



Caldwell First Nation

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2021 Caldwell First Nation Election Update from Council

Council has appointed an Electoral Officer, John Peters, for Caldwell's 2021 Election for Chief and Council. John Peters has been the electoral officer for Caldwell First Nation in the past and has helped the Nation with ratification votes in recent years.

Historically, Caldwell elections have been held in the month of June (*other than by-elections or elections ordered by the federal government). Please refer to the chart below for the most recent five elections.

Nomination	Advance Poll	Election Date
*December 15, 2018	*February 9, 2019	*February 16, 2019 By-Election
*November 25, 2017	*January 13, 2018	*January 20, 2018
May 2, 2015	<i>No Advance Poll</i>	June 27, 2015
April 30, 2011	<i>No Advance Poll</i>	June 25, 2011
January 13, 2007	March 3, 2007	March 17, 2007
Unknown	Unknown	*February 3, 2003
April 21, 2001	June 2, 2001	June 9, 2001

Due to various factors, including COVID-19 (we have had at least two members test positive for COVID-19 and Windsor-Essex entering the "yellow zone"), border crossing restrictions and mandatory quarantining for fourteen days when crossing into Canada, mail delays, limitations on in-person attendance, Election and Membership Code Ratification, weather conditions in January/February, and historical election dates, Council has opted to postpone advanced polls until May 29, 2021 and the election for June 5, 2021. Electoral Officer John Peters has confirmed his availability for these dates and has begun working with Administration on planning how the elections will be carried out, in respect of the pandemic and the health and wellbeing of the community. Once final dates are confirmed for nominations, the membership will be updated promptly. Once the nomination date has been confirmed, details about campaign materials will be distributed.

We recognize that this decision may not be everyone's preference but it was not a decision we took lightly. The health and safety of all Caldwell members is our top priority and ensuring equal opportunities for members across Turtle Island to be able to travel and/or vote in-person was also taken into consideration.

Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to providing further details in the coming weeks and months.

Sincerely,

Caldwell First Nation Council

