

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) is an officer of the Legislative Assembly of the Yukon. The appointment is by the Executive-in-Council on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly. The appointment expires three months after the tabling of the final report of the first Electoral District Boundary Commission after appointment. The Chief Electoral Officer is a unique, stand-alone and does not report to an individual; the main reporting relationships are to the Legislative Assembly or to the Assembly's Members' Services Board. The Chief Electoral Officer is denied the right to vote in elections conducted under either the *Elections Act* or the *Education Act*.

The Chief Electoral Officer exercises general direction and supervision over the administrative conduct of elections and by-elections as well as financial reporting and enforces on the part of all elections officers fairness, impartiality, and compliance with the provisions of the *Elections Act*. The position provides logistical support, performs and conducts the operation of the Elections Office, and provides technical expertise with respect to the administration of elections, formulation and amendment of legislation, and establishment of policies, guidelines, and procedures concerning elections activities. The position also establishes and manages systems for data collection, geomatics, and information maintenance.

In the case of school elections, the *Education Act* provides direction for the election of members of school councils and trustees of school boards. There are 19 school councils across the territory. There are two school boards in the territory, the Commission scolaire francophone du Yukon (CSFY) and the First Nation School Board (FNSB).

The Chief Electoral Officer is, by law, a member of the electoral district boundaries commission appointed following every second general election.

The Current CEO

H. Maxwell Harvey, Current CEO

Mr. Harvey joins Elections Yukon from Newfoundland and Labrador. Prior to his appointment, he served as a senior officer in the Royal Canadian Navy, was an Assistant Deputy Minister with the provincial government, and was a senior official with Elections Canada for the province. He was very active in community leadership as Chair and Director of a number of non-profit organizations.

Mr. Harvey holds a Master of Business Administration degree, a Canadian Forces Staff College Diploma, and a Bachelor of Arts degree. He holds academic and professional accreditations, including a Certificate in Executive Coaching, a Certified Change Management Professional, and a Certified Human Resource Professional.

Previous CEOs:

CEO	Appointed from	Appointed to
H. Maxwell Harvey	October 11, 2018	Present
Lori McKee	August 9, 2014	October 11, 2018
Brenda McCain-Armour	June 25, 2013	August 8, 2014
Jo-Ann Waugh	March 31, 2007	June 25, 2013
Patrick L. Michael	1983	March 30, 2007

Prior to 1983, elections in Yukon were conducted under the *Canada Elections Act* and administrative responsibility was transferred to the [Chief Electoral Officer of Canada](#).