



Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation

Election Notice - Running Candidates

Friday 13 February 2026

CHIEF CANDIDATES

- Danka Brewer
- Doreen Davis

COUNCIL CANDIDATES

- Robert Allan Badour Jr.
- Patricia (Pat) Crawford
- Jamie John Deyo
- Connie Antoinette Deroneth
- Teddy Alexander Deroneth
- Gerald William Guigue
- Jacqueline Elizabeth Maxwell
- Jacqueline (Jacqui) Salmond
- Rhonda Wannamaker

Election Chief and Council – Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation

Voting Date: Saturday 28 March 2026

Polling Location: Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation Cultural Center, Central Frontenac, ON K0H 2P0, Highway 7, Sharbot Lake, ON.

Polling Hours: 8:00am – 8:00pm

Chief Electoral Officer: Larry McDermott

SCHEDULE A

ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT CHIEF AND COUNCIL FOR THE SHABOT OBAADJIWAN FIRST NATION

On January 19, 2026, the Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation, in accordance with the Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation Election Rules, called for an election for the positions of Chief and Council.

The election for one (1) Chief and seven (7) Councilors, to serve a four (4) year term, will take place on:

Date: March 28, 2026

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location: Shabot Obaadjiwan first Nation Cultural Center, Sharbot Lake, Ontario

Nominations

Nomination Forms may be obtained from the Chief Electoral Officer at:

Location: Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation Cultural center, Sharbot Lake, Ontario

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., beginning **January 19, 2026**:

Phone Number: **343-989-0318**

Completed Nomination Forms for Chief or Councilor must be submitted no later than:

Deadline: **February 9, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. EST.**

Submission Location: In person at the **Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation Cultural Center**,

Email: shabotobaadjiwan@gmail.com or mail to PO Box 175, Sharbot Lake, ON, K0H 2P0:

Mail-In Ballots

Mail-In Ballot packages will be mailed to all individuals on the posted Voters List by:

Mail-Out Date: February 20, 2026

Completed Mail-In Ballots must be received no later than:

Return Deadline: March 27, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. EST

Return Address:

A prepaid return envelope is included with the ballot package.

Voters List

The final Voters List will be posted at the Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation Office on January 19, 2026.

Please confirm that your name appears on the Voters List and that the Chief Electoral Officer has your correct mailing address. **Mail-In Ballots cannot be issued if your address is not current.**

For further information, contact:

Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation Cultural Center

Phone: **343-989-0318**

THE SHABOT OBAADJIWAN FIRST NATION

2026

ELECTION RULES

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ELECTION RULES

For the Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation
Revised & Amended on December 14, 2025

1. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- 1.1 To create a Unified voice for the Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation in matters related to the protection of Aboriginal Culture, and Algonquin Aboriginal Rights and Title.
- 1.2 To undertake a fair, open, democratic, and transparent election process.
- 1.3 To provide a framework that enables the Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation to promote and protect its social, economic, and political interests.

2. PURPOSE OF ELECTION

- 2.1 To elect a Chief and Council who will diligently represent the Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation in matters concerning our Algonquin Aboriginal Rights, Title, and participation in the Algonquin Treaty Negotiations.
- 2.2 To elect the Leadership of the Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation through a fair, open, democratic, and transparent process, that fosters accountability, integrity, and unity within the Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation.

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1 ***Algonquins of Ontario Proposed Beneficiaries Criteria*** means the eligibility criteria set out in the Algonquin Negotiation Representatives (ANR) Special Resolution on the Proposed Beneficiary Criteria, dated January 22, 2020, under ANR Motion 20200211-10.

3.2 ***Candidate*** means an individual who is on the Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation voter's list and who is nominated in accordance with these Election Rules to run for election for the leadership of this community.

3.3 ***Chief Electoral Officer*** means the individual hired by the Shabot Obaadjiwan Chief and Council to ensure that these rules are complied with throughout the Election Process.

