

**ELECTIONS**



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Hon. John Devries  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly  
Yukon Legislative Assembly  
Whitehorse, Yukon

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have the privilege to submit the report of the chief electoral officer of the Yukon on the by-elections held February 5, 1996 in the Electoral Districts of Vuntut Gwich'in and Whitehorse West. These by-elections were caused by the death of Johnny Abel in Vuntut Gwich'in and the resignation of Tony Penikett in Whitehorse West.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick L. Michael". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Patrick L. Michael  
Chief Electoral Officer



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# ELECTION SUMMARY

Writs for by-elections in two electoral districts were issued on January 5, 1996 to fill the vacancies in the Yukon Legislative Assembly. These vacancies were the result of the resignation of Tony Penikett, Member of the Legislative Assembly representing the Electoral District of Whitehorse West, and the death of Johnny Abel, Member of the Legislative Assembly representing the Electoral District of Vuntut Gwich'in.

The Electoral District of Vuntut Gwich'in is the smallest and furthest north, bordering on the Arctic Ocean. All the electors in this electoral district reside in the community of Old Crow. This is the only community in the Yukon which must be reached by air.

The Electoral District of Whitehorse West is located in the City of Whitehorse and consists of suburban areas and small neighbourhoods.

Enumeration took place in both electoral districts following the issue of the writs just before record-low temperatures and a lengthy cold period forced cancellation of commercial air and road travel in the northern half of the Yukon and had candidates campaigning door-to-door in extreme conditions.

The Electoral District of Whitehorse West had experienced substantial growth since the 1992 general election, particularly the area which was polling division 2. As there were 789 electors enumerated in this polling division, it was split in half and two polling stations were established for polling day.

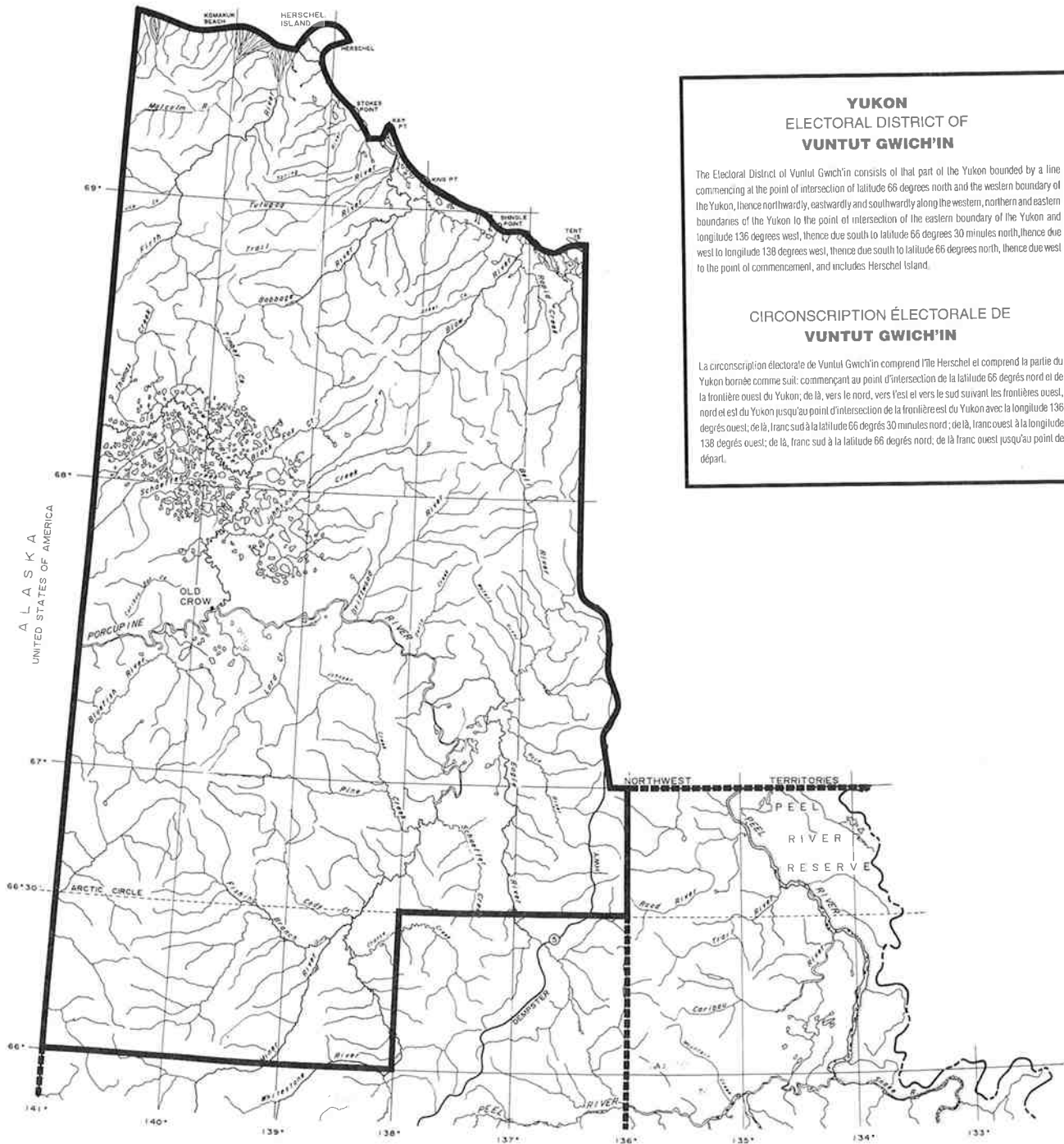
Advance polls were held in the two electoral districts on Sunday, January 28 and Monday, January 29, 1996. Sixty-one electors voted before polling day.

