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Dear Minister McLean,

POST-EVENT REPORT - REFERENDUM VOTE TO ESTABLISH A FIRST NATION SCHOOL BOARD

Please find attached the report on the referendum vote relating to the establishment of a First Nation School Board (FNSB).

All 27 schools in 26 attendance areas were eligible to participate in the referendum vote through council resolution or community petition. Resolutions and/or petitions were submitted to the Department over the September-December 2021 period.

Following the submissions, and as required by the *Education Act*, the referendum vote was held over a three-week period from January 6 to 27, 2022. It would also determine which schools would form part of, and be operated by, the FNSB. The result of the referendum vote was to establish the FNSB with eight schools. One school did not meet the threshold vote and remains with the school council in place.

This report provides an overview of some of the activities, observations and lessons learned in the planning and conduct of the referendum vote. As the first school referendum vote for Elections Yukon and the Department, the report will support readiness and the ongoing collaboration with your team, education stakeholders, and community partners.

Elections Yukon values the partnership with your Department and acknowledges their critical guidance and support they provide in delivering on the important electoral milestones in advancing education in the Yukon.

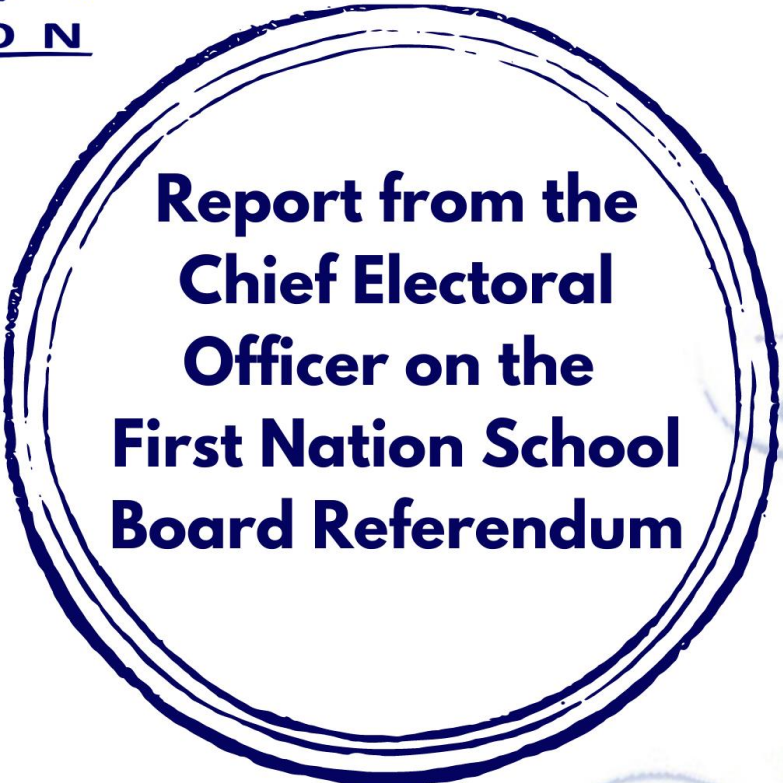
For your consideration.

Respectfully,

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Attachment: Report of the Chief Electoral Officer - First Nation School Board Referendum



**Report from the
Chief Electoral
Officer on the
First Nation School
Board Referendum**



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REPORT OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER ON THE FIRST NATION SCHOOL BOARD REFERENDUM

GENERAL

The Government of Yukon, the Chief's Committee on Education, and the Yukon First Nation Education Directorate share the common goal of providing high quality and culturally appropriate education opportunities for all Yukon students. The collaboration to explore the creation of a First Nation School Board in Yukon under the provisions of the *Education Act* resulted in the agreement to establish the First Nation School Board.

On February 11, 2021, the Honourable Angélique Bernard, Commissioner of Yukon signed Order-in-Council 2021/15 which provided authority to the Minister of Education to enter into an agreement with one or more Yukon First Nations respecting education and the establishment of a First Nation School Board in Yukon. The finalization of the First Nation School Board Framework Agreement between the Minister of Education and the Chief's Committee on Education was announced on June 3, 2021.

The Framework Agreement outlined the process for the creation of the First Nation School Board under the *Education Act*. Elections Yukon was engaged to support the electoral processes to establish a school board and for the elections of trustees to a school board.

YUKON SCHOOL BOARDS

Prior to the establishment of the First Nation School Board there was one school board in the territory; Commission Scolaire de Francophone du Yukon (CSFY). It was created in 1996 and is responsible for education in French as a first language throughout the territory. Authority for its establishment is the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, section 23, which sets out and protects the right to minority language education. No referendum vote was held.

CSFY operates three schools: École Émilie-Tremblay (K4 to grade 6), the Center scolaire communautaire Paul-Émile-Mercier (grades 7 to 12) and École Nomade (homeschooling in French from kindergarten to grade 12). On March 21, 2022, CSFY received authorization from the Minister of Education to move forward with a French school in Dawson for the 2022-2023 school year.

The First Nation School Board (FNSB) was formally established on February 14, 2022, with the signing of Ministerial Order 2022/17. Authority for its establishment is from the FNSB Framework Agreement respecting education ("the Framework"). The *Education Act* outlined general guidance for the Minister regarding a referendum vote. The results of the vote, completed on January 27, 2022, supported the establishment of the FNSB. Eight schools would be operated by the FNSB. The referendum vote was triggered from the school council resolutions and petition processes during the October to December 2021 period.

Both the CSFY and FNSB school boards will elect five trustees. School board elections are held every three years. The next general election is scheduled for November 2022 and the elections will be held concurrently. This will mark the first election of trustees for the FNSB.

TIMELINE AND KEY ACTIVITIES

February 11, 2021	Order-in-Council 2021/15 respecting education and the establishment of a First Nation School Board in Yukon signed by the Commissioner of Yukon.
June 3, 2021	Agreement Respecting Education and the Establishment of a First Nation School Board in Yukon signed by the Minister of Education and 10 Yukon First Nation Chiefs.
August 17, 2021	Initial meeting between the Department of Education and Elections Yukon to discuss the electoral requirements in establishing a First Nation School Board
October 22, 2021	Minister of Education formally requests the services of Elections Yukon to carry out the referendum process.
October 22, 2021	Resolution and petition process opens.
October 29, 2021	Elections Yukon made its first public presentation on the referendum process at the fall gathering for the Association of Yukon School Councils, Boards and Committees.
October 29, 2021	Petition deadline extended to November 30.
October 31, 2021	Last day for school councils to submit resolutions to the Minister of Education to hold a referendum vote.
November 2, 2021	Chief Electoral Officer confirmed the services of Elections Yukon to carry out a fair and transparent referendum vote on the Minister's behalf.
November 2, 2021	Petition deadline extended to December 13.
December 13, 2021	Last day for communities to submit petitions to the Minister of Education to hold a referendum vote.
December 13, 2021	Referendum Officer training held.
December 21, 2021	Minister of Education requests Elections Yukon carry out referendum vote in eight attendance areas.
December 29, 2021	Referendum Officer training held.
January 5, 2022	Online applications for mail-out referendum ballots opened.
January 11, 2022	Referendum voting period began. Voting by mail, appointments, and polls.

January 17, 2022	Online applications for mail-out referendum ballots closed (mail times too short).
January 27, 2022	Referendum voting period closed at 4:00 pm.
January 27, 2022	Unofficial referendum results posted to Elections Yukon.ca
January 31, 2022	Official referendum results published. See APPENDIX C.
January 31, 2022	Post Event debrief with key stakeholders
February 14, 2022	Ministerial Order 2022/17 establishing the First Nation School Board signed and interim governance committee appointed.

OFFICIAL RESULTS – REFERENDUM VOTE

Section 72 of the *Education Act* specify that upon receipt of a resolution or petition the Minister shall conduct a vote to determine if a school board should be established and the threshold to establish the School Board. The threshold for a council to change to a school board is at least 50% plus 1 of the valid votes cast are returned in favour of the establishment. The formula for calculating the threshold is the number of valid votes multiplied by 50% plus 1 (rounded up) (see APPENDIX C). Where a school did not meet the threshold, it would continue to be supported by a school council.

