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Candidate Guide

First Nation School Board Elections

ELECTIONS YUKON

Elections Yukon: Elections Yukon is an independent Office of the Legislative Assembly, under the direction of the Chief Electoral Officer, mandated for the preparation for and delivery of fair, impartial and compliant elections.

Elections Yukon conducts territorial elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly, in accordance with the *Elections Act*. The office also conducts school council and school board elections and school council referendum votes, in accordance with the *Education Act*.

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KEY DATES IN THE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

| Day | Date | |
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| Friday | October 24, 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominations open; as of this date nomination papers can be submitted to the Returning Officer or to Elections Yukon Applications for mail-in ballots open |
| Thursday | November 6, 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ROs at EYHQ to accept nomination papers from 10 AM until 12:00 noon Nominations close at 12:00 noon |
| Friday | November 7, 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iVoting opens at 10 AM |
| Monday | November 17, 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polling Day 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM All mail-in ballots must be received by Elections Yukon by 8:00 PM All iVotes must be cast by 8:00 PM |
| Tuesday | November 18, 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official Addition of the Vote @ 12 noon |

POLLING LOCATIONS

| POLLING LOCATIONS IN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (for both school boards unless indicated) | |
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| Community | |
| Beaver Creek | Nelnah Bessie John School |
| Dawson | Robert Service School |
| Haines Junction | St. Elias Community School |
| Old Crow | Chief Zzeh Gittlit School |
| Ross River | Ross River School |
| Watson Lake | Watson Lake Secondary School |
| Pelly Crossing | Eliza Van Bibber School |
| Carcross | Ghùch Tlâ Community School |
| Destruction Bay | Kluane Lake School |
| Whitehorse | Centre scolaire secondaire communautaire Paul-Émile-Mercier (CSSC Mercier) |
| Whitehorse | Takhini Elementary School |

NOTE: Due to unforeseeable circumstances polling locations may change. For up-to-date information please visit the Elections Yukon website: [ElectionsYukon.ca](https://electionsyukon.ca)

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

This information in this guide will assist you in participating as a candidate for the school board election for the First Nation School Board (FNSB).

Role of a Trustee: Trustees of school boards establish policies for the administration, management and operation of their schools and they provide educational programs for their students as required by the *Education Act*. They will guide how programming, lesson delivery and assessment methodology are tailored to reflect Yukon First Nations' ways of knowing, being and doing. Trustees assist with the development and implementation of the FNSB's strategic plan and ensure that the FNSB manages its resources efficiently.

Number of Trustees: The FNSB has five trustees. Trustees are elected at general elections. In the event of a vacancy between general elections, by-elections will be held.

Term of Office: Trustees serve a three-year term. They receive honoraria for attending regular meetings.

Returning Officer: The Chief Electoral Officer appoints School Board Returning Officers to administer school board elections. The Returning Officers must conduct the election in accordance with the *Education Act* and its regulations, and follow directions provided by the Chief Electoral Officer. Any School Board Returning Officer can accept nomination papers from candidates. Nomination papers can also be submitted to Elections Yukon directly. Should an election be held, Returning Officers are responsible for the oversight and delivery of a fair, compliant, and impartial school board election.

Candidates: A candidate is an individual seeking election as a trustee to FNSB. A candidate must be an eligible elector and must be nominated by at least three eligible electors (see eligible electors). After approving their nomination papers, the Chief Electoral Officer will declare them a candidate.

Ineligible Candidates: People employed in a school operated by FNSB, regardless of the agency/government that employs them, are ineligible to be a trustee of FNSB. A person employed in a school operated by FNSB may seek election; however, a Statement of Ineligible Candidate must accompany their nomination papers. The Statement of Ineligible Candidate states that if elected, the candidate will divest the grounds for ineligibility within 30 days of polling day, November 17, 2025.