On polling day, Monday, February 5, 1996, 1,118 electors voted in the two electoral districts under sunny and milder conditions. Judicial recounts were not required. The results of the by-elections were declared on February 19, 1996.



**ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF VUNTUT GWICH'IN**

# VUNTUT GWICH'IN



## YUKON ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF VUNTUT GWICH'IN

The Electoral District of Vuntut Gwich'in consists of that part of the Yukon bounded by a line commencing at the point of intersection of latitude 66 degrees north and the western boundary of the Yukon, thence northwardly, eastwardly and southwardly along the western, northern and eastern boundaries of the Yukon to the point of intersection of the eastern boundary of the Yukon and longitude 136 degrees west, thence due south to latitude 66 degrees 30 minutes north, thence due west to longitude 138 degrees west, thence due south to latitude 66 degrees north, thence due west to the point of commencement, and includes Herschel Island.

## CIRCONSCRIPTION ÉLECTORALE DE VUNTUT GWICH'IN

La circonscription électorale de Vuntut Gwich'in comprend l'île Herschel et comprend la partie du Yukon bornée comme suit: commençant au point d'intersection de la latitude 66 degrés nord et de la frontière ouest du Yukon; de là, vers le nord, vers l'est et vers le sud suivant les frontières ouest, nord et est du Yukon jusqu'au point d'intersection de la frontière est du Yukon avec la longitude 136 degrés ouest; de là, franc sud à la latitude 66 degrés 30 minutes nord; de là, franc ouest à la longitude 138 degrés ouest; de là, franc sud à la latitude 66 degrés nord; de là franc ouest jusqu'au point de départ.

## RESULTS BY POLITICAL AFFILIATION

<b>Political affiliation</b>	<b>Candidates nominated</b>	<b>Elected</b>	<b>Votes received</b>	<b>Percentage of votes</b>
Independent	0	0	-	-
Independent Alliance	0	0	-	-
Yukon Liberal Party	0	0	-	-
Yukon New Democratic Party	1	0	69	44.23
Yukon Party	1	1	87	55.77
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>100.00</b>

# RECAPITULATION AND COMPARISON

February 5, 1996 By-election and October 19, 1992 General Election

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1992</u>
Number of polling divisions	2	2
Number of candidates	2	2
Number of electors on preliminary lists	141	148
Number of electors added at revision	25	18
Number of electors added on appeal	0	0
Number of electors added at special revision	2	0
Number of electors on official list	168	166
Proportion of electors added at revision	14.88%	10.84%
Proportion of electors added at special revision	1.19%	-
Number of electors who voted	156	152
Proportion of electors who voted	92.86%	91.57%
Number of electors who voted at the advance poll	20	7
Proportion of electors who voted at the advance poll	12.82%	4.61%
Number of electors who voted by proxy	2	5
Proportion of electors who voted by proxy	1.28%	3.29%
Number of electors who applied to vote by special ballot	4	14

# RESULTS BY POLL

**Candidates:** Randall G. Tetlich (ND)  
Esau Schafer (YP)

**Returning Officer:** Renée Frost  
**Date of Writ:** January 5, 1996  
**Nomination Day:** January 15, 1996  
**Polling Day:** February 5, 1996  
**Date of Return:** February 19, 1996