Of the eight attendance areas where the Minister of Education accepted resolutions or petitions, seven met the threshold specified in the *Education Act* to form a school board.

Met Referendum Vote Threshold to be Operated by the First Nation School Board

Chief Zzeh Gittlit School - Old Crow
Grey Mountain Primary School - Whitehorse
Johnson Elementary School and Watson Lake Secondary School - Watson Lake (single attendance area)
Nelnah Bessie John School - Beaver Creek
Ross River School - Ross River
St. Elias Community School - Haines Junction
Takhini Elementary School - Whitehorse

Did Not Meet Referendum Vote Threshold to be Operated by the First Nation School Board

J.V. Clark School - Mayo

REFERENDUM PLANNING

Department of Education staff contacted the Chief Electoral Officer in August 2021 to discuss the support of Elections Yukon to administer the referendum vote. Two months later, in late-October 2021, the Minister of Education formally requested the assistance of Elections Yukon to carry out the referendum process.

The *Education Act* does not define the referendum process, nor does Elections Yukon have the existing mandate to administer referendum votes. The request for support resulted in the development of new processes that were fair, transparent, and compliant with the *Education Act* and which could be replicated for future Yukon referendums.

Election administration is complex and preparation requirements over an election cycle are extensive. The period from requesting Elections Yukon's support to the successful execution of the referendum vote was very short from an election administration perspective. To accelerate process development, Elections Yukon engaged with other Elections Management Bodies to determine best practices for conducting a referendum vote.

Following the pan-Canadian environmental scan, and review of the Order-in-Council 2021/15, the Chief Electoral Officer proposed an electoral process to the Minister of Education.

PRE-REFERENDUM PROCESS OVERVIEW

Under s.72 of the *Education Act*, a vote to determine if school councils should be substituted for a school board must be held if

- (a) the school council passes a resolution or
- (b) a petition is submitted to the Minister of Education.

Both the resolution and petition processes were clear; petitions had to be supported by 20 per cent of electors resident in the attendance area to trigger a referendum vote.

The process however to determine the total number of electors resident in the attendance area was uncertain. Elections Yukon engaged with the Yukon Bureau of Statistics to triangulate multiple administrative data sources to estimate the eligible elector population for calculating the 20 per cent threshold. The methodology used was supported by the Department of Education. The eligible elector population was estimated only once information regarding the petition process was requested. The range was from a low of 86 eligible electors (18 signatories required) for Nelnah Bessie John School in Beaver Creek to a high of 5,611 eligible electors (1,122 signatories required) for École Selkirk Elementary School in Whitehorse.

Elections Yukon prepared Petitioner Kits on the Department's behalf to ensure the petition was properly completed and administered. The kits contained general information about the petition process, the required number of supporters, contact information, a sample petition question to ensure alignment with the requirements to trigger a referendum vote, and pages to collect and witness petitioner information and signatures.

The petition question read as follows: "I declare that I am a Canadian citizen at least 18 years of age and either reside in the attendance area or have a child attending (name of school) and request that the Minister establish a First Nation School Board in substitution for the School Council. If approved, I understand the Minister will order a referendum vote to determine if the School Board will be established."

Elections Yukon distributed five petition kits and received information requests from an additional three school attendance areas. Briefings were provided to sponsors of the petition to ensure the process and timelines were clear. The completed petitions were to be returned to the Department of Education as the lead for the petition to the Minister. This ensured the Department was informed of schools wishing to be part of the YFNSB and ensured early liaison for any questions.

Three petitions were submitted to the Minister of Education; all three used the petition kits supplied by Elections Yukon. Elections Yukon completed a review of petitioners who indicated they were eligible based on residence. If the elector provided a civic address, the address was verified to be within the attendance area. If the elector provided a mailing address, the elector's name was verified against administrative data to ensure they resided within the attendance area and were at least 18 years of age; not all administrative data sources indicated citizenship status.

All petitions submitted to the Minister of Education were supported by at least 20 per cent of electors resident in the attendance area. The Minister of Education also received five resolutions from school councils, representing six schools¹.

The *Education Act* requires that a vote on substituting school councils for a school board be held within 90 days of receipt of a resolution or petition. The *Act* allows resolutions or petitions to be submitted at any time, triggering the 90-day timeline to hold a vote. Given the possibility of multiple submissions at various times, common submission deadlines were set by the Department of Education and communicated to electors. The batching of resolutions and petitions with set intake periods minimized elector confusion, streamlined election administration and communication, and reduced costs.

REFERENDUM PERIOD

The set intake period for petitions established by the Department of Education concluded on December 13, 2021. By end of the petition intake period, the Minister of Education had received petitions or resolutions for eight attendance areas. The Minister requested Elections Yukon hold eight referendum votes regarding schools transitioning to the operation of the First Nation School Board on December 21, 2021.

Applications for mail-out ballots opened two weeks later, on January 5, 2022, and in-person voting commenced on January 11, 2022.

As access to the vote in the attendance areas was a critical element, a number of initiatives were introduced that went well beyond the typical school council vote.

Eligible electors had more options than ever to cast their vote on whether or not their school should be operated by the First Nation School Board. The increased opportunities to vote in the referendums – mail-out ballots, return via drop box, early applications available online, in-person voting at Elections Yukon, with Referendum Officers in communities, and contactless voting – over a 17-day voting period were instrumental for ensuring electors had opportunities to cast their ballots. In determining voting times and locations, Elections Yukon worked with local community stakeholders to implement a community-centric approach that was reflective of community protocols.

Throughout the referendum period, Elections Yukon increased communications with electors through social media, interviews with reporters, public presentations, newspaper advertising, and notices posted within communities holding a referendum vote.

Elections Yukon also attended 11 community engagement sessions hosted by the Department of Education or YFNED to respond to elector questions and provide information on the referendum process. This increased communication presence was essential to augment the communications led by the Department to ensure eligibility and opportunities to vote were well understood, especially as the referendum process was unfamiliar for most electors. As appropriate, Elections Yukon consulted with the Department and YFNED to ensure communication messaging was aligned and to increase outreach with electors.

¹ Johnson Elementary School and Watson Lake Secondary School are represented by a combined council

The referendum period occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout the process, the focus of Elections Yukon was to ensure that the referendum was fair, transparent, safe, and accessible to all.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic introduced additional challenges to election administrators to ensure that workers, electors, and the public were safe; these safeguards were built on the foundation of previous school council elections in September 2020 as well as the territorial election in April 2021. The contingency plans, initiatives, materials, and partnerships that were put in place ensured safe, accessible, and convenient options for electors to exercise their right to vote.

The surge in the Omicron variant of COVID-19, coupled with deaths in a number of communities and associated cultural protocols presented new challenges. Advance contingency planning limited interruptions to the vote.

Referendum Officers in communities most affected rose to the occasion to provide expanded access, including contactless voting in communities facing lockdowns and to electors directed to self-isolate. The increased opportunities to vote in the referendums and extended voting period were instrumental to ensuring electors had ample access to the vote.

REFERENDUM VOTE

Each of the eight school attendance areas had separate referendum votes that were held concurrently. All votes were cast using a referendum ballot (see APPENDIX A). Each ballot was stamped for a specific attendance area; this was a key ballot control measure. The referendum ballot had a single question: “Do you agree that this school should be operated by the Yukon First Nation School Board?” requiring a yes or no answer. The question was clear, simple, and standardized across all schools. The ballot was in both English and French.

The referendum voting process was similar to a special ballot process. Electors who applied in person for a referendum ballot in their attendance area through their Referendum Officer, during appointments, or during early voting opportunities, made a self-declaration of their eligibility and were issued a ballot. The elector marked their ballot, folded it, and sealed it inside a secrecy envelope. The sealed secrecy envelope was sealed in a certificate envelope that bore the elector’s name, address, declaration of eligibility, and signature. Electors from any attendance area where a vote was held, could apply in person at Elections Yukon following the same process. A total of 1,174 electors (96% of voters) voted in-person following this process.