If you are not sure if you are employed in a school operated by FNSB, contact **Richard Poirier, School Council Liaison** at the Department of Education at **(867) 667-8226** or richard.poirier@yukon.ca as soon as possible prior to submitting your nomination paper.

Candidate Eligibility: A candidate must be an eligible elector when they are filing a nomination paper (see eligible electors).

Published/Posted Information: Election documents will be posted in Yukon communities, including:

- Notice of Nominations (nominations can be submitted to Returning Officers or Elections Yukon between October 24, 2025 and at 12 noon on November 6, 2025)
- Notice of Grant of Poll (listing all voting options including locations, dates and hours of voting)
- Notice of Candidates Elected (by acclamation or as the result of an election)

Once your nomination paper is approved, your name will be posted on the Elections Yukon website electionsyukon.ca as a candidate seeking election.

NOMINATIONS

Nomination Period: The nomination period for the 2022 FNSB general election is Friday, October 24 to Thursday, November 6 at 12 noon. As the *Education Act* prohibits accepting nomination papers after the close of nominations, nomination papers will not be accepted after 12 noon on Thursday, November 6.

Nominations Open: To elect five (5) trustees to the First Nation School Board (FNSB) on Monday, October 17, 2025.

Nomination Paper: Candidates must be nominated by at least three eligible electors (see eligible electors). Nominations must be made using the prescribed form which is available online at <https://electionsyukon.ca/en/school-elections/school-board-elections> or by contacting the local Returning Officer. Directions on completing nomination papers are available at <https://electionsyukon.ca/en/school-elections/school-board-elections>.

Completed nomination papers can be submitted in person to:

- any School Board Returning Officer
- Elections Yukon, located at 402 Hanson in Whitehorse.

Elections Yukon will also accept nomination papers with a witnessed declaration emailed to schools@electionsyukon.ca.

Declarations can be witnessed by any of the following:

- Elections Yukon Election Official
- Yukon First Nation Chief
- Yukon First Nation Deputy Chief
- Notary Public

Nomination papers may be rejected if they:

- Are incomplete;
- Have insufficient or ineligible nominating electors; or
- Are improperly completed; or
- Are received after nominations close (12 noon on Thursday, November 6).

If your nomination paper is rejected, you will:

- Be advised by the Returning Officer or Elections Yukon of the reason it is rejected and how to correct it; and
- Have the opportunity to correct your nomination paper and resubmit it before 12 noon on Thursday, November 6.

Early submissions are encouraged. This will ensure that any issues with your nomination paper can be resolved before nominations close.

Once your nomination paper is approved:

- You will be emailed a receipt at the email listed on your nomination paper (if the nomination paper does not include an email address, it will be mailed to your home address)
- Your name will be published on [ElectionsYukon.ca](https://electionsyukon.ca) as a candidate seeking election for the FNSB
- You will have the option to submit a photo and short biography for publication to [ElectionsYukon.ca](https://electionsyukon.ca) on the list of candidates for FNSB

Close of Nominations: Completed nomination papers must be received no later than 12 noon on Thursday, November 6, 2025. The *Education Act* prohibits accepting nomination papers after the close of nominations.

If more than five nominations are approved, an election will be required.

Polling Day will be Monday, November 17, 2025. Internet voting options will be available.

If fewer than five nominations are received, approved candidates will be declared elected by acclamation.

CANDIDATE PHOTO AND BIOGRAPHY

Approved candidates may submit a photograph and short biography. If submitted, photographs and biography will be published on the Elections Yukon's webpage.

Photographs must:

- Have been taken within the last 12 months;
- Present a frontal view of the candidate's head and shoulders; and
- Exclude head coverings, unless required for religious or medical reasons.

Digital photos are required. Photos cannot exceed 2MB and must be at least 500x500 pixels.

Biographies must be 200 words or less. If a biography contains more than 200 words, only the first 200 will be published. Biographies must be submitted in digital format.

Candidate Contact information may be included with your biography and may be updated as required during the election period.