3.4 ***Election Day*** means the day set by the Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation upon which all voting except by mail in ballot voting takes place.

3.5 ***Electoral Office*** means the office where all Voters' Lists and other documents related to the election are located, for which the Chief Electoral Officer is responsible.

3.6 **Leadership** means the Chief and Council, elected by the members of Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation, who are entrusted with carrying out the responsibilities outlined in the Purpose of these elections.

3.7 **Mail in Ballot** means a ballot provided to a Voter in accordance with these Election Rules.

3.8 **Scrutineer** means an individual appointed by a Candidate to observe the opening of Mail-In Ballots and the counting of Ballots. A Scrutineer must be an Elector within the community where the election is held but may not be a Candidate in that election.

3.9 **Vice Chief** means a Councilor elected from among the members of the Council in accordance with these Election Rules, who is entitled to attend and participate in meetings of the Legislative Assembly and who, in the absence or incapacity of the Chief, is authorized to exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Chief.

3.10 **Volunteer** means an individual appointed by the Chief Electoral Officer to assist in the performance of the Chief Electoral Officer's duties. Volunteers shall not be Candidates in the election

3.11 **Voter** means an individual who is eligible to vote pursuant to Section 4 of the Election Rules.

3.12 **Voters List** means the list of Voters from the Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation, approved by the Chief Electoral Officer, who are eligible to vote in this Community Election.

3.13 **CPIC** Canadian Police Information Centre provides information about crimes and criminals.

4. VOTERS AND VOTERS LISTS

4.1 A Voters List does not constitute a list of Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation members.

4.2 An Individual is entitled to be listed as a Voter if that individual is:

- a) Not a beneficiary of any other land claims;
- b) Eligible under the Algonquins of Ontario Proposed Beneficiaries Criteria.
- c) Not a registered voter, pursuant to the *Indian Act* R.S.C. 1985, or of a First Nation other than the Algonquins' of Pikwakanagan.
- d) Is of sound mind.

4.3 The Chief Electoral Officer has the authority to refuse to list any individual who, in their judgment, does not meet the citizenship requirements set out in the Algonquins of Ontario Proposed Beneficiaries Criteria. The decision of the Chief Electoral Officer under this section is final for the purposes of these Election Rules.

4.5 The Chief Electoral Officer shall submit a final Voter's List at least sixty (60) days prior to the Election date.

4.6 The Chief Electoral Officer shall keep the sealed Voter's List for the Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation in the Electoral Office. This sealed Voter's List shall constitute the official Voter's List in the event of any discrepancies.

4.7 A final copy of the Voter's List shall be posted in the Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation Cultural Center and other locations as designated by the Chief Electoral Officer.

5. ELECTION DATE AND NOTICE

5.1 The Election Date shall be set by the Chief and Council of the Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation.

5.2 The Chief and Council may, by unanimous agreement, select an alternate Election Date. The Chief Electoral Officer shall announce any change to the Election Date in accordance with this section.

5.3 The Chief Electoral Officer shall, at least sixty (60) days prior to the Election Date, post the form attached to these Rules as Schedule A announcing the Election Date in each of the following locations:

- a) Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation Cultural Center, located at Highway #7 Sharbot Lake, Ontario.
- b) The Two Eagles Trading Post; and
- c) Local and Regional Newspapers (optional)
- d) Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation Web Site

6. CANDIDATES AND NOMINATIONS

6.1 One (1) CHIEF and seven (7) COUNCILORS shall be elected for the Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation through these Election Rules.

6.2

- a) Any candidate must be a Voter.
- b) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- c) Must have no criminal record and provide a recent CPIC.
- d) Is of sound mind.
- e) Is not a registered member, pursuant to the Indian Act R.S.C 1985, or of a First Nation other than the Algonquins' of Pikwakanagan.
- f) Can fulfill the duties set out in Schedules (R) and (S).
- g) Must attend all by-weekly and emergency Council meetings called by the Chief at the Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation Cultural Center.

