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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### SCHOOL COUNCIL GENERAL ELECTION DATE SET

School councils provide a way for Yukoners to get involved in student education. They provide a significant voice to promote high quality education, raise student achievement, and improve school performance.

Elections Yukon will administer the general election of members to represent 19 attendance areas in the territory, three of which also receive guidance from the Catholic Episcopal Corporation with respect to the residency of electors and candidates. The Minister of Education has approved Monday, May 2, 2022 as polling day to elect members of a school council.

Each school council has between three and seven elected positions. General elections for school councils are held every two years; the last being in the fall of 2020. Key dates and information for the general election are noted below:

- **Monday, April 11, 2022 – Notice of Nominations**

This is the first day of the election period. Candidate nominations can be submitted to the Returning Officer for the school up to the close of nominations on Thursday, April 21 at 12 noon. Nomination papers are available at schools with councils, with the school Returning Officer, at Elections Yukon's office in Whitehorse and online at [ElectionsYukon.ca](http://ElectionsYukon.ca).

- **Thursday, April 21, 2022 – Close of Nominations (10 am to 12 noon)**

This set period is the final opportunity for candidates to submit their nomination papers. Nomination papers must be submitted to the Returning Officer responsible for the election of the school council. The Returning Officer will be available at the school between 10 am and 12 noon to accept nomination papers.

If the number of nominations for candidates does not exceed the number to be elected, the Returning Officer will declare the persons nominated to be elected by acclamation. If there are more candidates than positions, a poll will be required to take the vote.

- Where required, electors will have multiple opportunities to vote at the school:

- **Wednesday, April 27, 2022 – Early Voting (3 pm to 6 pm)**
- **Saturday, April 30, 2022 – Early Voting (1 pm to 4 pm)**
- **Monday, May 2, 2022 – Polling Day (3 pm to 8 pm)**

When polls close, the ballots will be counted, and members elected by a poll will be declared.

- **Additional Voting Opportunities**

Electors will have additional opportunities to cast their vote during the election period by appointment with the Returning Office, by mail out ballot or at the Main Administration Building in Whitehorse from 10 am to 4 pm Monday to Friday.

- **Information updates**

Throughout the election period, the Elections Yukon website ([ElectionsYukon.ca](https://electionsyukon.ca)) and social media channels will be updated regularly.

**Quote:**

*School election administration continues to evolve. Elections Yukon has put considerable focus on process renewal, expanded outreach, and renewed partnerships. The 2022 school council general election aims to support inclusive processes, and engage electors to exercise their right to vote and be a candidate. School councils are key partners in school governance; elected members support the delivery of accessible quality education to Yukon learners.*

Maxwell Harvey, Chief Electoral Officer

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**Attachment:** Listing of Yukon School Councils

## LISTING OF YUKON SCHOOL COUNCILS

The following schools will elect members to school council. The number of elected school council positions varies by attendance area.

School	Community	Elected school council positions
Christ the King Elementary School*	Whitehorse	5 members
Del Van Gorder School	Faro	5 members
École Selkirk Elementary School	Whitehorse	5 members
École Whitehorse Elementary School	Whitehorse	7 members
Elijah Smith Elementary School	Whitehorse	3 members
Eliza Van Bibber School	Pelly Crossing	3 members
F.H. Collins Secondary School	Whitehorse	7 members
Ghùch Tlâ Community School	Carcross	5 members
Golden Horn Elementary School	Whitehorse	5 members
Hidden Valley School	Whitehorse	5 members
Holy Family Elementary School*	Whitehorse	5 members
J.V. Clark School	Mayo	3 members
Jack Hulland Elementary School	Whitehorse	7 members
Khàtinaxh Community School	Teslin	3 members
Kluane Lake School	Destruction Bay	5 members
Porter Creek Secondary School	Whitehorse	7 members
Robert Service School	Dawson City	6 members
Tantalus School	Carmacks	3 members
Vanier Catholic Secondary School*	Whitehorse	5 members
* Indicates a school established on the basis of religion		