

MEMORANDUM

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TO: NAN Chiefs & NAN Tribal Councils
FROM: Melinda Meekis, Chief Administrative Officer
DATE: June 22, 2023
CC: NAN Executive & NAN Staff

Please be advised that the 41st Annual Keewaywin Conference has been confirmed for August 15, 16 & 17, 2023. This conference will take place at the Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre.

The by-election for the position of Grand Chief of Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) has been called for August 16, 2023 during the 2023 Keewaywin Conference.

The Keewaywin Awards Banquet will take place the evening of Wednesday August 16, 2023 at the Victoria Inn. Nomination forms can be found on the website www.nan.ca

CONFIRMATIONS/REGISTRATION

Registration is now open Chiefs/Proxies are asked to complete a registration form to confirm his/her attendance on the link provided here: [41st Keewaywin Conference](#)

PROXIES

If you are unable to attend, a proxy may be sent. Proxy notice must be sent in advance on your first nation letterhead and signed by the Chief and Council or a quorum of the Council. This letter will ensure that the proxy has full conference privileges to act on your behalf. The designated proxy should bring the original letter to the meeting. A sample proxy letter is attached.

Please send proxy letters to the attention of Grace Winter via email gwinter@nan.ca or by fax (807)623-7730.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Travel will be covered for Chiefs/Proxies. Travel days are Monday August 14, 2023 and Friday August 18, 2023. Air travel will be booked by NAN staff or for the use of a personal vehicle; mileage will be covered and based on the NAN rate. As required by NAN Chiefs Finance Committee, the most economical arrangements will be made to keep the overall costs to a minimum.



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ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodations for the Chiefs/Proxies, Elders, Women & Youth Councils will be booked by NAN Staff.

NAN ELDERS, NAN WOMEN'S COUNCIL AND NAN YOUTH COUNCIL

The NAN Elders Council, Women's Council and the Oshkaatisak (Young Peoples) Council are invited to attend. NAN will cover their travel expenses and accommodations. NAN staff will contact NAN Elders, Women and Oshkaatisak members directly to register and make arrangement.

First Nation & Tribal Councils bringing additional Elders are responsible for all expenses incurred including travel, accommodations and honorarium.

Elders Council registration contact is Kelsie Demontigny, she can be reached by email kdemontigny@nan.ca or by phone at 1 (800)465-9952.

Womens Council registration contact is Loretta Sheshequin, she can be reached by email lsheshequin@nan.ca or by phone at 1 (800) 465-9952.

Oshkaatisak Council's registration contact is Joseph Carew, he can be reached by email jcarew@nan.ca or by phone at 1 (800) 465-9952.

RESOLUTIONS – DEADLINE: FRIDAY July 28, 2023

Resolutions to be considered at the Keewaywin Conference can be forwarded electronically to Luke Hunter at lhunter@nan.ca or via fax at (807) 623-7730.

OPEN CALL TO CHIEFS FOR AGENDA ITEMS – DEADLINE: FRIDAY July 28, 2023

If there are any priority issues or items that you wish to discuss at the Keewaywin Conference, please contact Melinda Meekis by email mmeekis@nan.ca or by phone at (807) 708-3173 / 1 (800) 465-9952. Open call for agenda items is for Chiefs only.

BY-ELECTION

The Chief Electoral Officer will oversee all aspects of the by-election process and will deal with any and all issues during the campaign period and election process. Contact information for the Chief Electoral Officer will be available at www.nanelection.ca

If you require any additional information or require clarification, please contact Charlene Yerxa by email cyerxa@nan.ca or phone at (807) 625-4914 / 1(800) 465-9952.

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