6.3 Any number of nominations may be accepted.

6.4 All nominations must be submitted on the Nomination Form set out as Schedules “B” and “C” to these Rules. Each Nomination Form must be supported by ten (10) Voters from the posted Voters List.

6.5 Nomination forms shall be made available by the Chief Electoral Officer at least sixty (60) days prior to the Election Date.

6.6 Nominations for Candidates shall close at 4:00pm, forty-five (45) days prior to the Election Date. Any nominations submitted after that time shall not be accepted.

6.7 The Chief Electoral Officer shall verify all nominations to ensure the eligibility of each Candidate and their willingness to stand for the position being sought. The Chief Electoral Officer shall complete the Candidate Verification Form set out in Schedule “G”

6.8 Upon receipt of all Candidates’ Verification Forms, the Chief Electoral Officer shall place their official seal on each form. In the event of any discrepancy, these forms shall constitute the official record of the Candidates’ names.

6.9 The list of Candidates, as verified pursuant to section 6.7, shall be published by the Chief Electoral Officer within three (3) business days of the close of the nominations.

6.10 Any Candidate may withdraw their name up to February 17, 2026, by completing the Notice of Withdrawal Form set out as in Schedules “D” and “E” and submitting a copy to the Chief Electoral Officer.

6.11 The position of Chief shall be filled by the Candidate receiving the most votes in accordance with these Election Rules.

6.12 If there is only one Candidate at the close of nominations, that Candidate shall be acclaimed Chief of the Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation.

6.13 The first seven (7) Candidates receiving the most votes shall form the Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation Council.

6.14 If there are only seven (7) Candidates at the close of nominations, those Candidates shall be acclaimed as the Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation Council.

6.15 At the first meeting of the Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation Chief and Council, a Vice-Chief shall be elected by secret ballot. In the event of a tie, the Chief shall have the deciding vote.

7. ELECTION BALLOTS

7.1 A station shall be established in the Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation Cultural Center located 7 kilometers west on Highway 7 from the junction of Road 38 and Number 7 Highway and shall be open between 8am and 8pm as posted in the Election Day Announcement Form Schedule “A”.

7.2 A Mail-In Ballot, together with the Declaration of Elector/Voter form set out in Schedules “H” and “I” of these Election Rules, shall be sent to all individuals appearing on the Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation Voters List. Both the Ballot and the Declaration Form must be completed by the actual Voter listed on the Voters List and placed inside the unmarked envelope provided. This unmarked envelope must then be sealed and placed inside the provided pre-stamped envelope, bearing the return address of the Chief Electoral Officer, and mailed. The Mail-In Ballot must be completed by 5:00 p.m. on March 27, 2026. Upon receipt, the Chief Electoral Officer shall place the sealed envelopes into a Ballot Box marked Mail-In Ballots, which shall remain sealed until counting on Election Day. This process ensures that all eligible Algonquins, including those in prison or jail, may vote. Any Ballots received after the deadline shall be considered spoiled and not counted.

7.3 On March 28, 2026, the Chief Electoral Officer, in the presence of at least two (2) volunteers, shall open one (1) Mail-In Ballot box at a time, and count all the Ballots, including spoiled ballots.

7.4 If any Ballot Box seal is broken prior to the official opening for counting, all Ballots contained in that Box shall be rejected and declared spoiled.

7.5 Any ballots on which there is any writing other than an “X” or a check mark, which interferes with determining the selected Candidate, or on which there is more than one “X” or check mark, shall be rejected and declared spoiled.

7.6 Any Ballot marked “Declined” shall be rejected and declared spoiled.

7.7 The Chief Electoral Officer and the Volunteers present shall record the results of the count on separate Voting Results Forms attached to these Elections Rules as Schedule “M”

7.8 In the event of any discrepancy between the Chief Electoral Officer’s results and the Volunteers’ results, the Chief Electoral Officer shall recount the ballots in the presence of the Volunteers. The result of the Chief Electoral Officer’s recount shall be final.

