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SPECIAL RULES FOR THE BY-ELECTION OF THE NAN GRAND CHIEF AT KEEWAYWIN ON AUGUST 16, 2023

The general NAN *Election Procedures for the Offices of Grand Chief and Deputy Grand Chiefs* (attached) shall be followed with any appropriate and reasonable adjustments due to the special circumstances of the Grand Chief By-Election on August 16, 2023.

Without limiting the scope of such adjustments, the following Special Rules shall apply:

1. Only the office of Grand Chief is open for election. Any resulting vacancy among the Executive Council shall be filled through by-election at the next duly convened Chiefs Conference, in accordance with section 5.4(a) of NAN By-Law #1.
2. The term of office for the Grand Chief shall be one (1) year, ending at the 2024 Keewaywin.
3. Each NAN First Nation Chief or proxy holding delegate is entitled to one (1) vote for the position of Grand Chief.
4. The appointment of the Electoral Officer will be made by the NAN Governance Committee (authority delegated by the Finance Committee) at least sixty (60) days in advance of the election day (**Friday June 16, 2023**).
5. All nominations for Grand Chief must be received by the Electoral Officer forty (40) days before the election day (**Friday July 7, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. EST**). That is the closing date for nominations (see attached Grand Chief Nomination Form).



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6. Current NAN Deputy Grand Chiefs are permitted to run in the by-election and seek the seat of Grand Chief. Any Deputy Grand Chief who declares their intention to run in the by-election, will not be required to vacate their seat as Deputy Grand Chief, but will be required to enter "caretaker mode" during the 30-day campaign period.
7. If a current Deputy Grand Chief is elected as Grand Chief, a subsequent by-election will be held for the vacant seat in accordance with the NAN Bylaws. If a current NAN Deputy Grand Chief runs in the by-election and is not successful, they will resume their role as Deputy Grand Chief until the full NAN elections at Keewaywin in 2024.
8. Each candidate must verify, in writing, with the Electoral Officer that the candidate is eligible and willing to run for office. This written verification must be received by the Electoral Officer forty (40) days before the election day (see attached NAN Grand Chief Declaration Form).
9. A list of the candidates for Grand Chief shall be circulated by regular mail and electronic mail to all NAN First Nations and Tribal Councils as soon as possible after the closing date for nominations, but no less than thirty (30) days before the election day.
10. The Campaign Period shall be defined as the period of time the candidates can campaign as determined by the Electoral Officer after the closing date for nominations, but not less than thirty (30) days (**Monday July 17, 2023**) before the election day.

NOTE: These special rules apply only to the Grand Chief by-election on August 16, 2023. The NAN Governance Committee may develop general by-election rules going forward.

