

# Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Election board

## **Alternative Voting Procedures**

Pursuant to the most recently adopted Election and Referendum Ordinance (TCR 2022-\_\_) the Election Board has the authority to adopt alternate voting procedures. The Election Board establishes the following for alternate voting procedures for in-home voting, curbside voting, and absentee voting.

#### Section 1—In-Home Voting

To be eligible for in-home voting an eligible voter must reside with the boundaries of the Reservation as established in the 1796 Treaty with the Seven Nations of Canada. A person must call the Tribal Clerk's Office by the date established by the Election Board and posted in the notice to the Community. The person(s) requesting the in-home voting must provide a reason to request this method of voting. The Tribal Clerk or designee may deny such a request.

When conducting the in-home voting, the Tribal Clerk or designee shall be accompanied by at least one (1) member of the Election Board. The Election Board member shall deliver the ballot(s) with an envelope to the person. After a person has filled out the ballot(s), the Tribal Clerk or designee shall place the ballot(s) and affirmation in a sealed envelope and then place the same in the absentee ballot box.

### Section 2—Curbside Voting

During voting, if a person comes to the Ionkwakiohkwaro:ron Administration Building or any other place designated by the Election Board to vote and the person cannot come into the building for any reason, the Tribal Clerk or designee shall verify the person's eligibility to vote and the Tribal Clerk or the designee shall accompany an Election Board Member to the vehicle. Once at the vehicle, the Tribal Clerk or designee shall verify the person's identity and eligibility to vote. The person shall receive the ballot(s) from the Election Board Member along with an affirmation in an envelope. Once the person has finished, they will place the ballot(s) and affirmation in the envelope and return it to the Tribal Clerk or designee. Upon entering the Polling Place, the Tribal Clerk or designee shall place the ballot box.

#### Section 3—Absentee Voting

For each Election or Referendum, the Election Board meets along with the Tribal Clerk or designee to decide specific dates upon which an Eligible Voter may request an absentee ballot and the date upon which an absentee ballot must be received by the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe. These dates are communicated to the tribal membership via a notice published by the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Communications Department. Once absentee ballots can be requested, an eligible voter may call the Tribal Clerk's Office to request an absentee ballot. The Tribal Clerk's Office shall maintain a list of such requests and shall mail the absentee ballots along with an affirmation to those who have requested such ballots. The Election Board shall retrieve the absentee ballots from the United States Post Office and insert such ballots in the appropriate ballot box (Absentee Ballot Box). The Tribal Clerk or designee may decide in its discretion whether to have an alternate drop-off box for absentee ballots other than the United States Post Office. Such alternate drop-off location must be communicated to the Tribal Membership via the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Communications Department.

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