There was also an option for electors to apply for a special ballot kit online. A total of 53 electors (4% of voters) declared their eligibility and uploaded identification – an essential integrity measure. Once their referendum ballot was received, the elector marked their ballot, folded it, and sealed it inside a secrecy envelope. The sealed secrecy envelope was sealed in a certificate envelope that bore the elector’s name, address, declaration of eligibility, and signature. A pre-paid addressed envelope was provided.

Where electors voted in-person, sealed certificate envelopes were placed in the ballot box. For ballots that were mailed out, certificate envelopes were returned to Elections Yukon through the mail, using a secure drop box, or returned to their Referendum Officer.

Regardless of how ballots were returned, prior to the count, certificate envelopes were validated against poll book entries to ensure all ballots were correctly issued and accounted for.

REFERENDUM RESULTS

The referendum period was 17 days, starting on January 11, 2022. Voting concluded on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 4:00 pm. In total, 1,227 electors voted in the referendum. Counting of the ballots commenced in the eight attendance areas and Elections Yukon (for mail in ballots and those who voted in person) immediately following the close of polls.

Unofficial results were posted online as they were reported to headquarters – the first unofficial results were reported at 4:03 pm and the last at 8:55 pm on January 27, 2022. The official addition of the vote was held on Monday, January 31, 2022 at the offices of Election Yukon. No changes resulted (see APPENDIX C).

Section 72(3) of the *Education Act* specifies that “the Minister shall establish a School Board ... if at least 50 per cent plus one of the voting electors vote in favour of the establishment of a School Board.” The threshold specified in the *Education Act* was met in the following school attendance areas:

- Chief Zzeh Gittlit School (Old Crow)
- Grey Mountain Primary School (Whitehorse)
- Johnson Elementary & Watson Lake Secondary Schools (Watson Lake)
- Nelnah Bessie John School (Beaver Creek)
- Ross River School (Ross River)
- St. Elias Community School (Haines Junction)
- Takhini Elementary School (Whitehorse).

The threshold was not met in one school attendance area: J.V. Clark School (Mayo).

A debrief was held with election officials and various stakeholders.

BUDGET

The cost for Elections Yukon to carry out a fair and transparent referendum on behalf of the Minister of Education was estimated at \$90,000 (see APPENDIX D). Elections Yukon sought recovery from the Department of Education in the amount of \$65,200 for services provided. The recovery excluded the goodwill/in-kind services provided by the Elections Yukon team to advance the referendum, which were nominally valued at \$25,000.

The total cost was reflective of recruitment of and hiring of 22 election workers, the five petition process administered by Elections Yukon, administration of referendum votes at the nine schools where Minister McLean approved resolutions or petitions, and advertising services.

WAY AHEAD

The successful execution of the referendum vote with a rapid ramp-up was possible due to the innovation and collaborative approach of the Elections Yukon field and headquarters team with Departmental and other partners. Well thought out administrative and operation processes allowed a smooth roll out of the referendum vote and the flexibility to respond to any arisings due to COVID, elector requirements, or gaps in the electoral processes. As a result, there are no major changes required.

Looking forward, the *Education Act* and the Framework agreement both contemplate additional schools joining the First Nation School Board by resolution or petition.

In the immediate term, Elections Yukon has begun preparation work for school board elections. Elections Yukon will build on the lessons learned over the referendum period to continue to advance the modernization of electoral processes, access to the vote, and readiness to conduct the next vote.

FINDINGS

The work to develop processes for a referendum vote and to expand access was instructive in the ongoing evolution of school-related elections. It underscored the growing demand for access to the vote; beyond what was primarily a five-hour window of voting from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm on polling day.

This referendum vote served as proof of concept for expanded options to vote, a central voting option at Elections Yukon, and extended voting opportunities (time and venues). This is a pro-active and elector-centric model of electoral administration. This raises the expectation of the public, electors, and partners regarding electoral delivery. And with it, is the carry-over of the lessons learned and improved services and convenience to school council and school board elections.

This is being progressed. There are new demands on the Elections Yukon teams for time, priority, and resources. This reflects a greater internal readiness focus for school elections. This requires new processes, realignment of forms, multiple count processes for the various voting places and options, expanded recruitment and training, and overall increased administrative and operational oversight. It also reflects an expanded external network for collaboration and communication.

For Elections Yukon, the administration of school elections of all forms introduces considerable expansion of elector services. Integral to ongoing readiness will be the evaluation of new risks, opportunities, and contingencies.

As with all of Election Yukon electoral activities, the ongoing evolution will be measured against the strategic pillars of integrity, access, modernization and readiness.

What worked well:

- Engagement with education stakeholders (Department of Education, YFNED, and AYSCBC) strengthened the delivery of the referendum voting process. This collaborative team engagement also improved the ability to amplify communication messaging. Future electoral events will aim to have similar outreach.
- Participation in community engagement/information sessions provided Elections Yukon the opportunity to provide electors with consistent information from an authoritative, independent, and non-partisan source. It also provided the opportunity to relay clear messaging about electoral processes directly to electors and supported Elections Yukon's awareness of community feedback, concerns, and requirements. Elections Yukon is grateful to have been invited to participate in these sessions.
- Weekly meetings with Referendum Officers were critical to ensuring strong reciprocal communication throughout the referendum period. These meetings provided the opportunity for referendum officers and clerks to share strategies and discuss process improvements throughout the referendum period. These weekly check-in meetings with field election officers will be implemented for future electoral events.
- Over the 17-day referendum period, 158 electors cast their vote with Elections Yukon directly. This represented a significant increase in access to the vote.
- Applications for mail-out ballots were opened before the start of the referendum voting period; this facilitated additional time for electors to receive their ballot prior to the close of the referendum period.
- In-person voting at Elections Yukon took place in the foyer of the Main Administration Building; this could not have been successful without the assistance of the Inquiry Desk staff. Future electoral events will look to continue having voting available at the Elections Yukon offices; though voting location, lighting and signage will be looked at with an eye toward continuous improvement and barrier-free access to the vote.
- With electors having multiple access points to cast their vote in the referendum – mail-out ballots, return via drop box, early applications available online, in-person voting at Elections Yukon, with Referendum Officers in communities, and contactless voting – access to the vote was significantly improved. Expanded options to vote will be carried forward to future school council, school board, and school referendum votes.

- Referendum Officers' innovation, flexibility, and responsiveness were essential to ensuring access to the vote. A community-centric approach allowed Elections Yukon to respond quickly to evolving community needs, surges in COVID-19 cases, lockdowns, and cultural protocols associated with deaths in the community. Contactless voting options were used at a rate higher than anticipated. The agility of Referendum Officers to respond to evolving community needs was unparalleled.
- Completing interim Certificate Envelope validations by Returning Officers two times a week greatly expedited the count following the final day of voting. This supported early results reporting. Future electoral events where the volume of special ballots is anticipated to be high will continue to use interim validations.
- School attendance areas with high voter numbers faced challenges different than those with lower numbers of voters. For example, the St. Elias attendance area with high voter numbers saw additional staff hired to assist with safe spacing and sanitization while in the Chief Zzeh Gittlit attendance area where voter numbers were lower and COVID-related restrictions more rigid, contactless voting and home visits were used exclusively. The agility to respond to emerging needs will continue to be carried forward for future electoral events.

What could be improved:

- Although the community-centric approach was a strength of the referendum vote, customized voting locations, dates, and times between communities proved to be a challenge for standardizing communication with electors.

In some attendance areas, all set voting times were during business hours. Although electors could vote by appointment outside of these hours, making an appointment may have been a psychological barrier for some electors. For future electoral events, dates and times for early voting should be generally consistent across communities with at least one scheduled day in the evening or on a weekend to further improve access to the vote.