Photos and biographies must be approved by Elections Yukon, and once approved, will be published to the Elections Yukon website as soon as practical.

First Nation School Board Candidate



CANDIDATE NAME

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ELIGIBLE ELECTORS

Eligible electors are able to:

- Be nominated as a candidate in FNSB general elections;
- Nominate a candidate in FNSB general elections; and
- Vote in FNSB general elections.

To be eligible, electors must, as of polling day (Monday, November 17, 2025):

- Be a Canadian citizen; and
 - Be least 18 years of age; and
 - Either:
 - Be a member¹ or entitled to be a member of a Yukon First Nation and have ancestral language that is one of the eight Yukon First Nation languages² and have been a Yukon resident for a minimum of three months as of polling day;
- AND/OR**
- Be the parent³ of a student attending a school operated by the First Nation School Board (no 3-month residency requirement)

DETERMINING BALLOT ORDER

The order of candidates' names on the ballot paper will be determined by a drawing of lots. Lots will be drawn at Elections Yukon's office at 402 Hanson St, Whitehorse at 2:00 PM on Thursday, November 6, 2025. Candidates may attend the drawing of the lots and act as witnesses.

VOTING OPTIONS




The voting options apply for both the FNSB and the CSFY school boards – these elections will be run concurrently at the same locations with separate vote registrations, processes, ballots and ballot boxes.

With the expanded school footprint of the FNSB and the establishment of the FNSB as a second school board, the number of voting options for electors across the territory for the 2025 School Board elections are significantly increased. This will support elector awareness, access, and participation.

¹ Member means a citizen of a Yukon First Nation, a beneficiary of a Yukon First Nation land claim, or a member under the *Indian Act* of a Yukon First Nation

² The eight Yukon First Nation languages include: Gwitchin; Hän; Kaska; Northern Tutchone; Southern Tutchone; Tagish; Tlingit; and Upper Tanana.

³ Parent means biological or adoptive parent, persons legally entitled to custody, or the persons who usually have care and custody of the child

| VOTING OPTION | DATES | PROCESS | Vote at Schools | Vote from Anywhere |
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| Mail In Ballot –By Mail Apply. Voting kit mailed out to electors <u>NOTE:</u> Before opting for this option, consider mail delivery times and potential delays to receive and return these ballots Although called mail in ballot, this ballot does NOT have to be returned by mail – it is similar to the ‘special ballot’ process used in other elections | From Oct 24 to Thu Nov 6 <u>NOTE:</u> This is the period to Close of Nominations. No voting. Candidates are not yet confirmed and the requirement for a poll (six or more candidates) is not yet determined | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply online, by mail or email with proof of identity • Requires Oath of Qualification for identity • Voting kit is mailed out Upon application. Write in ballots are used. • Completed ballot with signed certification envelope must be received by 8 PM on Mon Nov 17 (close of polls). Can be returned by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mail (Stamped addressed envelope provided) ○ Drop box at Jim Smith Building | X |  Apply online or email at electionsyukon.ca. Mail out from Elections Yukon up to Nov 6 Consideration of other options if possible |
| IVote (Internet Voting) <u>NOTE:</u> This option aligns with mail in ballot process; applications must be made by Mon Nov 17 at 3 PM. | Fri Nov 7 – Fri Nov 17 Application: Online applications commence on Fri Nov at 10 AM and end on Mon Nov 17 at 3 PM Voting: Once the application is submitted and approved, votes can be cast until close of polls on Mon Nov 17. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply online – a unique email must be provided – shared emails are not to be used • Upload proof of identity and complete Oath of Qualifications • Once your application is approved you will be sent a confirmation and PIN to be used to access your ballot. Login includes PIN and elector information. • Applications close Nov 17 @ 3PM • Internet votes must be cast by 8 PM on Mon Nov 17 | X |  Apply and Vote Aligns with mail-in ballot process. Apply online at electionsyukon.ca. |
| Mobile Polls | Nov 12-14 if required | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same process as polling day |  | X |

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| Polling Day In person | Mon Nov 7 At polling locations (schools): 3 PM – 8 PM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electors register (signed self-declaration) to vote. Pre-printed ballots with candidate names will be used. | ✓ Walk in. In person voting is at designated schools No iVote option | ✗ |

POLLING DAY

Candidate's Agent: Candidates may appoint someone to represent them on Polling Day at a polling place. Candidates may appoint more than one agent; however, only one agent per candidate may be at each polling place at a time.

