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**NEWS RELEASE**

**ELECTIONS YUKON TO HOST A VIRTUAL TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23  
 IN ADVANCE OF LOCAL IN-PERSON REFERENDUM VOTING STARTING ON  
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 AND MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

Elections Yukon will host a virtual town hall on Thursday, February 23 at 6:30 PM (link available at [ElectionsYukon.ca](http://ElectionsYukon.ca)). Officials will be available to answer questions about the referendum voting process for school communities holding a vote to determine if their school will join the First Nation School Board.

The Minister of Education accepted school council resolutions or community petitions for the following schools, triggering a referendum vote on whether the school should join the First Nation School Board:

School	Community
Del Van Gorder School	Faro
Eliza Van Bibber School	Pelly Crossing
Ghùch Tlâ Community School	Carcross
Kluane Lake School	Destruction Bay

Voting has begun. In-person local voting at schools holding a referendum vote will be held this Saturday, February 25 and Monday, February 27.

For a school to transition from a school council to the First Nation School Board, at least 50% +1 votes cast in the referendum are required to support the transition. Where school referendum results reach the threshold, the Minister may combine the school council with the First Nation School Board for the start of the 2023/24 school year.

**Elector eligibility:** Eligibility to vote in a school referendum is the same as for school council elections; electors must be Canadian citizens, and as of polling day be:

- At least 18 years of age; and
- Either:
  - a resident in the school attendance area for three or more months, and/or
  - a parent<sup>1</sup> of a student who attends the school.

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<sup>1</sup> Parent refers to the biological parents, the adoptive parents by custom or otherwise, the persons legally entitled to custody, or the persons who usually have the care and control of the child.

**Key dates:** This information is also available on the Elections Yukon website, [ElectionsYukon.ca](https://electionsyukon.ca)

- **Thursday, February 16 to Thursday, February 23, 2023 (10 AM to 4PM):** in-person voting at Elections Yukon's offices in Whitehorse for electors of any of the schools holding a vote.
- **Thursday, February 23, 2023 – Virtual Town Hall (6:30 PM):** virtual town hall, hosted by Elections Yukon, to answer questions about the voting process or voting opportunities. The link to join the virtual town hall is available at [ElectionsYukon.ca](https://electionsyukon.ca).
- **Saturday, February 25, 2023 – Early Voting (11 AM to 4 PM):** in-person local voting for electors at schools where a referendum vote is being held.
- **Monday, February 27, 2023 – Polling Day (3 PM to 8PM):**
  - In-person local voting for electors at schools where a referendum vote is being held.
  - In-person voting at Elections Yukon's offices in Whitehorse (10 AM to 8 PM) for electors of any of the schools holding a vote.

Polling will close at 8 PM, at which time the ballots will be counted and unofficial results will be posted to [ElectionsYukon.ca](https://electionsyukon.ca) as they are reported.
- **Tuesday, February 28, 2023 – Official Addition:** Official results released.

**For more information, visit [ElectionsYukon.ca](https://electionsyukon.ca) or contact:**

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