Introducing Simply Voting

Simply Voting is the software used by the by the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) for conducting the 2023 National Chief Election through both online and telephone voting. This user-friendly and secure platform is accessible via any internet-connected computer, tablet, smartphone, or telephone.

Please find below these written instructions and screenshots of the Simply Voting platform for reference. A video "mock-vote" has been developed for reference and can be found at: https://afn.ca/events/election-for-national-chief/

These instructions will help you use the Simply Voting platform to vote at the AFN Special Chiefs Assembly (SCA) on December 6, 2023.

1. **Registration for Chiefs and Proxies**: Chiefs and proxies registered for the SCA using an email address and status card number (or equivalent). This same email address and status card number will be used to access the ballots on the Simply Voting platform when it's time to vote on December 6, 2023.

2. **Email Notification**: An email will be sent by Simply Voting (vote@simplyvoting.com) at 9:00 am EST on December 6, 2023. This email will contain a PIN number that is required for voting and a link to the voting webpage.

   a. If you believe you were registered but have not received a link to Simply Voting by December 6, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. ET, please contact the Election Help Desk at (1-833-236-8324).

3. **Accessing the Ballot**: At the beginning of each voting round, a link to the voting platform will be emailed to all registered voting Chiefs and proxies.

   a. Only registered Chiefs and proxies will receive the links to the voting platform.

4. **Logging In**: Clicking on the voting platform link in the email will take you to the Simply Voting welcome page.

   a. Log in using your Status Number (or equivalent) and the PIN provided in the email.

   b. If you encounter any issues logging in, call the Help Desk for assistance at (1-833-236-8324).

5. **Casting Your Vote**: Once logged in successfully, you will be directed to the ballot.

   a. You can only select one choice for each ballot.

   b. Once you submit the ballot, the results are encrypted and stored in a database. Your Elector ID is then flagged as "voted" and will not be eligible to vote again until the start of the next voting round.

Voting by Phone

1. Chiefs and proxies may access the voting platform by telephone. This process allows voters without an internet connection to cast a ballot in an alternate manner.

   a. The same authentication information (i.e., status card number, or equivalent, and PIN code) is required to access the vote on the phone as you would online.

   b. If a Chief or Proxy is not able to access their PIN code by email, they can obtain it by calling the AFN Elections help desk (1-833-236-8324).

Privacy and Security

Simply Voting was designed from the ground-up to minimize the risk of electoral fraud. Voters who bypass authentication or have already voted are denied access to the ballot, and ballots are checked for validity before they are accepted. All voting choices are confidential and cannot be linked to the voter. Communication between the device used to vote and Simply Voting is encrypted with TLS 1.2. The servers are "hardened" and are routinely subjected to Payment card industry (PCI) Compliance security scans. The Simply Voting application code adheres to guidelines set out by the *Open Web Application Security Project*.

The Simply Voting Privacy Policy is available here:
https://www.simplyvoting.com/privacy-policy/

Additional Information and Assistance

Please refer to the end of this package for screenshots and additional reference materials.

For assistance on registering and voting, please contact the Registration and Voting Help Desk at 1-833-236-8324. For additional information, please contact the AFN Electoral Officer:

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2023 Demonstration Vote

A Assembly of First Nations - Assemblée des Premières Nations <vote@simplyvoting.com>
To: You

Hello Ron Laufer,

You are registered to vote in the AFN National Chief Election. The voting period has **now begun**. This round of voting **ends today at 15:00 EST (Ottawa time)**.

On the Simply Voting website you will need to enter:

1. Status Card Number (or ID # you registered with)
2. **Pin Code - 46208** ⬅

To vote, please visit: https://afn.simplyvoting.com/

To vote by telephone, please call: 1-877-384-4200

If you'd like to know more about the candidates, you can review their candidate statements on the ballot or on the AFN website.

If you have any questions about the election, please contact the AFN Elections Team.

Thank you for your participation,

AFN Elections Team

Email: elections2023@afn.ca

Phone: 1-833-236-8324

Bonjour Ron Laufer,

Vous êtes inscrit(e) pour voter à l'élection du Chef national de l'APN. La période de vote a **maintenant débuté**. Le présent tour de scrutin **se termine aujourd'hui à 15 h HE (heure de Ottawa)**.

Sur le site Web de Simply Voting vous devez entrer :

WELCOME PAGE
(Enter Status Card and Password here)

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To vote, please submit your **Status Card Number** (or ID # you registered with) and **Pin Code**.

If you are unable to login, please contact the Election Support Team to confirm your registration details (1-833-236-8324 or elections2023@afn.ca).

Status Card Number (or ID # you registered with)	
Pin Code	

Login

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BALLOT
(Choose up to 1 candidate)

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National Chief

You may select **one** of the following by checking a box next to the candidates name.

Click on any **view details** link to view information about a candidate.

☐ **Corn Flakes**   [view details]

☐ **Rice Krispies**   [view details]

☐ **Shreddies**   [view details]

Continue   Cancel

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CONFIRMATION PAGE

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Please review your choice carefully. Once this vote is cast by clicking "Confirm", you will not be able to make further changes.

National Chief: **Rice Krispies**

Confirm   Change

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VOTING COMPLETE
(Success)

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Success

Thank you for submitting your vote. Your vote has been recorded and results will be announced after each round of voting.

Current ballots

You are registered to vote in the following ballots:

Already voted - 2023 Test Vote