Each agent must be appointed in writing by the candidate on Form 101 (Form 6/6A) Appointment of Candidate's Agent. This form is available from local Returning Officers and online at [ElectionsYukon.ca/Schools](https://elections.yukon.ca/schools). The agent must bring the completed appointment with them to the polling place and give it to the Deputy Returning Officer (DRO). The DRO will have the agent swear, or affirm, the oath on the form and sign it. Name tags are provided for candidates' agents.

Candidates' agents are entitled to:

- attend a polling location;
- observe the voting process;
- object to an elector's eligibility;
- observe the validation of certificate envelopes;
- receive a blank tally sheet;
- observe the ballot count;
- object to a ballot's acceptance;
- act as a witness and sign forms and official seals;
- receive a copy of the Statement of the Poll.

Results: Results will be posted to the Elections Yukon website [ElectionYukon.ca](https://elections.yukon.ca) as they are received on November 17, 2025. Unless otherwise requested, a copy of the Certificate of the Addition of the Vote will be sent to all candidates by email following the Official Addition of the Vote on November 18, 2025.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I vote more than once?

No. You may only vote once, even if you have children attending more than one FNSB school.

If I am employed in a school operated by FNSB, am I eligible to be a candidate in the election of trustees for FNSB?

Yes. You may be a candidate if you file a Statement of Ineligible Candidate along with your nomination paper. If elected, you are required to divest the grounds of ineligibility within 30 days of polling day, November 17, 2025.

If I am employed in a school operated by FNSB, am I eligible to vote in the FNSB election?

Yes. As long as you are an eligible elector, you may vote in the FNSB general election.

If I am employed in a school operated by the Commission scolaire francophone du Yukon (CSFY), am I eligible to vote and be a candidate in the FNSB election?

Yes. As long as you are an eligible elector, you may vote and be a candidate at FNSB general elections.

Can I withdraw my name after filing my Nomination Paper?

Yes. You can withdraw your name any time after nominations close and before the polls open on polling day. You must provide written notice of your withdrawal to any School Board Returning Officer or to Elections Yukon. Written notice of your withdrawal can also be emailed to schools@electionsyukon.ca

What happens if there are only five candidates after the Close of Nominations on November 6?

If the number of candidates is equal to the number of positions, candidates whose nominations were approved by Elections Yukon will be elected by acclamation.

What happens if there are less than five candidates after the Close of Nominations?

If the number of candidates is less than the number of positions, candidates whose nominations were approved by Elections Yukon will be elected by acclamation and a by-election will be held to fill the vacant position(s).

What happens if there are more than five candidates nominated after the Close of Nominations?

A Grant of Poll will be published and an election will be held.

When does my term begin?

Terms begin once candidates are declared elected. If candidates are elected by acclamation, they will be declared elected following the close of nominations, on Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 12 noon. If candidates are elected by a poll, they will be declared elected following the official addition of the votes, on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 12 noon. Trustees must take an oath before beginning their duties.

When will my term end?

School Board Trustees hold office for a three-year term. The next general election will be held in November 2028.

Where can I learn more about the role of FNSB trustees?

You can learn more by visiting www.fnsb.ca.

If I still have questions, who can I contact?

The following people will be able to assist you:

- Melissa Flynn, Interim Executive Director, FNSB – (867) 333-4011 – ed@fnsb.ca
- Elections Yukon – (867) 667-8683 – schools@electionsyukon.ca