



MEDIA ADVISORY

SCHOOL BOARD GENERAL ELECTIONS UNDERWAY CANDIDATE NOMINATION PERIOD OPEN - MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022

Two general elections of trustees for school boards are now underway: for the First Nation School Board (FNSB) and the Commission scolaire francophone du Yukon (CSFY). Each board will elect five trustees.

A school council by-election for the new Whistle Bend Elementary is being held over the same time period under different processes.

School Board Election Key Dates: There are five key dates for electors and candidates:

- **Monday, October 17: Notice of Nominations**

Nomination forms are available online at electionsyukon.ca, from Elections Yukon, or from any returning officer. Early submission of nominations to Elections Yukon is encouraged.

- **Thursday, October 27, at noon: Close of Nominations.**

To be a candidate, nomination papers of candidates must be submitted by 12:00 noon. If the number of candidates for trustee of a school board do not exceed the number to be elected, the returning officer declares the persons nominated to be elected by acclamation.

- **Friday, October 28 – Monday November 7: Voting Period:**

Voting options include mail-in ballots (application to Elections Yukon and ballot to be mailed out on Oct 28 if poll to be held), voting in-person at Elections Yukon (business days between 10-AM and 4 PM), and by internet vote (applications to Elections Yukon).

- **Saturday November 5 – Early Voting – 11 AM – 4 PM**

In person voting is available at 9 schools across the Yukon: three schools in Whitehorse (École Émilie Tremblay, CSSC Mercier, and Takhini Elementary), and schools in Old Crow, Dawson City, Ross River, Beaver Creek, Haines Junction and Watson Lake.

- **Monday Nov 7: Polling Day 3 PM – 8 PM**

In person voting is available at nine schools across the territory and at Elections Yukon.

Public Town Halls (Zoom): Public forums via Zoom to provide school election information to potential candidates and electors will be held on the following dates:

- Thursday, October 20: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
- Tuesday, October 25: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
- Thursday, November 3: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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Eligibility: To be eligible to be a candidate or to vote in either school board elections, electors must be:

- a Canadian citizen, and
- at least 18 years of age as of November 7, 2022 (polling day); and
- For CSFY – have minority language rights under section 23 of the Canadian Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms and are a resident of the Yukon of at least 3 months **and/or** are a parent of a student attending the school operated by the Board
- For FNSB – have a First Nation ancestral language and are a member or are entitled to be a member of a Yukon First Nation, and a resident of the Yukon for at least three months **and/or** are a parent of a student attending the school operated by the Board.

Quote: Maxwell Harvey, Chief Electoral Officer: “With the establishment of the First Nation School Board and the expansion of the Commission Scolaire Francophone du Yukon, school board elections have taken on new scope and scale. There are now eleven schools operated by school boards in Yukon with electors across the territory. To serve electors in exercising their right to vote and be a candidate, Elections Yukon has introduced more voting venues, more ways to vote, and more opportunities to vote.

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