

**SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ADVISORY ELECTION
SEPTEMBER 19, 2022**

The Election Committee of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians would like to inform you that a SPECIAL ADVISORY ELECTION will be held for the currently vacant Chairperson’s seat to occur immediately. Below are important dates and information.

The timetable for the election process is as follows: (All deadlines are 5:00 p.m. ET).

- Oct. 3rd Deadline for voter registration. Last day to receive Letter of Intent for potential candidates. Roll of registered voters prepared and posted. Nomination petitions available.

- Oct. 14th Nominating petition deadline.

- Oct. 19th List of eligible candidates available.

- Oct. 24th Deadline for contests relating to nominations and voter registration.

- Nov. 7th General election ballots mailed to voters.

- Dec. 7th General Election Day.

- Dec. 12th Deadline for contest relating to vote count.

OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED

CHAIRPERSON

The term for this seat will expire June 27, 2024.

Election Rules: This SPECIAL ADVISORY ELECTION is a special advisory election pursuant to the Election Ordinance at Subchapter II. The Election Committee has established the above time lines pursuant to that directive. The conduct of the election will otherwise follow the Election Ordinance.

Voting Procedure: All ballots will be mailed to registered voters by first class mail. In order to be counted, ballots must be received by the Election Committee by 5:00 p.m. at the United States Post Office-Sault Ste. Marie location on **December 7, 2022**, for the general election. A Post Office Box is provided by the United States Post Office for return of the ballots. The address of the box will be included on the ballot.

Address Correction Requested: The election will be conducted by mail to the address shown in the Tribal Registrar's records. It is the responsibility of the tribal member to ensure that the address shown for him or her is correct. Please contact the Tribal Registrar’s Office for any changes: Tribal Registrar's Office, 2428

Shunk Road, Mailing address: P.O. Box 1628, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 phone: (906) 635-3396 or 1 (800) 251-6597.

Nomination of Candidates: Any tribal member who meets the requirements detailed in the Election Ordinance is eligible for election to office. A candidate for nomination must be eighteen years of age or older by **December 7, 2022**, a qualified voter, and have established one year residency within the election unit which they seek to represent. Any member who holds appointed/elected position in another unit of government; has been convicted of election fraud, misdemeanors involving gambling, theft, dishonesty or fraud; or a felony offense is ineligible for election to office. Any person elected shall voluntarily resign employment position and/or surrender any rights under any contract with the Tribe prior to assuming office. To be nominated, a candidate must file a letter of intent, background investigation forms, nominating petition, campaigning financing forms, etc. with the Election Committee in accordance with the Election Ordinance. A nominating petition must bear the original signatures of the proper number of registered voters from the unit to be represented. A voter may sign only as many petitions as there are offices to be filled from their unit. Petitions must be submitted on the forms provided by the Election Committee obtained at the designated offices.

Finance Reporting: The Election Committee requires candidates **and** others who expend money on the election to file reports on campaign fundraising and spending. If you plan to spend money on the election, you must contact the Election Committee to obtain the proper forms before doing so. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in criminal prosecution.

Election Contests & Complaints: Any tribal member may raise election disputes before the Election Committee. All disputes must be stated in writing, addressed to the Chairperson of the Election Committee, contain the original signature and received under procedures provided in the Election Ordinance. The Election Committee will review disputes according to the Election Ordinance.

Election Ordinance: This letter is a narrative statement of the requirements of the Election Ordinance and the Constitution. Any discrepancies the Election Ordinance and Constitution are controlling and superlative. Questions regarding the election should be directed to the Election Committee.

Designated Offices: Designated Offices are the tribal offices as to which additional election material is available and for delivery of correspondence.

Please note:

Unit 1 designated office shall be the Tribal Court Office, located at the George Nolan Judicial Building.

Unit 2 designated office shall be the Hessel Community Center.

Unit 3 designated office shall be the Kewadin Shores Security Office.

Unit 4 designated office shall be the ACFS Office in the Manistique Tribal Center.

Unit 5 designated office shall be the Munising Tribal Center.