7.9 Once the results are finalized, the Chief Electoral Officer shall retain all the election materials, including accepted, rejected, spoiled, and declined Ballots for a period of ninety (90) days.

8. RESULTS OF VOTING

8.1 The Candidate receiving the most votes for Chief shall be declared elected.

8.2 The first seven (7) Candidates receiving the most votes for Councilor seats shall be declared elected.

8.3 The Chief Electoral Officer shall post the election results, including the number of votes each candidate received, in accordance with the Posting of Election Results Form, attached to these Rules as Schedule “N” and “O”.

8.4 If the elected Chief is unable to complete the four (4) year term for any reason, including resignation, the Vice-Chief shall assume the position for the remainder of the term.

8.5 In the event of a tie, a recount shall be held. If a tie remains after the recount, a run-off election shall be conducted with only those Candidates who tied. If the run-off election results in a second tie, the Elders Advisory Council shall cast the deciding vote.

8.6 If a member of the elected Council is unable to complete the four (4) year term for any reason, including resignation, the defeated Candidate receiving the most votes in the previous election shall assume that position for the remainder of the term. This process shall continue to fill additional vacancies until there are no more defeated Candidates available. If the list of defeated Candidates is exhausted and the date of the next election is more than eight (8) months away, the elected Council may continue with one (1) or two (2) vacant positions. In all other cases, the elected Council shall require the Chief Electoral Officer to conduct a by-election in accordance with these Election Rules, to the extent possible.

9. APPEALING CANDIDATES' NOMINATION OR ELECTION

9.1 Any candidate or individual listed on a Voter's List may protest the election for their community with respect to:

- a) The eligibility of a Candidate; or
- b) The conduct of the election or voting process.

9.2 A protest regarding the eligibility of a Candidate, must be filed within twenty-four (24) hours after the posting of the election results as set out in the Elections Day Announcement Form (Schedule "A").

9.3 A protest regarding the conduct of the election or the voting process must be filed within twenty-four (24) hours after the posting of the election results as set out in the Posting of Election Results Forms (Schedule "N" and "O").

9.4 All protests must:

- a) Be signed by the protestor and four (4) supporters.
- b) Be submitted in writing to the Chief Electoral Officer on the Protest Form attached to these Rules as Schedule "P"; and
- b) Include a fee of \$100.00, payable by cash or certified cheque.

If the Chief Electoral Officer determines that the protest is valid, the \$100.00 fee shall be refunded to the protestor and the four (4) supporters.

9.5 Upon receiving a completed Protest Form, the Chief Electoral Officer shall:

- a) Read and review the Protest; Contact, or make reasonable attempts to contact, the protestor and four (4) supporters listed on the Protest Form;

- b) Make notes, handwritten or otherwise, of discussions between the Chief Electoral Officer, the protestor and each of the four (4) supporters;
- c) Provide a copy of the Protest Form to the individual(s) who are the subject of the complaint;
- d) Contact the individual(s) who are the subject(s) of the Protest. If the protest relates to the election or voting process, the Chief Electoral Officer shall record notes, handwritten or otherwise, using Schedule “Q”, regarding discussions with the individual(s) being complained against; and
- e) Provide a written report, setting out the Chief Electoral Officer’s decision on the protest within ten (10) days of receiving the Protest Form. Copies of the report shall be provided to the protestor, the four (4) supporters, and the individual(s) complained against.

9.6 The Chief Electoral Officer’s decision on a protest is final and not subject to further appeal.

9.7 If the action or decision of the Chief Electoral Officer’s itself is being challenged, the protest may be brought before the Elders Advisory Council for review and final decision within ten (10) days of receiving a completed Protest Form, as set out in Schedule “P”

9.8 If the Elders’ review is necessary, the procedures for investigation set out in s. 9.5(f) of these Election Rules shall apply.