



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CANDIDATES FOR THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF NISHNAWBE ASKI NATION ANNOUNCED TODAY

THUNDER BAY, ON: Larry Amos, the Electoral Officer responsible for the August 2009 election for the Executive Council of Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN), has received and approved nomination papers from the following persons for the position of Grand Chief (1) and Deputy Grand Chief (3):

Candidates for Grand Chief

- RoseAnne Archibald
- Stan Beardy
- Alvin Fiddler
- David Neegan

Candidates for Deputy Grand Chief

- Patrick Cheechoo
- David Fletcher
- Joshua Frogg
- Connie Gray-McKay
- Scott Jacob
- Mike Koostachin
- Les Louttit
- Mike Metatawabin
- Andrew Reuben
- Terry Waboose

According to the NAN Election Code an eligible candidate must be:

1. A status Indian.
2. A member of a recognized NAN First Nation.
3. 18 years of age at the time of the election.

Chiefs and proxies from NAN's 49 First Nation communities will vote Wednesday August 12, 2009 during the XXVIII Keewaywin NAN Chiefs Assembly in Chapleau Cree First Nation (Fox Lake Reserve). Elections are held in accordance with the NAN Election Code, which states that a candidate must obtain 50 per cent plus one of the votes cast to be elected.

The official campaign period will run from Wednesday July 15, 2009 to Wednesday August 12, 2009.

Contact information provided by candidates including their biographies, campaign contacts, phone numbers and more information on the NAN Election Code is available at www.nanelection.ca.

Please note: Media will have to contact candidates directly to arrange interviews as NAN policy does not allow NAN staff to assist candidates in their campaign work, including media interviews.

Nishnawbe Aski Nation is a political territorial organization representing 49 First Nation communities in James Bay Treaty 9 and Ontario portions of Treaty 5 – an area covering two thirds of the province of Ontario.

For questions on the NAN Election Code and requirements please contact *Larry Amos, Electoral Officer, (204) 677 0239.*

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