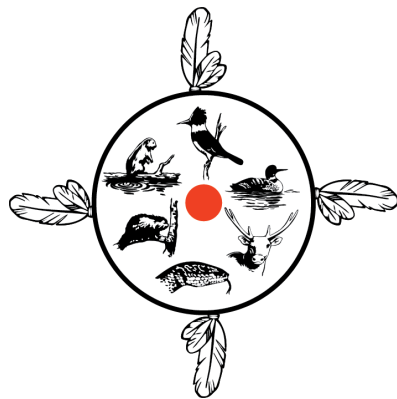


# Teme-Augama Anishnabai

 HONOURING THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE 

## Voting Preferences Survey August 2023



# Introduction: Voting Considerations

Presently, Teme-Augama Anishnabai voting occurs in Assembly through in-person voting only.

The Citizenship Law is foundational, and we are seeking the highest voter turnout possible.

A survey was created to get feedback on whether Citizens wanted other options available such as online and mail-in ballot voting, as well as in-person voting.



# Informal Survey – June 2023

Originally, we intended to reach out to Elders and Youth to get their preferences for voting. An informal, unscientific survey of Youth and Elders was held in June via Facebook Messenger.

The question:

**“Do you think there should only be in- person voting, or voting 3 ways: In-person, mail-in ballots, and online votes?”**

- 12 Youth between the ages of 15 and 30 responded.
- 11 Elders ages 55 and up responded.

**All except 1 Elder supported 3 methods of voting.**

Being informal and unscientific, this survey was held only to use as a sample of what Citizens are thinking.

# Formal Survey- August 2023

A formal survey was sent out to all Citizens who have provided an email address in August 2023, asking 2 questions. It was sent via Survey Monkey.

## Question 1:

1. Which form of voting do you support? See choices below.

- In-person secret ballot voting only (current process)
- In-person secret ballot and mail-in ballot and online voting
- In-person secret ballot and online voting
- In-person secret ballot and mail-in ballot

Comment: (Optional)

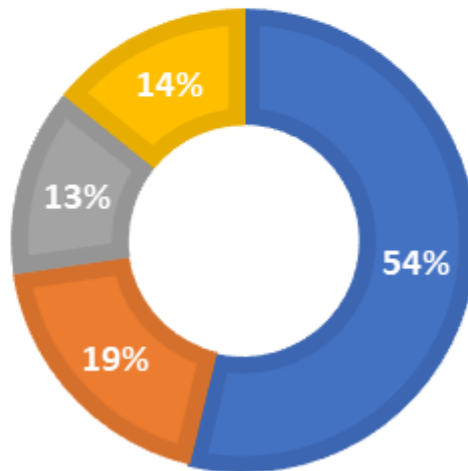
2. What age range are you in? See choices below.

- Between 15 and 30 years old
- Between 31 and 54 years old
- 55 years old or older

# Formal Survey Results- 103 Responses

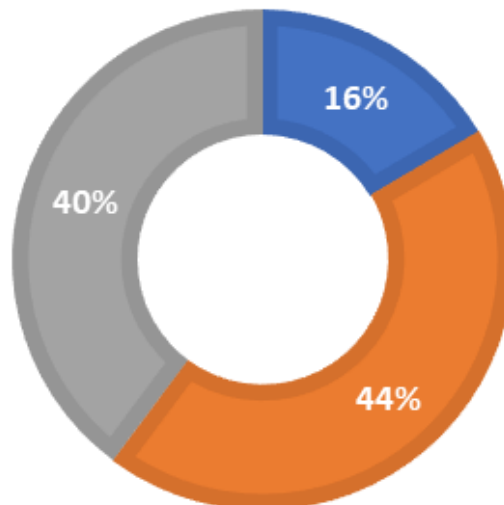
## VOTING PREFERENCES TOTALS

- In Person and Online and Mail-In
- In Person and Online
- In person and Mail-In
- In Person Only



## AGE RANGE OF ALL RESPONDENTS

- Youth
- 31-54
- 55+



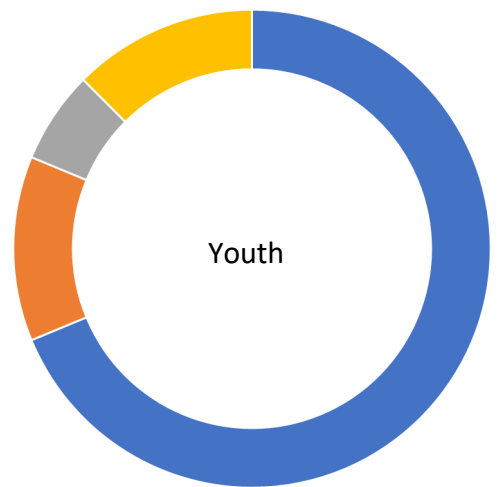
One Respondent declined to answer the age category question.