- The special ballot process, which involves an application, certificate envelope, and secrecy envelope, was not well understood by electors. The special ballot process is common in elections, including territorial and federal elections. Several electors expressed concerns about the secrecy of the vote when voting by special ballot. Through one-on-one dialogue with electors, these concerns were alleviated; however, it does highlight the need for increased elector education where the special ballot process is used.
- Tariffs for Referendum Officers mirrored those paid to Returning Officers for school council and school board elections. Tariffs paid to Referendum Officers and Referendum Clerks will need to be re-evaluated within the context of increased duties, expectations, and expanded conditions of employment, especially with recent increases to minimum wage in Yukon.
- Inaccurate information was distributed during the referendum period; this was more pronounced at the end. This included stakeholders providing inaccurate information to electors through advertising on social media, and newspaper ads, inaccurate information posted to Yukon.ca, and a misunderstanding among local radio hosts of eligibility criteria. Key areas where inaccurate information was shared were in ways electors could vote, eligibility to vote in the referendum and the difference between attendance and catchment areas. Stakeholders are essential to increasing the reach and amplifying messaging surrounding elections, however it is critical that the information shared is timely, accurate and reliable. Improved coordination of messaging across stakeholder groups may prevent conflicting information being shared in the future.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Section 72(2) of the *Education Act* requires that a vote on substituting school councils for a school board be held within 90 days of receipt of a resolution or petition. The *Act* allows resolutions or petitions to be submitted at any time, triggering the 90-day timeline to hold a vote on substitution school councils for a school board. During the first referendum vote, batching of resolutions and petitions with set intake periods minimized elector confusion, streamlined election administration and communication, and reduced costs. It is therefore recommended that:
 - The date of the next application period, by school council resolution or petition, to form part of the FNSB be promulgated by the Department and communicated early to support a referendum process to hold concurrent referendum votes.
 - The date of the next application period, by resolutions or petitions, to join the FNSB be May 2023. This would allow a vote prior to the end of the 2022/23 school year. Should results of the vote support combining the school council(s) with the FNSB, this would allow the required time for necessary administrative planning to occur after the nominal end of the school year so the school could fall under board authority for the start of the 2023/24 school year.
 - Should there be interest expressed by other community groups or schools to substitute school councils for a school board, that resolutions and petitions be batched with a set annual intake period.
2. Election administration is complex and preparation requirements over an election cycle are extensive. The period from the Minister of Education requesting Elections Yukon's support to the successful execution of the referendum vote was very short from an election administration perspective. It is therefore recommended that:
 - The Minister of Education's request for Elections Yukon services be made early for the next scheduled referendum vote.
3. Section 75(b) of the *Education Act* does not specify the required timeframe to hold a vote on combining a school council with a school board. It is therefore recommended that:
 - To improve clarity, the vote on combining a school council with a school board be held within 90 days of the batched annual intake period for resolutions or petitions. This would be consistent with s. 72(2) and s. 73(2) of the *Act*.
4. The request from the Minister of Education for Elections Yukon to conduct a referendum vote resulted in the development of new processes that were fair, transparent, and compliant with the *Education Act* and which could be replicated for future Yukon referendums. Referenda are not part of Elections Yukon's mandate. Therefore, Elections Yukon does not have an appropriation allotment to conduct referendum votes. The initial referendum vote was financially supported through recovery from the Department of Education. It is therefore recommended that:
 - To ensure adequate financial resources are available, an appropriation allotment from the Government of Yukon to Elections Yukon be a baseline amount of \$15,000 with an additional appropriation of \$5,000 per school where a referendum vote will be held.

5. Sections 72(2) and 73(2) of *Education Act* specify that where a petition or resolution on councils changed to boards or combining councils, the Minister shall conduct a vote. Sections 74(b) and 75(b) of the *Education Act* do not specify who is to conduct the vote for combining school boards or combining school boards with councils. It is therefore recommended that:
 - In order to clarify roles and responsibilities, the responsibility to conduct votes be specified as the Chief Electoral Officer.
 - Section 84(1)(a) of the *Education Act* be revised or a regulation be developed to indicate that the Chief Electoral Officer appointed pursuant to the *Elections Act* exercise general direction and supervision over the administrative conduct of votes under the *Education Act*.
 - A regulation be developed to clarify the statutory provisions in the conduct of referendum votes under the *Education Act*.

6. Effective, accurate, and timely communication with electors is essential to the success of any vote, especially where the process is unfamiliar. Elections Yukon does not currently have the human resource capacity nor communications expertise to lead communications in a complex environment with multiple stakeholder groups. It is therefore recommended that:
 - The Department of Education's role be expanded in support of communicating with the public for all votes under the *Education Act*, including proactive engagement with media, clearer household flyers, and using established communication technology (e.g. school messenger). The reach of the Department of Education can facilitate amplifying messaging. Elections Yukon would continue to release messaging regarding the election process.
 - Stakeholders share planned messaging with Elections Yukon so it may be reviewed for accuracy in advance of its release or for Elections Yukon to act as a "clearinghouse" on election-related communication messaging. By reviewing messaging in advance, Elections Yukon can assist stakeholders to ensure the information shared is accurate.

7. With several schools falling under the authority of the FNSB, revised attendance areas are required. It is therefore recommended that:
 - Ministerial Order 1990/003 be repealed and replaced with revised attendance areas.
 - Ministerial Order 1992/005 be repealed and consolidated with revised attendance areas.
 - Ministerial Order 1993/009 be repealed and consolidated with revised attendance areas.
 - The Department of Education procures and shares updated school attendance area maps reflective of revised attendance areas.

8. The 20 per cent threshold for petitions in attendance areas that encompass large geographic areas, especially in the Whitehorse area, makes the petition process unrealistic and unsupportable. For example, preliminary figures estimate there are 14,600 eligible electors in the attendance area for Porter Creek Secondary School. To meet the 20 per cent petition threshold stipulated in the *Education Act*, 2,920 signatories would be required. The high thresholds create barriers to community participation. It is therefore recommended that:
 - Sections 72(1)(b), s.73(1)(b), s.74(b), and s.75(b) of the *Education Act* be revised to stipulate a petition signed by 20 per cent of eligible electors in the attendance area or a numeric threshold specified whichever is less would meet the minimum threshold to hold a vote. It is nominally recommended the numeric threshold be set at 250 electors or the 20% of eligible electors in the attendance area, whichever is lower. For comparison, 100 eligible elector signatures are required to register a political party and 25 electors are required to nominate a candidate in a territorial election under the *Elections Act*.

9. The *Education Act* and the Framework agreement both contemplate the ability for additional schools to join the FNSB. Section 75(a) of the *Education Act* indicates that if only one of the school council or school board makes a resolution, then a petition supported by 20 per cent of eligible electors in each the education and attendance areas would be required. For example, if a school community expresses a desire for their school to join the FNSB through a petition, despite the FNSB trustees being agreeable through a resolution, two petitions must be submitted to the Minister of Education. One petition signed by 20 per cent of eligible electors in the attendance area and a second petition signed by 20 per cent of eligible electors in the FNSB. As the FNSB education area encompasses all of Yukon, meeting the 20 per cent threshold would be untenable. It is therefore recommended that:
- A regulation be developed to clarify the process should there be disagreement between elected members and the electorate. It should be considered that a FNSB (or CYFY) resolution could replace the requirement for the education area vote.
10. The *Education Act* and the Framework agreement both contemplate the ability for additional schools join the FNSB. Section 75(b) of the *Education Act* indicates that to combine a school board with a council, at least 50 per cent plus one of the voting electors resident in each the education and attendance area must vote in favour of combining. As the FNSB education area encompasses all of Yukon, a territory-wide referendum vote could be impractical due to cost and human resource limitations. It is therefore recommended that:
- A regulation be developed to clarify the conduct of referendum votes. It should be considered that a FNSB (or CSFY) resolution could replace the requirement for the education area vote.

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Elections Yukon worked closely with the Department of Education in preparation for the referendum vote. The successful execution of the referendum would not have been possible without the collaboration of the Department of Education and Yukon Bureau of Statistics, inputs from the Yukon First Nation Education Directorate (YFNED), the Association of Yukon School Councils, Boards and Committees (AYSCBC), and the leadership, effort, innovation and responsiveness of Referendum Officers and their teams.


APPENDIX A – REFERENDUM BALLOT KIT

Electors were required to complete an application and oath of qualification (see Figure 1) prior to a ballot kit being issued. The referendum ballot kit contained:

- A referendum ballot (see Figure 2);
- A secrecy envelope (see Figure 3); and
- A certificate envelope (see Figure 4).

