



## Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians 2014 General Election End Report

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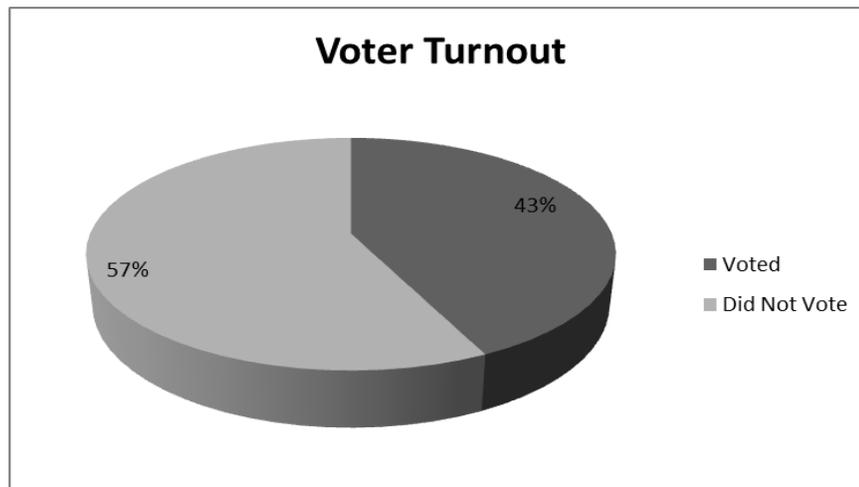
Listed below is the Election End Cycle Report, it includes: Ballot Summary, District Voting Summary, Post-Office Summary, and Incident Summary. As with all elections, the information is provided to the Board of Directors and concludes the Election Cycle.

### Ballot & Voter Summary

Unit	Total Voters	Ballots Mailed	Ballots Received
1	6492	6492	2801
2	2008	2008	884
3	2842	0*	0
4	2113	2113	844
5	1039	1039	466

- Unit Three only had one candidate and was deemed elected at the conclusion of the primary.

11,652 ballots were mailed out. A total of 4,995 Ballots were returned this election cycle. Total voter turn-out was 42.87%.



### Extra Ballots

Each district had 25 extra ballots printed. Extra ballots are printed as a cautionary measure and have been utilized in the past for corrections (i.e. members who were deemed non-registered by Enrollment due to returned mail but have valid addresses, etc.). They have also been utilized to exchange mutilated ballots, etc. Two (2) of the extra ballots were utilized for corrected addresses. The remaining extra ballots are accounted for following the contest period.

Test Ballots

There are also a total of 400 test ballots, 100 for each color ballot. They are used to calibrate the ballot scanning machine. The ranges for the test ballots do not correspond with a unit district. All 400 ballots are accounted for following the contest period.

Spoiled Ballots

A spoiled ballot is a ballot that does clearly express a choice or is mutilated and no longer has all the security measures. Unit One had eight (8) spoiled ballots, Unit Two has one (1) spoiled ballot, Unit Four had had two (2) spoiled ballots and Unit five had zero spoiled ballots. A total of eleven (11) ballots were deemed spoiled.

Ranges

Each unit district is assigned ranges. This is utilized as a security measure to account for ballots mailed and received. We also use it to ensure no duplicates or out of range ballots are counted. No out of range or duplicate ballots were received.

Undeliverable Ballots

Following the contest period, the Election Committee retrieves the second ballot box. This box is the “undeliverables” as determined by the Post Office. We keep the second box at the post office until after the contest period as to not allow access to additional ballots. The envelopes of undeliverable are submitted to Enrollment to update records.

Voting District Summary

	Inside District	Outside District	<b>Total</b>
Unit 1	1589	1212	2801
Unit 2	562	322	884
Unit 4	614	230	844
Unit 5	315	151	466

Voting District Breakdown

Unit 1	Inside Votes	Outside Votes	Total
Kim (Sams) Gravelle	943	499	1,442
DJ Hoffman	655	610	1,265
Diedre “DJ” Malloy	545	592	1,137
Debra-Ann Pine	688	548	1,236
Unit 2	Inside Votes	Outside Votes	Total
Paul Barbeaux	278	153	431
Catherine “Cathy” Hollowell	283	169	452

Unit 4	Inside Votes	Outside Votes	Total
Denise Chase	333	183	516
Geof Vallier	280	46	326

