



## Community Consultation – Proposed Custom Election Act

Muscowpetung Saulteaux Nation 2021

Muscowpetung Saulteaux Nation (“**Muscowpetung**”) elects its Chief and Council using rules set out in the *Indian Act*. Chief and Council are considering moving Muscowpetung away from the *Indian Act*, and toward a Custom Election Act. This move would help put Muscowpetung in control of its own governance and is consistent with Muscowpetung’s inherent right to self-determination.

Chief and Council have prepared a draft of the proposed Custom Election Act. The proposed draft includes some important changes to Muscowpetung’s elections. These changes may include:

1. Chief and Council’s term in office would change from two years, to either three years or four years
2. In addition to the polling station on reserve, there would be a second polling station in Regina
3. Potential for having set Council positions for on- and off-reserve Councillors
4. New rules would be introduced for mail-in ballots to fight against vote-buying
5. Introduction of fees to run in elections - \$1,000 for candidates running for Chief, \$500 for candidates running for Councillor
6. New rules for appeals, intended to discourage appeals without merit

**Chief and Council are asking all community Members to provide feedback on these issues, and anything else Members believe is important for Muscowpetung’s elections.** All Member feedback will be collected over the next month and considered when finalizing the draft of the Custom Election Act.

To learn more about the proposed Custom Election Act, please see the links below:

[Included: Draft of proposed Custom Election Act]

[Included: PowerPoint Presentation from Community Meeting]

[Video of Custom Election Act presentation at Community Meeting on Official Muscowpetung Saulteaux Nation #80 Facebook]

If you have any questions about the Custom Election Act, or would like to provide your feedback, please contact:

Muscowpetung Chief and Council  
(306) 723-4747  
[info@muscowpetung.com](mailto:info@muscowpetung.com)

**Please provide all feedback no later than Monday, October 11, 2021.** The date of the vote to ratify the Custom Election Act has not yet been set. Chief and Council will provide notice when the date of the vote has been decided.

Chief Melissa Tavita

Council:

- Barry Cappo
- Byron Toto
- Shane Keepness
- Terence Cappo
- Thomas Pratt