Where electors were voting by mail-out ballot, their kit also contained instructions and a postage-paid return envelope.

Figure 1: Ballot application and oath of qualification

		REFERENDUM VOTE BALLOT APPLICATION AND OATH OF QUALIFICATION			
APPLICATION	<input type="checkbox"/> Referendum Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Election Yukon HQ <input type="checkbox"/> Mail-Out of Ballot	SCHOOL NAME			
ELECTOR NAME	Last Name		First Name		Middle Name
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS	Number	Street Name (civic address)		Unit	City/Town/Village YT Postal Code
ELECTOR INFO (Method of contact)	Email				
	phone				
FOR MAIL-OUT BALLOT APPLICATIONS ONLY (ONLINE/PHONE/EMAIL)					
INCLUDE PROOF OF IDENTITY	<input type="checkbox"/> One Piece <input type="checkbox"/> Two Pieces (See List of Authorized ID)		DATE OF BIRTH	month/day/year	
ADDRESS TO MAIL BALLOT (same as above) <input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Street Name/PO Box Number		Unit	City/Town/Village YT Postal Code
OATH OF QUALIFICATION (COMPLETE 3 SECTIONS)					
I declare that I am a qualified elector and entitled to receive a referendum ballot for the above-mentioned school.					
1. Verify all four eligibility conditions are met. I am: <input type="checkbox"/> 18 years of age or older, and <input type="checkbox"/> a Canadian citizen, and <input type="checkbox"/> qualified to vote on the basis of either attendance or residency, and <input type="checkbox"/> I have not previously voted in this referendum for this school attendance area.			2. Select one or both as basis of elector eligibility: <input type="checkbox"/> Attendance: I am a parent* of a student attending this school AND/OR <input type="checkbox"/> Residency: I am a resident in the attendance area** of this school for at least three months		
<small>* Parent means biological parent, adoptive parent, persons legally entitled to custody, or the persons who usually have care and custody of the child. ** Attendance Area means the geographical area designated by the Minister for each school committee or council.</small>					
3. I certify that this information is to the best of my knowledge true and correct.					
Signature of Registrant		Date		Signature and Title of Election Official	
THIS SPACE FOR ELECTION YUKON USE ONLY					
Elector ID #	Notes:			Entered VV By:	Date
<small>Privacy Statement: The information on this form is collected under the authority of the Yukon Education Act. It will only be used for electoral purposes. Questions can be directed to Elections Yukon online, at info@electionsyukon.ca, or (867) 667-8683/(866) 668-8683 (toll-free).</small>					

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Figure 2: Referendum ballot

<p>Do you agree that this school should be operated by the Yukon First Nation School Board?</p> <p><i>Selon vous, cette école devrait-elle relever de la Commission scolaire des Premières Nations du Yukon?</i></p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES / OUI <input type="radio"/> NO / NON</p>	<p>INSTRUCTIONS DIRECTIVES</p> <p>Mark your choice. Detach these instructions. Fold ballot and place in secrecy envelope.</p> <p><i>Indiquez votre choix. Détachez ces directives, puis pliez le bulletin et insérez-le dans l'enveloppe confidentielle.</i></p>
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Figure 3: Secrecy envelope

**ELECTIONS
YUKON** A

**SECRECY ENVELOPE
ENVELOPPE DE VOTE SECRET**

Fold and insert your completed ballot in this envelope. Seul.
Pliez votre bulletin de vote dûment marqué, glissez-le dans cette
enveloppe, puis scellez cette dernière.

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Figure 4: Certificate envelope

**ELECTIONS
YUKON** B

**CERTIFICATE ENVELOPE
ENVELOPPE-CERTIFICAT**

School/école :

Name of Elector/Nom de l'électeur/électrice : _____

Address/Adresse : _____

Declaration: I declare that I am eligible to vote in this school election event by virtue of being a Canadian citizen, at least 18 years of age, have not previously voted in this school attendance area, and am (mark one or both as applicable):

Declaration : Je déclare que je suis admissible à voter dans cette élection scolaire parce que j'ai la citoyenneté canadienne, j'ai moins 18 ans, j'ai pas voté précédemment dans cette zone de fréquentation scolaire et je suis (cochez une ou les deux cases selon le cas) :

A resident of the above mentioned school attendance area for at least three months AND/OR
Un résident de la zone de fréquentation scolaire susmentionnée depuis au moins trois mois ET/OU

A parent of a child attending this school
Le parent d'un enfant fréquentant cette école

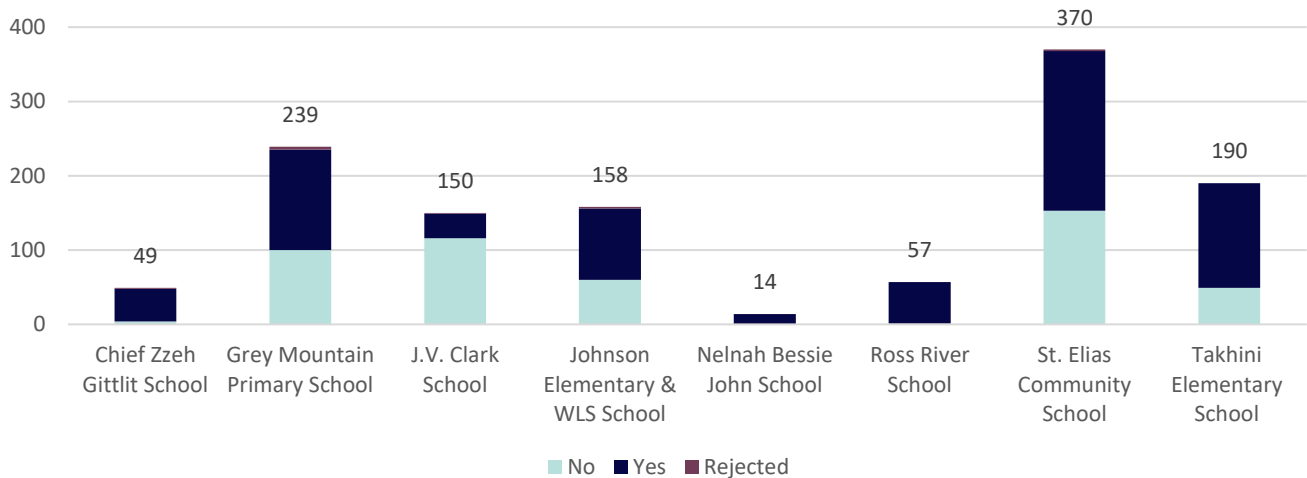
Signature _____ **Date** _____

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APPENDIX B – VOTING STATISTICS

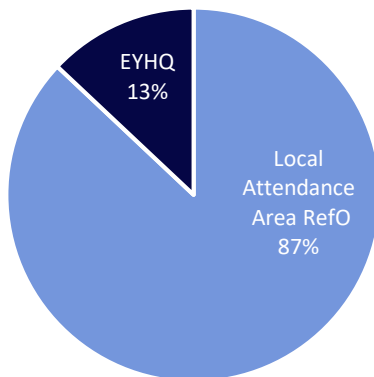
In total, 1,227 votes were cast in the eight referendums. St. Elias Community School in Haines Junction saw the highest number of voters (370) and Nelnah Bessie John School in Beaver Creek saw the fewest (14).

Figure 5: Votes cast by school



Of the 1,227 votes cast, 13% (158 votes) were cast at Elections Yukon’s Offices (EYHQ) – they were returned by mail, to the secure drop box, or cast in-person at the Main Administration Building. This uptake shows the demand for expanded access to the vote.