# Formal Survey Results by Age Group

## 17 of the Respondents were Youth.

Of these,

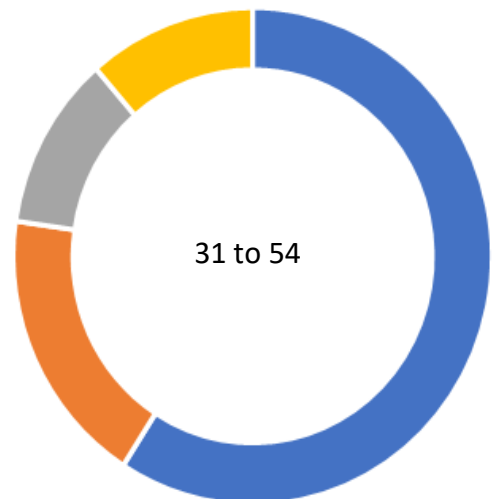
- 11, or 64.7%, preferred all voting options
- 3, or 17.64%, preferred in person and online
- 1, or 5.88%, preferred in person and mail in
- 2, or 11.76%, preferred in person only



## 44 of the Respondents were ages 31 to 54.

Of these,

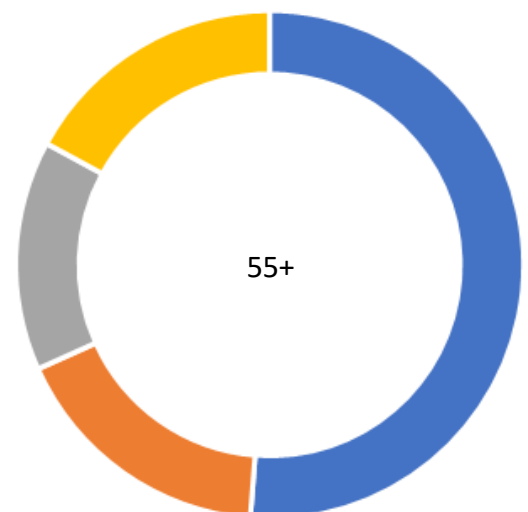
- 26, or 59.09%, preferred all voting options
- 8, or 18.18%, preferred in person and online
- 5, or 11.36%, preferred in person and mail in
- 5, or 11.36%, preferred in person only



## 41 of the Respondents were age 55+.

Of these,

- 21, or 51.21%, preferred all voting options
- 7, or 17.07%, preferred in person and online
- 6, or 14.63%, preferred in person and mail in
- 7, or 17.07%, preferred in person only



# Respondent Comments

Use any method to include interested off-reserve members.

We haven't made changes to our processes that involve the people.

It is discriminatory and unacceptable that I cannot vote unless in-person. Even if I could find a job, where would I live? So if I want to vote, which is my right, I have to take time off work and spend money on travel. How is that fair?

All forms of voting would be most inclusive for all to access

Purpose or subject of the vote would be relevant.

The mail takes too long. By the time I get my vote and send it in the vote has already happened in person.

Only secret when election official present at vote

Do not enter my name for gift card.

Leadership chosen at assemblies, other process are colonial.

This way all can be included. (all 3 vote types)

Only fair if EVERY member gets to vote!

Those off reserve are excluded from important decisions

Bring our election processes up to date!

If it's important enough you'll find a way or an excuse

All forms: some people don't have computers

As I live off reserve I would love to be able to exercise my right to vote

# Respondent Comments, Continued

I am not answering question 2, because I think it could be used in not a good way such as a vehicle for basing a decision on age. We just need to know what the majority of citizens preference for voting would be.

In person and online voting would be more accessible for all Temagami First Nation members. This method would give all members a chance to vote, not all members are physically able to vote in person due to disabilities.. some have left BI due to their disabilities this method of voting should be considered for this reason and for all members who are unable to vote in person

Inclusivity is important

In person in North Bay would be lovely as well. For the people who can't travel but want the in person interaction

Off rez needs to be counted

I think an online voting system would be beneficial to those not on BI at the current moment.

In person, online and mail-in are all great options



**Miigwetch to All Who Participated.**