



## Notice to Members

### Biigtigong Nishnaabeg Election 2025

An election for Chief and Council of Biigtigong Nishnaabeg will take place on **Saturday October 25, 2025**. Members will select 1 Chief and twelve (12) Council members to serve a four (4) year term (November 2, 2025 – November 1, 2029). Candidates must be registered Biigtigong Nishnaabeg members and 18+ to run.

#### **Training for Chief and Council candidates:**

Training sessions will be held for members who would like to learn more about Chief and Council legal duties. These sessions are not mandatory, but candidates for Chief and Council members are **strongly encouraged** to attend. These sessions will take place:

- June 11, 2025 from 6:00pm – 8:30 pm in Biigtigong Nishnaabeg;
- June 12, 2025 from 6:00pm – 8:30 pm in Thunder Bay;
- June 18, 2025 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 virtual.

To pre-register for these sessions, please click <https://forms.gle/i6gB4S4HsSw4DJiX9>. Off-reserve members can also use that link to share their up-to-date mailing address on a **confidential** basis.

Biigtigong Nishnaabeg will select and work with an Electoral Officer to comply with the requirements set out in the *First Nations Elections Act*, to ensure a fair election is held.

#### **Some important timelines:**

- The election period is 65 days (starts no later than August 21, 2025);
- A voters list, including the voter's last known address, is given to the Electoral Officer, at the commencement of the election period;
- Notice of the nomination meeting will be given at least 25 days before the meeting;
- The nomination meeting will take place at least 35 days before the election (no later than September 20, 2025);
- Nominated candidates must sign a declaration of acceptance if they intend to keep their name on the ballot;
- Electors must request a mail-in ballot to receive one and will need to provide valid identification. Mail in voting packages must be mailed to voters who do not reside on reserve 30 days before the election is to be held (no later than September 25, 2025);
- Requests for a mail-in ballot must be received by the Electoral Officer at least 10 days before the election.
- After the 10-day mark, no mail- in ballots will be distributed.

If you have any questions, please attend the training sessions, or email [Nicole.richmond@nish-law.com](mailto:Nicole.richmond@nish-law.com).

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