Polling Stations		Randall G. Tetlich (ND)	Esau Schafer (YP)	Rejected Ballots	Total Vote	Electors on List
Locations	No.					
Old Crow	1	59	77	0	136	168
Old Crow	2	No electors		-	-	-
Old Crow	AP1	10	10	0	20	-
<b>Totals</b>		<b>69</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>168</b>

Majority for Esau Schafer (YP) over Randall G. Tetlich (ND), 18

Proportion of electors who voted: 92.86%

Number of electors who voted by proxy: 2

Number of electors who applied to vote by special ballot: 4





**ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF WHITEHORSE WEST**

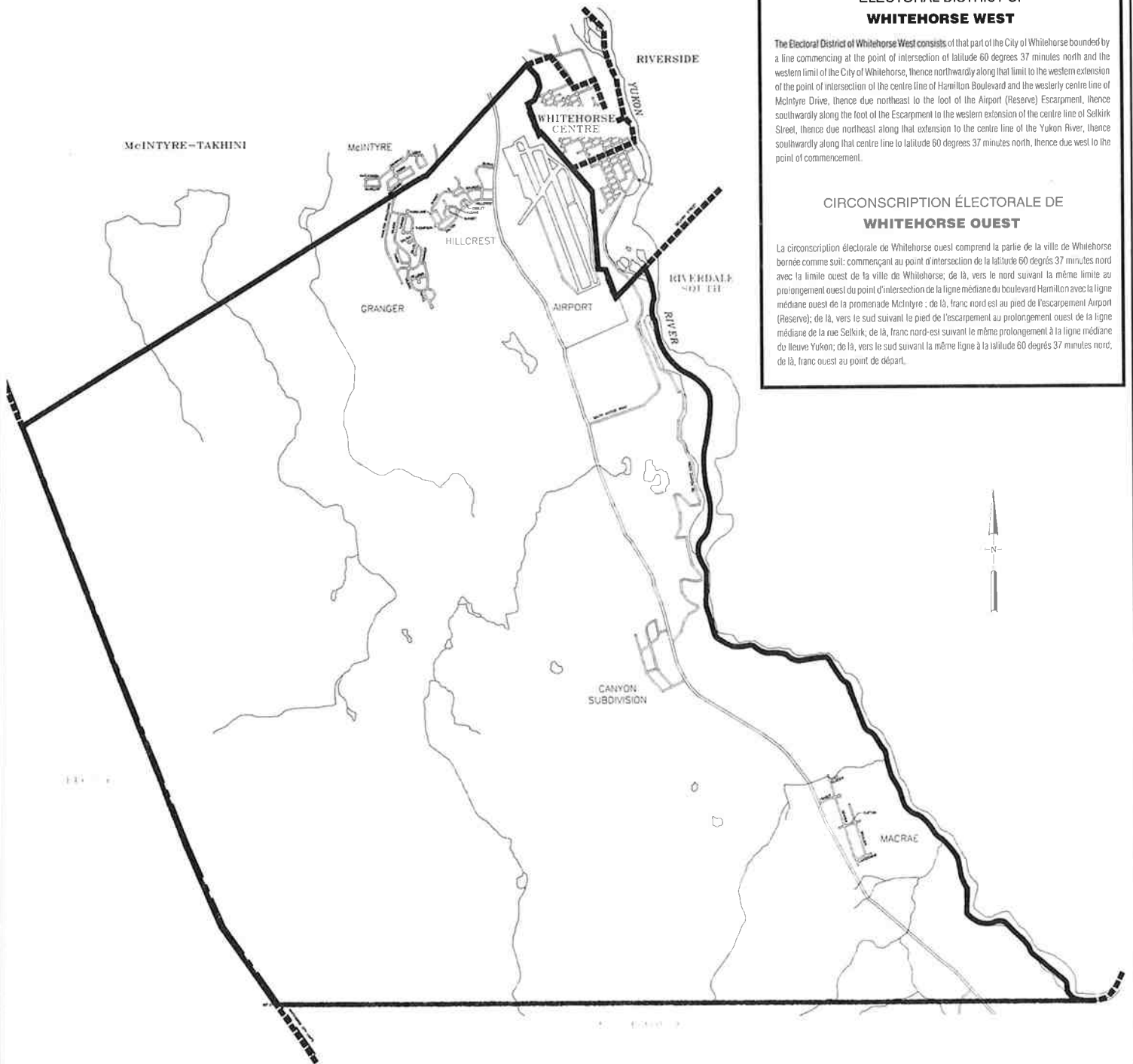
# WHITEHORSE WEST

## YUKON ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF WHITEHORSE WEST

The Electoral District of Whitehorse West consists of that part of the City of Whitehorse bounded by a line commencing at the point of intersection of latitude 60 degrees 37 minutes north and the western limit of the City of Whitehorse, thence northwardly along that limit to the western extension of the point of intersection of the centre line of Hamilton Boulevard and the westerly centre line of McIntyre Drive, thence due northeast to the foot of the Airport (Reserve) Escarpment, thence southwardly along the foot of the Escarpment to the western extension of the centre line of Selkirk Street, thence due northeast along that extension to the centre line of the Yukon River, thence southwardly along that centre line to latitude 60 degrees 37 minutes north, thence due west to the point of commencement.

## CIRCONSCRIPTION ÉLECTORALE DE WHITEHORSE OUEST

La circonscription électorale de Whitehorse ouest comprend la partie de la ville de Whitehorse bornée comme suit: commençant au point d'intersection de la latitude 60 degrés 37 minutes nord avec la limite ouest de la ville de Whitehorse; de là, vers le nord suivant la même limite au prolongement ouest du point d'intersection de la ligne médiane du boulevard Hamilton avec la ligne médiane ouest de la promenade McIntyre; de là, franc nord-est au pied de l'escarpement Airport (Reserve); de là, vers le sud suivant le pied de l'escarpement au prolongement ouest de la ligne médiane de la rue Selkirk; de là, franc nord-est suivant le même prolongement à la ligne médiane du fleuve Yukon; de là, vers le sud suivant la même ligne à la latitude 60 degrés 37 minutes nord; de là, franc ouest au point de départ.



