

How to nominate a candidate

The nomination meeting will take place between February 7 and 22, and will last for four hours.

Any voter (a member of Sagkeeng over the age of 18) can nominate or second a candidate, but each person can **only** nominate or second **one** candidate for each position (i.e. one person for Chief, one person for Councillor).

When nominating a candidate, you must explain at the nomination meeting why you are nominating that person. If you can't make it to the meeting, you can submit your explanation in advance, to the Electoral Officer.

Nomination Forms provided in advance must be received by the Electoral Officer the day before the Nomination Meeting takes place.

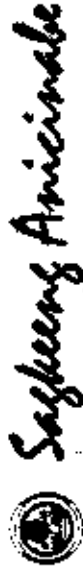
The person being nominated has to accept or decline their nomination. If they are not at the nomination meeting, they can accept the nomination in writing before the nomination meeting ends. They also must explain why they were not at the nomination meeting, and the Electoral Officer will read the explanation out loud.

Each person can only be nominated for one position—Chief or Councillor.

Election Timeline

All dates in 2019.

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| Electoral Officer appointed | January 8 |
| Membership list given to Electoral Officer | January 23 |
| Last day to post Notice of Election | February 7 |
| Nomination Meeting | Between Feb 7 and 22 |
| Last day to request mail ballot | March 18 |
| Advance Polls | March 31 |
| Election Day | April 8, 2019 |
| Last day for submitting an appeal | May 8 |
| Ballots destroyed | May 23 (or after last appeal is decided, whichever is later) |



KĀKĒKANĀWOK ONAKONIGAWIN

ELECTION LAW

Information for Voters

In January 2018, all members of Sagkeeng were invited to vote to ratify Sagkeeng's new Election Law, the *Kākēkanāwok Onakonigawin*. The law was ratified, and the 2019 Sagkeeng Election will be conducted under that law.

This is part of a series of pamphlets to help Sagkeeng members understand the new law.

To download a full copy of the *Kākēkanāwok Onakonigawin*, go to: <https://bit.ly/2PXa2VA>

Positions to be Elected

Starting in the 2019 election, 6 people will be elected as Councillors, and 1 person as Chief. This is an increase from the 4 councillors currently.

Eligibility for all positions will be the same (section 5-12 of the Law):

- Submit a Nomination Form;
- 18 years old as of Election Day;
- Member of Sagkeeng;
- Not been convicted of an indictable offence under the Criminal Code in the last 5 years and not been convicted of any offence involving fraud in the last 5 years;
- Produce a criminal record check, conducted no more than 6 months before the Nomination Meeting;
 - A conviction arising out of Aboriginal or Treaty rights is excluded from this section and will not prevent you from being a candidate.
- Not listed on the Child Abuse Registry, as proved by producing a Vulnerable Sector Screening check no more than 6 months.
- Is properly nominated and seconded.

Accountability

CODE OF CONDUCT

Starting after the 2019 election, all members of Council must abide by a code of conduct (sections 17-19 of the Law). Members of Council must:

- Honour, respect and model the Seven Teachings;
 - Strictly maintain the confidentiality of the personal and financial information of employees and members of Sagkeeng;
 - Treat other members of Council, and other members of Sagkeeng, with respect;
 - Not use their position to unjustly enrich themselves or their immediate families;
 - Not participate in any decision which would result in a conflict of interest;
 - Not engage in conduct which is racist, sexist or discriminatory;
 - Not use their power in an abuse or oppressive manner.
- Any member of Sagkeeng who thinks a member of Council has breached the Code of Conduct can bring their allegation to a joint session of Executive Council and Delegates' Council, which has the power to remove the Councillor.

RECALL PETITION

Members of Sagkeeng now have the ability to create a Recall Petition (section 37 of the Law).

To create a Recall Petition, the Member first must get permission from the Lawmakers Assembly, and then must collect signatures from at least "50% plus 1 of the number of Electors who voted in the immediately preceding general election". In other words if 1000 people voted in the last election, 501 of the people who actually voted in that election would have to sign the petition.

If a Recall Petition collects enough valid signatures, the member of Council in question is automatically removed from office.

Voting

All Sagkeeng members over 18 are eligible to vote.

Before the election, the Electoral Officer will post the voters list publicly in Sagkeeng. Voters can request that the list be corrected if their name is left off the voters list, their name is on the voters list but is incorrect or if person's name is on the voters list, but it shouldn't be (for example, if that person is not a Sagkeeng Member, or has died).

There are three ways to vote: on Election Day, at Advance Polls, or by Mail.

ELECTION DAY

On Election Day there will be three polling stations. One on the North Shore, one on the South Shore and one in Winnipeg. Anyone can vote on Election Day, as long as they have not already voted.

ADVANCE POLLS

The Advance Polls will take place for one day on March 31, 2019. There will only be one polling station, and Advance Polls will alternate each election between the North Shore and South Shore. Anyone can vote in Advance Polls, unless they received a Mail Ballot. You do not need a special reason to vote in Advance Polls.

MAIL BALLOT

If you meet the criteria in section 86 of the Law, you can get a Mail Ballot. This applies if:

- Your permanent residence is outside Treaty 1;
- You live outside Treaty 1 temporarily for employment, medical or educational purposes;
- You live in Treaty 1, but will not be able to attend a voting location without suffering undue hardship.

To request a Mail Ballot, you must send the proper form to the Electoral Officer no later than March 18th.