Figure 6: Distribution of valid votes cast by location counted



REFERENDUM VOTE ... BY THE NUMBERS



5

petition kits requested
by community
members



5

resolutions submitted
by school councils



22

Yukoners hired to
support the referendum
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community engagement
sessions attended by
Elections Yukon




9

media advisories and
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117

social media posts
(39 posts across 3 platforms)



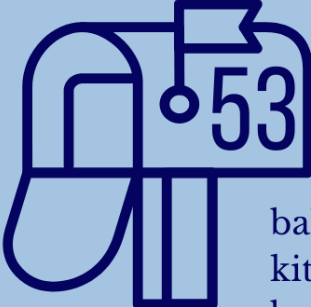
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17

days of early
voting



53

ballot
kits sent
by mail



1,227

referendum votes cast



3 mins

after polls closed first
unofficial results posted
to ElectionsYukon.ca



8

schools met the
threshold to be
operated by the First
Nation School Board

APPENDIX C– OFFICIAL RESULTS

Name of School / Community	Total votes cast in attendance area ¹	Total votes cast at Elections Yukon ¹	Total votes cast				Total valid votes (total – rejected)
			Yes	No	Rejected ²	Total	
Met threshold³ – school to be operated by the First Nation School Board							
Chief Zzeh Gittlit School Old Crow	48	1	44	4	1	49	48
Grey Mountain Primary School Whitehorse	148	91	135	100	4	239	235
Johnson Elementary & Watson Lake Secondary Schools	158	0	96	60	2	158	156
Nelnah Bessie John School Beaver Creek	14	0	14	0	0	14	14
Ross River School Ross River	57	0	56	1	0	57	57
St. Elias Community School Haines Junction	348	22	215	153	2	370	368
Takhini Elementary School Whitehorse	150	40	141	49	0	190	190
Did not meet threshold³ – unchanged from school council							
J.V. Clark School Mayo	146	4	33	116	1	150	149
SUMMARY	1,069	158	734	483	10	1,227	1,217

Notes on Official Results Reporting

1. Results for each school attendance area are reported from two voting locations:
 - a. Valid votes received by the Referendum Officer, whether by in-person voting or issued by mail and returned to the Referendum Officer, and
 - b. Valid votes received at Elections Yukon, whether by in-person voting, returned by mail or via the secure drop-box.

2. Rejected includes rejected certificate envelopes and rejected ballots.
 A certificate envelope may have been rejected if it was not fully completed. The most common reason for rejecting a certificate envelope was it not being signed.
 Ballots may have been rejected if they were improperly marked. The most common reasons for rejecting a ballot include it not being marked for yes or no, it being marked for both yes and no, or it being marked in a way that the voter can be identified.

3. The Minister shall establish a School Board if at least 50% plus 1 of the valid votes returned are a YES. A minimum of 3 votes is required. The formula for calculating the threshold is the number of valid votes multiplied by 50% plus 1 (rounded up).

Examples:

Valid votes	Calculation	YES votes required to meet threshold (rounded)
1	$= (1 \times 50\%) + 1$ $= 0.5 + 1$ $= 1.5$	2 YES votes required <i>Threshold cannot be met</i>
7	$= (7 \times 50\%) + 1$ $= 3.5 + 1$ $= 4.5$	5 YES votes required
50	$= (50 \times 50\%)$ $= 25 + 1$ $= 26$	26 YES votes required
100	$= (100 \times 50\%)$ $= 50 + 1$ $= 51$	51 YES votes required


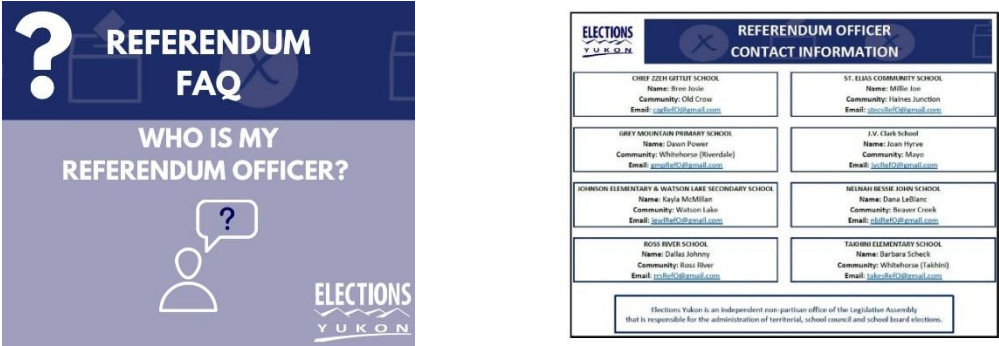
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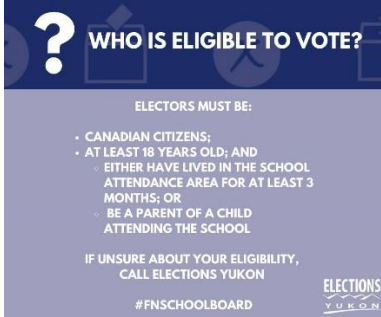
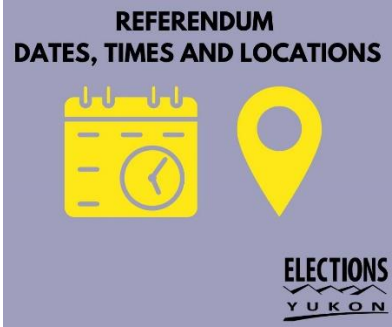

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

DESCRIPTION
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<p>Referendum process development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manual, guide, and form development • Recruiting election workers • Expanded voting options (administration of mail-out, drop box, and voting at Main Administration Building)
<p>Election worker expenses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honoria paid to Referendum Officers and Referendum Clerks • Travel and accommodations to attend training • Shipping • Venue rentals
<p>Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballot materials • Supplies and program materials • COVID-19 materials • Advertising
<p>TOTAL</p>
<p>Note: 2022 goodwill/in-kind referendum administration expenses not billed. It is an estimated value of \$25,000.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic partnership and planning activities • Elections Yukon mandate expansion • Training, assignments, and supervision • Web and social content development and management • Election-related supplies and materials • Post-referendum report

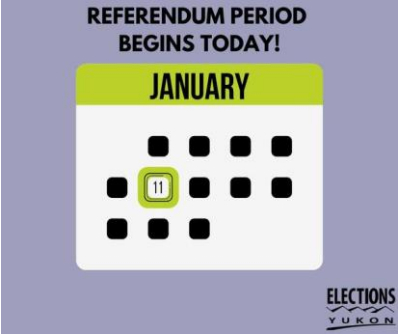

APPENDIX E – SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS


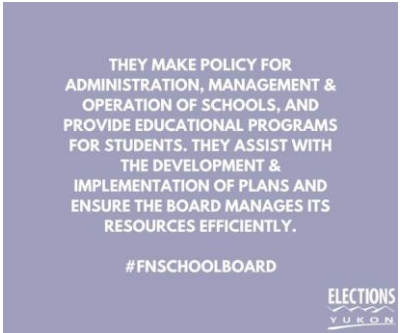

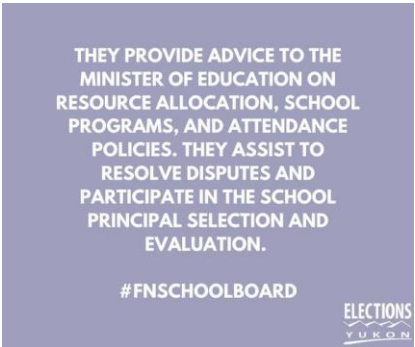
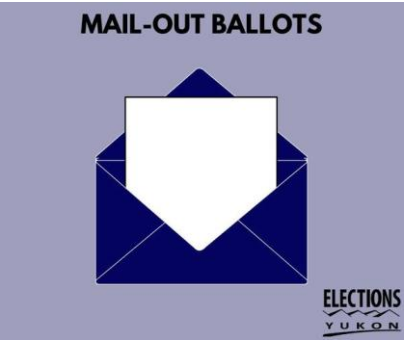
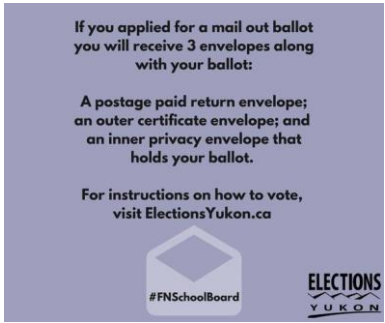
The following provides an overview social media posts on Elections Yukon’s social media channels to support communications during the referendum period. Between January 5 and January 27, 2022, 117 posts were made to Elections Yukon’s social media channels (39 unique posts across 3 platforms). As no school holding a referendum vote was French immersion, all social media posts were done in English.


