

# Naskapi Nation of Kawawachikamach

## *Elections 2024 – Election Dates*

At the nomination meeting held on 17 July 2024, some Electors asked about the possibility of changing the dates of the upcoming Council elections.

The rules governing Council elections are contained in By-law No. 561 (being a by-law respecting Elections for Chief, Deputy Chief, and Councillors of the Naskapi Nation of Kawawachikamach and Repealing By-laws Nos 95 and 100 (the “By-law”).

Section 6 of the By-law, states that: *The Council shall call an election by resolution. The resolution shall state the purpose of the election, whether general or otherwise, and shall fix the time and place within Category IA-N lands of the election.* The section also references travelling polls, advance polls, etc.

Once Council completes this task, the Returning Officer is responsible for supervising the conduct of elections in accordance with the Naskapi Act and the By-law.

The circumstances in which a Returning Officer can change the date of an election are governed by Section 34 of the By-law, which states: *In the case of extraordinary circumstances, or a force majeure (emphasis added), the Returning Officer may declare that the election will not be held or will not be concluded at the time provided and shall be delayed for a period not exceeding seven days. In such a case, the provisions of Parts IX and X of this By-law shall apply mutatis mutandis to such election.*

Considering that the circumstances referenced in Section 34 have not been met, the dates of the election must remain the same as those originally posted in the Notice of Election dated 9 July 2024 and in the Notice of Poll dated 19 July 2024.

Yours truly,



John Henry Wapachee  
Returning Officer  
19 July 2024