities of our membership. These priorities will be varied and may depend on where people are living and the interaction they have with our community. There are many components to be considered in developing the Custom Election Code such as:

- Will the number of seats of the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council increase, or remain the same?
- Length of term (Remain as 2 years or increase to 3 or 4 years)
- Rules/procedures for nominations
- Potential changes to the nomination process and candidate acceptance of nomination.
- The definition of who is eligible to be elected?
- The definition of who is eligible to vote?
- Will advance polls be made available?
- Will there be a process for mail in ballots.

- Will electronic voting become an additional accepted method of voting?
- The process for counting of ballots.
- How is a recount requested and under what conditions?
- What are the possible offences that may arise and what are the appropriate penalties?
- What conduct would constitute necessity for removal from office, and what the process required to remove a member from council would be.
- How MBQ could opt out of this process in the future?

The Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte will require a custom election code be developed and ready for approval by the end of this process.

SCOPE OF WORK

The MBQ require the consultant to consult with our membership and obtain their ideas as to:

- Determine if the number of seats of the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council increase or remain the same.
- Determine the length of term.
- Determine if there will be any changes to the nomination process and candidate acceptance of nomination or the Rules/procedures for nominations.
- Determine who is eligible to be elected.
- Determine who is eligible to vote.
- Determine if advance polls be made available.
- Determine the process for mail in ballots.
- Determine if electronic voting be available.
- Determine the rules associated with counting of ballots.
- Determine the procedure for how a recount requested and specify under what conditions.
- Determine what are the possible offences that may arise during the electoral process, and what are the appropriate penalties.
- Determine what conduct would constitute necessity for removal from office, and what the process required to remove a member from council would be.
- Determine how MBQ could opt out of this process in the future if so desired.

Identify any aspects that should be considered in addition to the list above.

Develop a Custom Election Code.

SCHEDULE

TASK	DATE
Request for Proposal Posted	September 29, 2022
Meeting time available to ask questions	October 14, 2022
Request for Proposals submission Deadline	November 1, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m. EST

TIME AND PLACE TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS

Please submit proposals to:

Lisa Maracle
Director, Community Services
24 Meadow Drive
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Or by email to:

lisam@mbq-tmt.org

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 1, 2022, at 4:30 P.M. EST.

ELEMENTS OF THE PROPOSAL

The following items should be included in your proposal

- Background of your company
- Similar projects you have participated in
- Steps/timelines that you would use to fulfill the proposal
- Clear methodology of how you would reach out to members to get their feedback
- A detailed budget for your proposal.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

All proposals received by November 1, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. EST will be assessed for all components requested to be included in the proposal:

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CURRENT ROADBLOCKS AND BARRIERS TO SUCCESS

We do not have current addresses for all our members. Some members may not wish to be contacted to discuss or may refuse to participate. There may also be reluctance from members to participate in the process.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For further information or to discuss this RFP further please contact Lisa Maracle, Director, Community Services at 613-396-3424 Ext. 118 or by email at lisam@mbq-tmt.org.