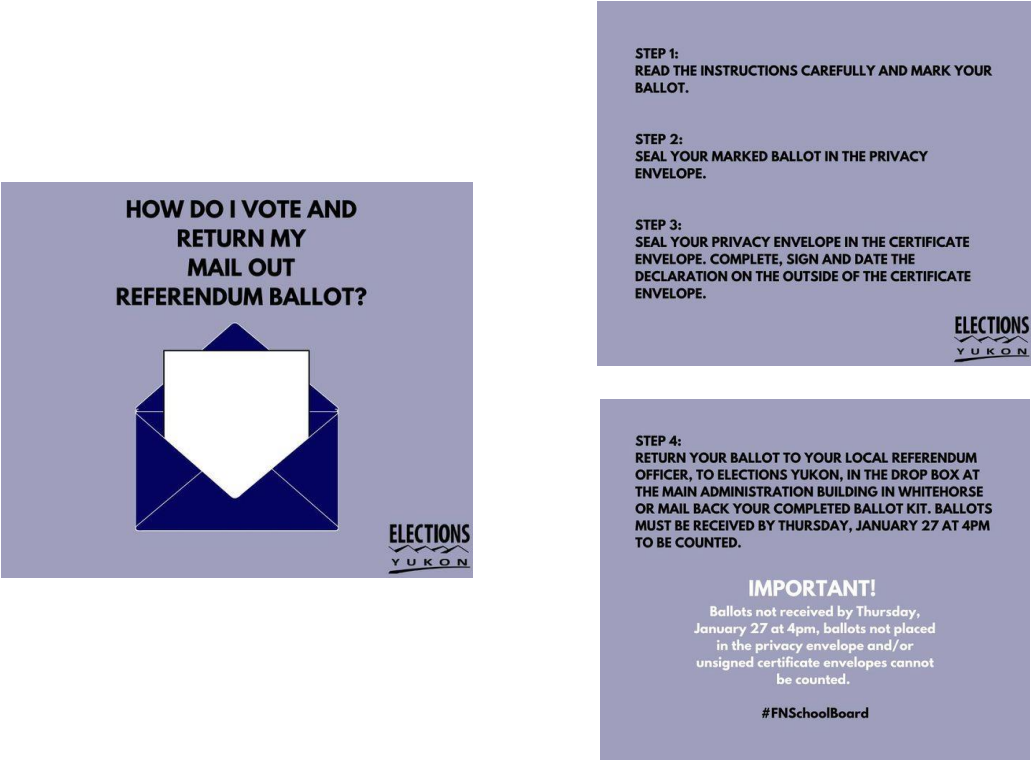
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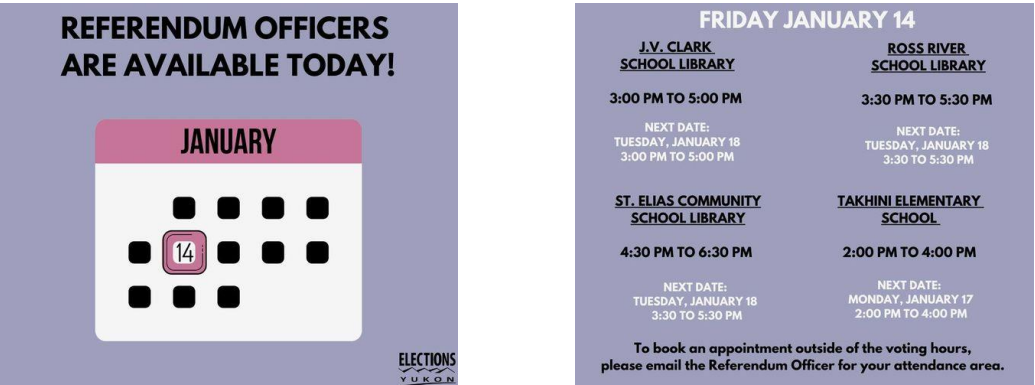


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<p>Dates, times and locations for in-person voting in the referendum are now posted to ElectionsYukon.ca.</p> <p>Make your plan to vote!</p> <p>#FNSchoolBoard</p>	 <p>A graphic with a light blue background. At the top, it says 'REFERENDUM DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS'. Below this are icons of a yellow calendar and a yellow location pin. The 'ELECTIONS YUKON' logo is in the bottom right corner.</p>	 <p>A graphic titled 'VOTING HOURS' with a dark blue header. Below the header, it lists eight locations and their voting hours for January 11, 18, & 25. The locations are: Ethel Zech Gifted School Library, St. Elias Community School Library, Holy Trinity Primary School Library, St. Clare School Library, Ross River School Library, Nelson Besse John School, Watson Lake Trench University Campus, and Tumbler Elementary School. Each entry includes the dates and times for voting.</p>

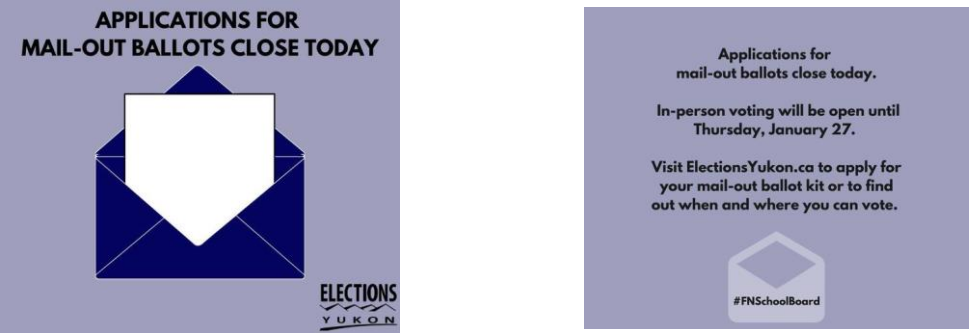
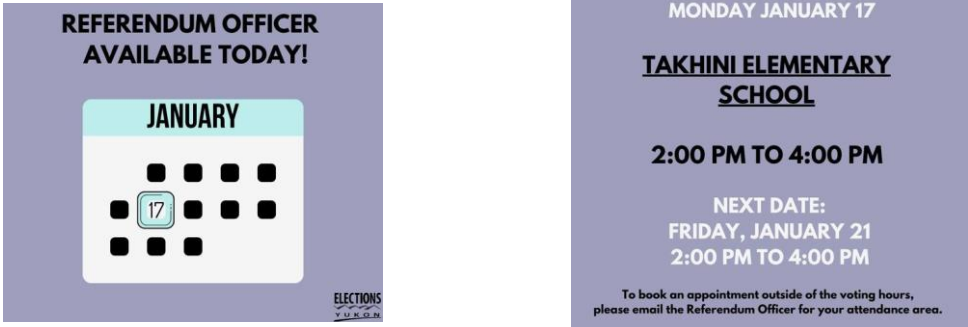
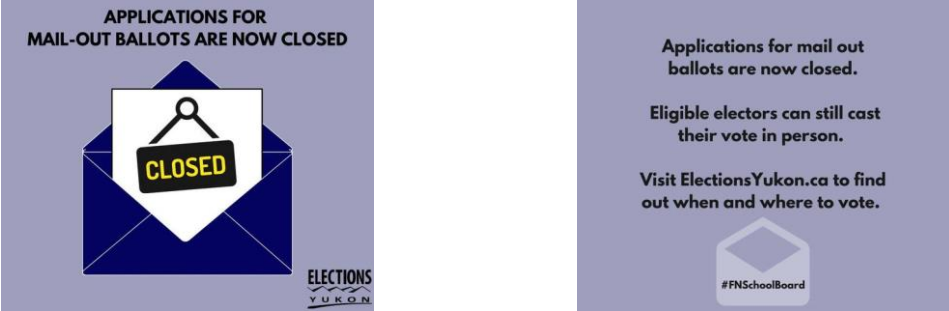
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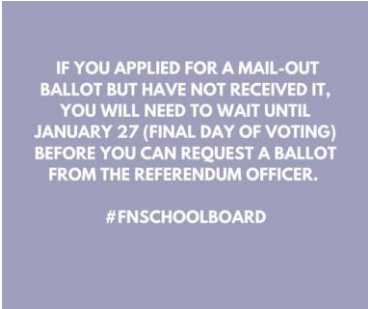

