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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **ADVANCE POLLS TO OPEN THIS SUNDAY APRIL 4<sup>th</sup> and MONDAY APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>**

Voting in-person during two days of advance polls will take place this coming Sunday and Monday (April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>) from 8 AM to 8 PM. There are 23 advance poll locations across Yukon. Advance Polls are traditionally a major voting opportunity for Yukon electors. In 2016, 28% of the electors voted at advance polls.

Electors can find out where to vote from their Voter Information Card, from the 'Where Do I Vote' option on the [electionsyukon.ca](http://electionsyukon.ca) home page, from any returning office, or they can email [helpdesk@electionsyukon.ca](mailto:helpdesk@electionsyukon.ca) or call (867) 667-8683.

### **SPECIAL BALLOT VOTING CONTINUES**

Special ballot voting continues with 1,683 electors having chosen this option as of 8 AM on March 31<sup>st</sup>. This is already a 23% increase over the 2016 election period. Special ballot voting remains an option with applications open at any returning office until Friday, April 9.

Online special ballot applications are still available. However the time to receive and return a special ballot by mail is getting shorter to meet turnaround times, and the deadline to be received by Elections Yukon (headquarters or the returning office in the electoral district of the elector) by 8PM on Monday April 12<sup>th</sup>. Late ballots will not be counted.

Electors wishing to vote by special ballot are encouraged to visit a returning office to apply. Electors who receive their special ballot by mail can return the completed special ballot:

- to the returning office of the electoral district where they are an elector; or
- to the Elections Yukon drop box outside the administrative building at 2701 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in Whitehorse.

### **REGISTRATION – ONLINE, AT RETURNING OFFICES, AND AT THE POLLS**

Registration continues. Registration confirms an electors eligibility. An elector must be a Canadian citizen, 18 years of age or older on polling day, and a resident of the Yukon for the 12 months prior to Polling Day (April 12<sup>th</sup>). Electors are assigned to an electoral district and polling division based on the address where they reside.

Electors can register or update their registration online at [electionsyukon.ca](http://electionsyukon.ca) or at any returning office. Identification will be required.

Online: The online option for registration was introduced in 2020. During the pre-election period it was used to update List of Electors for any additions and corrections

At Returning Offices: With the issue of the writ on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 there is a statutory 21-day period for early registration (this is increased from 19 days in 2016). This phase of registration, online and by mail, during targeted revision and at returning offices ends on Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. This allows an updated list to be created for the advance polls.

At the Polls: Electors who wish to register or update their information can do so when they vote. This includes:

- At any returning office or online when they apply to vote by special ballot (until Friday April 9<sup>th</sup>).
- At the advance poll when they vote (Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup> and Monday April 5<sup>th</sup>).
- At the ordinary poll on Polling Day when they vote (Monday April 12<sup>th</sup>).

Elections staff will be available at the polls to assist electors with their registration.

### **Contact Elections Yukon**

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