

# Instructions for Mail-In Voting

Dear Elector:

As per the attached *Polling Notice*, an election for one (1) Chief, six (6) Councillors and three (3) Youth Councillors of the **Chippewas Of The Blue River First Nation** is currently underway.

As a member of this First Nation, you are entitled to vote, provided you will be at least 18 years of age on the date of the election. To assist you in casting a vote, please find enclosed a mail-in voting package consisting of:

- a ballot for the position of Chief with the Electoral Officer's initials on the back
- a ballot for the position of Councillor with the Electoral Officer's initials on the back
- a ballot for the position of Youth Councillor with the Electoral Officer's initials on the back
- an outer, postage-paid pre-addressed return envelope
- a second inner envelope marked with the word "Ballot"
- a *Voter Declaration Accompanying the Mail-In Ballot*

**Carefully follow the steps below to ensure that your ballot is valid and will not be rejected.**

**1. ON THE BALLOT FOR CHIEF:**

Mark an "**X**" in the box immediately to the right of the name of the candidate of your choice. You must choose only **one (1)** candidate.

**2. ON THE BALLOT FOR COUNCILLOR:**

Mark an "**X**" in the box immediately to the right of the names of the candidates of your choice. You may vote for up to **six (6)** councillors.

**3. ON THE BALLOT FOR YOUTH COUNCILLOR:**

Mark an "**X**" in the box immediately to the right of the names of the candidates of your choice. You may vote for up to **three (3)** youth councillors.

4. Fold the ballots in the same way as you received them so that the Electoral Officer's initials are visible.
5. Place the ballots into the envelope marked "Ballot", and seal the envelope.
6. Complete the *Voter Declaration Accompanying the Mail-in Ballot* form. Both you and a witness, who is at least 18 years of age, must sign it.

**Do not** place the *Voter Declaration Accompanying the Mail-in Ballot* form inside the envelope marked "Ballot"

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7. In the larger postage-paid pre-addressed outer envelope, place the completed and signed *Voter Declaration Accompanying the Mail-in Ballot* and the sealed envelope marked "Ballot".
8. Seal and drop the return envelope in the mail as soon as possible. It must be received by the Electoral Officer no later than 9:00 PM on Election Day. Note that ballots received after the close of the poll on **August 10, 2021** will not be counted. You may also hand-deliver it to the Electoral Officer.

**In order for your ballots to be counted, they must be accompanied by a completed Voter Declaration form, signed by you and a witness.**

Although you have received this mail-in voting package, you may still choose to vote in person, at the polling station, on Election Day. The location(s) is/are indicated on the *Polling Notice*. If you choose to vote in person, please bring your mail-in ballot to the polling station so that it may be voided. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-123-4567, or by e-mail at [electoralofficer@cotbrfn.ca](mailto:electoralofficer@cotbrfn.ca).

Yours truly,

**Fred Fairness**  
Electoral Officer