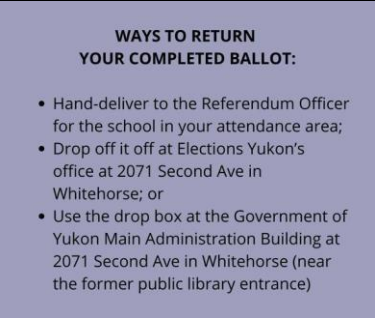
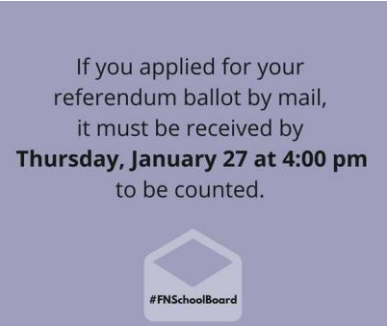
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<p>If you applied for your referendum ballot by mail, it must be received by Thursday, January 27 at 4:00 pm to be counted.</p> <p>#FNSchoolBoard</p>	 <p>A graphic with a light purple background. At the top, it says "IF YOU APPLIED FOR A REFERENDUM BALLOT". In the center is a white envelope icon with a ballot slip inside. The "ELECTIONS YUKON" logo is in the bottom right corner.</p>  <p>A light purple rectangular box with the heading "WAYS TO RETURN YOUR COMPLETED BALLOT:" followed by a bulleted list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand-deliver to the Referendum Officer for the school in your attendance area; • Drop off it off at Elections Yukon's office at 2071 Second Ave in Whitehorse; or • Use the drop box at the Government of Yukon Main Administration Building at 2071 Second Ave in Whitehorse (near the former public library entrance) </p>  <p>A light purple rectangular box containing the text: "If you applied for your referendum ballot by mail, it must be received by Thursday, January 27 at 4:00 pm to be counted." Below the text is a white envelope icon with a ballot slip and the hashtag "#FNSchoolBoard".</p>

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Please see the notice for Voters in Old Crow and Ross River.

The final day for Referendum voting is:
Thursday, January 27
1:00 PM until 4:00 PM

Please email the Referendum Officer for your attendance area to book an appointment outside of these hours.

For any other questions please contact Elections Yukon at:
867-667-8683
1-866-668-8683 (Toll-free)
info@electionsyukon.ca

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REFERENDUM VOTING UPDATE NOTICE

**NOTICE FOR VOTERS IN OLD CROW
CHIEF ZZEH GITTLIT SCHOOL**

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak in Old Crow, in person referendum voting at Chief Zzeh Gittlit School has been suspended.

Voting will continue by appointment.

To make arrangements please contact Bree Josie:
czgReFO@gmail.com

**NOTICE FOR VOTERS IN ROSS RIVER
ROSS RIVER SCHOOL**

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak in Ross River, in person referendum voting at Ross River School has been suspended.

Voting will continue by appointment.

To make arrangements please contact Dallas Johnny:
rrsReFO@gmail.com

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FRIDAY
JANUARY 21
2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

MONDAY
JANUARY 24
2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

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JANUARY 27
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BEAVER CREEK

**NELNAH BESSIE JOHN
SCHOOL**

SUNDAY
JANUARY 23
4:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

TUESDAY
JANUARY 25
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THURSDAY (FINAL DAY)
JANUARY 27
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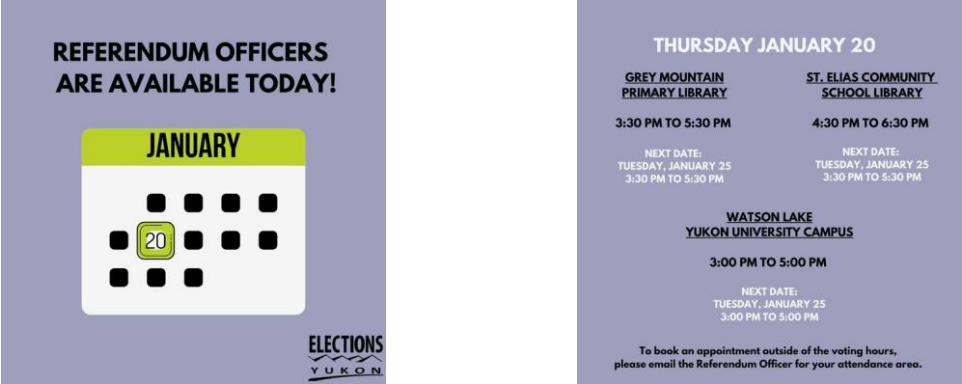

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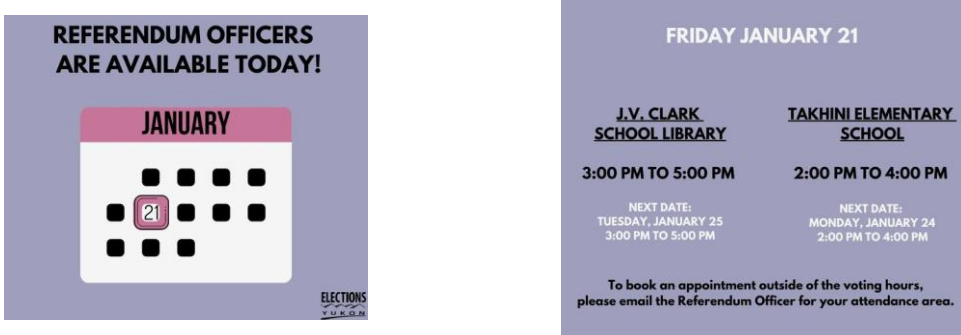
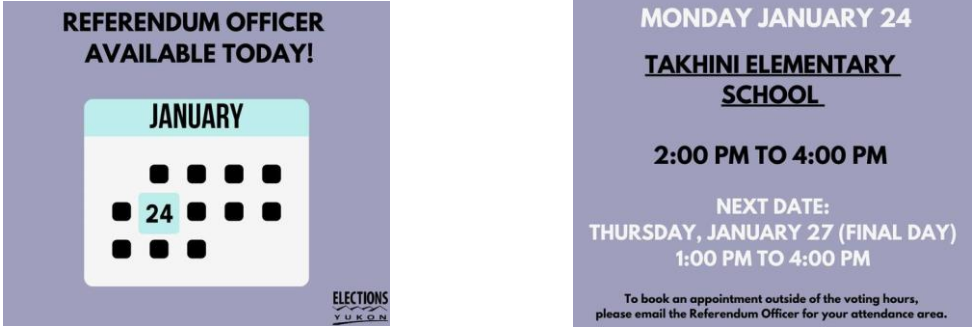
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SECONDARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

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JANUARY 27
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3:00 PM TO 5:00 PM


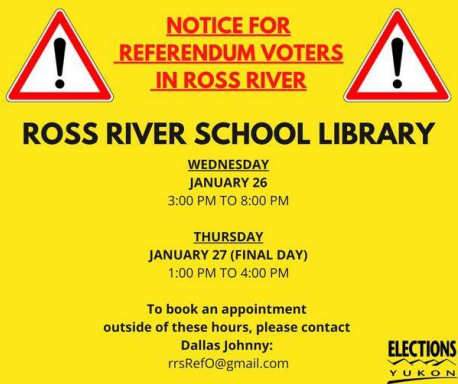
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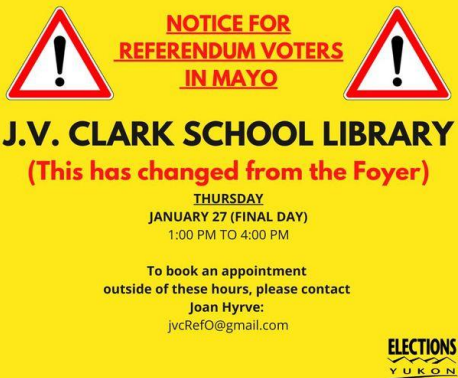

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