## RESULTS BY POLITICAL AFFILIATION

<b>Political affiliation</b>	<b>Candidates nominated</b>	<b>Elected</b>	<b>Votes received</b>	<b>Percentage of votes</b>
Independent	0	0	-	-
Independent Alliance	0	0	-	-
Yukon Liberal Party	1	0	326	32.21
Yukon New Democratic Party	1	1	433	42.79
Yukon Party	1	0	253	25.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>100.00</b>

# RECAPITULATION AND COMPARISON

February 5, 1996 By-election and October 19, 1992 General Election

	1996	1992
Number of polling divisions	4	4
Number of candidates	3	4
Number of electors on preliminary lists	1,351	787
Number of electors added at revision	76	63
Number of electors added on appeal	0	0
Number of electors added at special revision	10	16
Number of electors on official list	1,437	866
Proportion of electors added at revision	5.29%	7.28%
Proportion of electors added at special revision	0.70%	1.85%
Number of electors who voted	1,023	666
Proportion of electors who voted	71.19%	76.91%
Number of electors who voted at the advance poll	41	32
Proportion of electors who voted at the advance poll	4.01%	4.81%
Number of electors who voted by proxy	29	23
Proportion of electors who voted by proxy	2.84%	3.45%
Number of electors who applied to vote by special ballot	1	3

# RESULTS BY POLL

**Candidates:** Dave Sloan (ND)  
 Shelda Hutton (YP)  
 Larry Bagnell (L)

**Returning Officer:** Mary Whitley  
**Date of Writ:** January 5, 1996  
**Nomination Day:** January 15, 1996  
**Polling Day:** February 5, 1996  
**Date of Return:** February 19, 1996

Polling Stations		Dave Sloan (ND)	Shelda Hutton (YP)	Larry Bagnell (L)	Rejected Ballots	Total Vote	Electors on List
Locations	No.						
Elijah Smith School	1	106	49	53	5	213	312
Elijah Smith School	2A	89	73	99	1	262	388
Elijah Smith School	2B	137	80	100	0	317	451
Elijah Smith School	3	67	23	39	1	130	184
Elijah Smith School	4	22	12	22	4	60	102
Elijah Smith School	AP1	12	16	13	0	41	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1,023</b>	<b>1,437</b>

Majority for Dave Sloan (ND) over Shelda Hutton (YP), 180  
 Larry Bagnell (L), 107

Proportion of electors who voted: 71.19%  
 Number of electors who voted by proxy: 29  
 Number of electors who applied to vote by special ballot: 1

