



## GRAND PORTAGE RESERVATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

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February 21, 2019

Dear Grand Portage Band Members, and community:

Our hearts are heavy as we greet you. We acknowledge that our community and band members are experiencing a wide range of emotions and are in the grieving process for the late Norman Deschampe, our Chairman.

On behalf of the Band, we are grateful for Norman's dedication and commitment to serve in this capacity, and to his family for supporting him throughout his career. His life's work had a profound impact on many people, our operations, our community and economic development. We will continue to see the layers of his influence in leadership continue to unfold as time goes on. Norman can never be replaced, yet a vacancy remains within our governing body; the MCT Election Ordinance functions on a strict timeline and a notice must be posted within 10 days (Section 1.2 (B) (4)).

In accordance with the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Election Ordinance, Grand Portage Reservation Tribal Council (AKA Grand Portage Reservation Business Committee) will host a Special Election. Section 1.2 (B) (1) states: If a vacancy due to death, removal or resignation occurs on the Band governing body more than 365 days before the next scheduled Primary election, the Band governing body must call a Special Election to fill such vacancy.

Our response in the midst of this heartbreaking event is important. Our Tribal Council is united. We want to honor Norman in how we move forward together. We ask that we come together as a community and have respect and empathy for one another during this time. Norman laid a firm foundation for Grand Portage in his 45 years serving on the Tribal Council. Together, we will be continuing the work that Norman began.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "April M. McCormick".

April McCormick

Secretary/Treasurer

On behalf of the Grand Portage Tribal Council



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### ANNOUNCEMENT

**TO: GRAND PORTAGE RESERVATION VOTERS**

The **GRAND PORTAGE RESERVATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE AKA GRAND PORTAGE RESERVATION TRIBAL COUNCIL** hereby announces that a Special Election will be held on July 1, 2019 on the GRAND PORTAGE RESERVATION.

This SPECIAL ELECTION provides for a PRIMARY ELECTION on April 29, 2019 in the event there are more than two (2) eligible candidates for the open position.

Elected position to be filled is as follows:

CHAIRPERSON – GRAND PORTAGE RESERVATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE – for the remainder of an unexpired FOUR (4) YEAR TERM

Candidates shall file with the Secretary-Treasurer or her designee during regular business hours beginning on February 22, 2019. Filing will close on March 6, 2019 at 4:30 P.M.

**NOTE:** The Election Ordinance (Revised 12/14/2017) provides that if a candidate receives more than half of the votes cast for that position in the primary, that candidate is the winner and no further election is required for that position.

Attached are the Dates & Guidelines for the 2019 Special Election.

Date: 2/21/19

  
April McCormick, Secretary-Treasurer

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**GRAND PORTAGE  
SPECIAL ELECTION CALENDAR  
FOR CHAIRPERSON  
2019**

February 21, 2019: Election Announcement for Special Primary Election and Posting

February 22, 2019: 8:00 a.m. - Opening of period for filing for office.

March 6, 2019: 4:30 p.m. Close of filing period

March 11, 2019: Notice of Certifications to TEC

March 13, 2019: Notice of Special Primary Election and Posting

March 13, 2019: Challenge certification or non-certification to MCT by 4:30 p.m. on the second business day following receipt of certification.

March 14, 2019: Complete record of all documents related to challenge submit to Minnesota Chippewa Tribe by 4:30 p.m.

March 14, 2019: Deadline for appointment of Election Boards.

March 14, 2019: Deadline for appointment of Election Contest Judge and alternate Election Contest Judge.

March 15, 2019: Decision of certification or non-certification.

March, 20, 2019: TEC/AES provides ballots for Special Primary Election.

April 26, 2019: Deadline to notify MCT on choice of appellate forum

April 29, 2019: Special Primary Election  
(Polling place open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.)

April 30, 2019: General Reservation Election Board certifies Special Primary Results. (Prior to 8:00 p.m. on the day following the election)

May 1, 2019: General Reservation Election Board publishes Special Primary Results.

May 2, 2019: 5:00 p.m. Deadline for Request for Recount. (Filed with General Election Board)

May 9, 2019:	4:30 p.m. - Deadline for Contest of Special Primary Election. (Filed with Reservation Election Judge and Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe).
May 14, 2019: <i>(Within 5 days Following the day Request is filed)</i>	Deadline for Decision on Request for Recount and Results of Recount, if allowed.
May 20, 2019 <i>(Within 10 days of The deadline for Filing a Notice of Contest):</i>	Deadline for Decision on Contest of Special Primary Election
May 23, 2019 ( <i>within 3 days of decision on Contest</i> )	4:30 p.m. - Deadline for Appeal to MCT Tribal Elections Court of Election Appeals. (Filed with the Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe within (3) days of the contest decision, including a copy to Contest Judge who made the decision being appealed).
May 24, 2019:	Record of contest for ward to MCT Tribal Election Court of Appeals.
May 29, 2019:	Last Day for Hearing on Appeal.
May 30, 2019:	TEC/AES provides ballots for Special Election
June 10, 2019 <i>(Within 10 days of hearing on appeal).</i>	Last Day for Decision on Appeal
June 11, 2019:	RBC prepares and posts Notice of Special Election
July 1, 2019:	Special Election (Polling Place open from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.)
July 2, 2019:	General Reservation Election Board certifies results of Special Election. (Prior to 8:00 p.m. on the day following the election)
July 3, 2019:	General Reservation Election Board publishes Special Election results.
July 5, 2019:	5:00 p.m. Deadline for Request for Recount. (Filed with General Election Board on the third day following the election)

July 8, 2019:	4:30 p.m. - Deadline for Notice of Contest of Special Election. (Filed with Reservation Election Judge and Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe of the seventh day following the day of the election.)
July 10, 2019 <i>within 5 days following the day Request is filed):</i>	Decision on Request for Recount and Results of Recount, if (or Allowed.
July 18, 2019 <i>(or within 10 days of the deadline for filing a Notice of Contest):</i>	Deadline for Decision on Contest of Special Election
July 22, 2019 <i>(or within 3 days of decision on Contest):</i>	Deadline for appeal to MCT Tribal Election Court of Appeals. (Filed with the Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe within three (3) days of the contest decision, including a Copy to Contest Judge who made the decision being appealed)
July 26, 2019 <i>(At least two (2) days Prior to the hearing Date):</i>	Record of contest forwarded to MCT Tribal Court of Election Appeals.
July 29, 2019 <i>(within one week (7 days) from receipt Of the Notice of Appeal):</i>	Last Day for Hearing on Appeal.
July 29, 2019	Winning candidates assume office by operation of law, unless sooner seated, or the election is subject of appeal to the Court of Election Appeals.
August 8, 2019 <i>(or within 10 days of Hearing on Appeal):</i>	Last Day for Decision on Appeal of Special Election.
Day following Decision on Appeal:	Winning candidate prevailing on appeal takes office.