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MEDIA ADVISORY

SCHOOL COUNCIL GENERAL ELECTION UNDERWAY CANDIDATE NOMINATION PERIOD OPEN UNTIL THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

Candidate nominations opened today, marking the start of the 2024 school council general elections for the 17 Yukon Education schools directly under the authority of the Department of Education. School councils are separate from school boards and have different elections.

School council candidate nomination packages are now available at schools with councils, from school returning officers, at Elections Yukon's office in Whitehorse, and online at ElectionsYukon.ca. Completed nomination forms will be accepted by school returning officers until noon on Thursday, April 25, 2024.

Yukoners can be nominated or vote in a school council election if they are a Canadian citizen, at least 18 years of age, and either:

- the parent/guardian of a student attending the school
AND/OR
- have been a resident* in the school's attendance area for at least three (3) months.

*School council elections at the three Whitehorse Catholic schools require residents to also be registered parishioners at Sacred Heart Cathedral parish or Our Lady of Victory parish. Catholics who are unregistered can contact the Catholic Diocese of Whitehorse to discuss other options.

Quote

Administering school council elections are an important part of the Elections Yukon mandate. As with all elections in the territory, we work to ensure impartial, non-partisan, and compliant processes, accessible to all eligible electors. I encourage all interested candidates and eligible electors to learn about the process, participate, and exercise their right to vote and be a candidate in these elections.

- Maxwell Harvey, Chief Electoral Officer, Elections Yukon

Information updates

To learn about the nomination process and for important election updates, visit ElectionsYukon.ca or follow @ElectionsYukon on Facebook or X (formerly Twitter).

For more information, contact

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For information about school councils, visit yukon.ca/school-councils.

Attachments: Key information for the 2024 school council elections