

REGULATION FOR THE COVID-19 ADJUSTED CONDUCT OF THE 2021 GRAND CHIEF NOMINATION AND ELECTION

WHEREAS the Public Health Orders of the Chief Public Health Officer of the NWT will impact the ability of Tłıchq citizens gathering together in one place for this year's Annual Gathering which this year includes the Grand Chief nomination process;

AND WHEREAS the Grand Chief Nomination and Election Law was amended to allow for a revised process for a 2021 nomination and election that can adjust for Covid-19 safety and Public Health Orders of the Chief Public Health Officer of the NWT.

The Tłıchq Assembly, under section 42 of the *Grand Chief Nomination and Election Law Amendment 2013*, as amended, makes these Regulations for the Covid-19 Adjusted Conduct of the 2021 Grand Chief Nomination and Election.

TIME LIMITED APPLICATION

1. These regulations apply solely to the 2021 Grand Chief nomination and election.

NOMINATIONS

2. (1) Tłıchq citizens shall nominate candidates for the position of Grand Chief in person during the nomination meeting at the Annual Gathering in either Behchokò, Whati, Gamèti, or Wekweèti. The locations of the nomination meeting are intended to be:
 - (i) Behchokò: Sportsplex Arena
 - (ii) Whati: Johnny Nitsiza Cultural Centre
 - (iii) Gamèti: Community Government Hall
 - (iv) Wekweèti: Youth Centre
- (2) A nominee shall accept or decline a nomination at the nomination meeting during the Annual Gathering at any one of the locations listed in section 2(1) above when asked to do so by the Chair.

- (3) The Registrar may authorize Deputy Registrars for each of the approved locations listed in section 2(1) above to assist in the nomination meeting during the Annual Gathering.

WITHDRAWAL

3. (1) A candidate may withdraw from candidacy at anytime before acclamation or the opening of advance polls by filing with the Registrar a written withdrawal of the nomination, signed by the candidate personally, and delivered to the Registrar by
 - (i) electronic email; or
 - (ii) submission in-person at the office of the Registrar.

CASTING OF BALLOTS

4. (1) The Registrar is authorized to limit the number of agents a candidate can have in a polling place as witnesses to voting operations to no more than one, if the Registrar considers it necessary to protect the health and safety of those inside the polling place.
- (2) The Registrar or any of his or her authorized Deputy Registrars, may, for the purposes of protecting the health and safety of the electors, limit the number of electors allowed in the polling place at one time.

REGISTRAR

5. (1) The Registrar is authorized to ensure that the 2021 Grand Chief nomination and election process and procedures are carried out in such a manner that will protect the health and safety of Tłıchǰ citizens and all individuals who take part in the 2021 Grand Chief nomination and election process, including following any order made by the office of the Chief Public Health Officer of the NWT which may be in place at that time.
- (2) The Registrar is authorized and instructed to make such changes to the Registrar's Grand Chief Election Rules and forms as are necessary to give effect to these regulations.

- (3) The Registrar may refer a question regarding the interpretation of these regulations to the Chief's Executive Council at any time in the course of his or her duties, and the Chief's Executive Council may provide the Registrar with directions.

COMING INTO FORCE

6. These regulations shall come into force on a date fixed by the Chief's Executive Council.

Regulation approved on April 22, 2021.



Grand Chief George Mackenzie