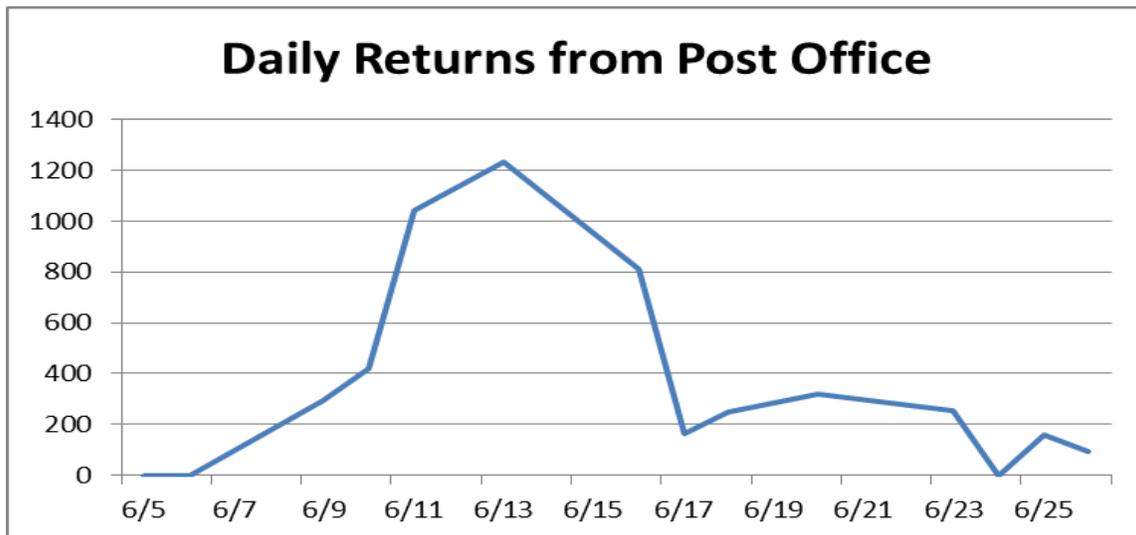
Unit 5	Inside Votes	Outside Votes	Total
Rita Glyptis	189	84	273
Charles Matson	126	67	193

**Post Office Report**

Mail received and charged for by the United States Postal Service from June 5 through June 26, 2014. **Complete daily breakdown reports taken from Post Office Reports.**

**Total Charged .....5,038**  
**Total Ballots .....4,995**  
**Discrepancy .....43\***

\*Please Note: There is always a slight discrepancy between ballots counted and what the Post Office has charged us. This is attributed to additional items being placed into the ballot box such as change of address forms that’s members send in to the ballot box, previous primary and election ballots, and various other forms incorrectly placed in box (i.e. LSSU housing forms, etc.).



**Issue Summary**

We had several issues regarding the General Election. Listed below were the issues and how the Election Committee addressed them:

Contest & Complaints

Each Election Cycle the Election Committee receives complaints and contests. Following are several to note:

**Constitutionality.** A complaint was received regarding the constitutionality of current representation. It asserted that the constitutional requirement of representation proportioned to membership is not being followed. Complaint was dismissed as Election Committee does not address such issues.

**Campaigning.** Several complaints received on campaigning. An Election Committee hearing was conducted in one instance involving Unit Reports, that decision was later overturned by the tribal court.

**Candidacy.** Several Candidates did not meet requirements to participate in the election. One contested on the grounds of failure to submit proper paperwork. Election Committee upheld its ruling.

**Unit Two Recount.** A contest was submitted to recount Unit 2. A recount took place and results remained unchanged.

\*Additional Complaints were received and addressed by the Election Committee. Noted above are the ones the Election Committee determined to be noted on this report.

#### Volunteer Issue

Each year, volunteerism for the Election Cycle has declined. The Election Committee is asking the Board of Directors to review and address the grant issue as well as volunteerism in general. The grant issue should be addressed by the Legal Department and should include all the Tribal Committees' input. We urge the Board of Directors to meet with the Committees and determine their needs and the best way to move forward. We understand committee involvement sometimes interferes with work schedules, but we also believe committees are an integral part of this tribe.

#### **CONCLUSION**

With each Election Cycle the Election Committee has improved the election process. The recounts (hand-count) and the batch reports indicate the scanners are accurately reflecting the ballots being caste. We conduct the election in an open public count and post the tabulation as it occurs. The Election Committee takes steps to make sure our elections our secure and to make sure the system works.

Thank you for allowing us to continue to serve our tribe. With that, this concludes the 2014 General Election Report. Any questions or concerns, please contact me so I can bring them to the Election Committee's attention.

Best Regards,

Michael McKerchie,  
Election Committee Chairman