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## NEWS RELEASE

### REFERENDUM OFFICIAL RESULTS

The referendum voting period concluded on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 4:00pm in the eight attendance areas where the Minister of Education accepted resolutions or petitions. In total, 1,227 electors voted in the referendum. The official results are as indicated below.

The following schools met the threshold of at least 50% + 1 votes in favour of the school being operated by the Yukon First Nation School Board.

| SCHOOL                                     | COMMUNITY    |
|--|--------------|
| Chief Zzeh Gittlit School                  | Old Crow     |
| Grey Mountain Primary School               | Whitehorse   |
| Johnson Elementary & Watson Lake Secondary | Watson Lake  |
| Nelna Bessie John School                   | Beaver Creek |

| SCHOOL                     | COMMUNITY       |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Ross River School          | Ross River      |
| St. Elias Community School | Haines Junction |
| Takhini Elementary School  | Whitehorse      |

The following school did not meet the threshold of at least 50% + 1 votes in favour of the school being operated by the Yukon First Nation School Board.

| SCHOOL            | COMMUNITY |
|-------------------|-----------|
| J.V. Clark School | Mayo      |

The official count was held on Monday, January 31, 2022 at the offices of Elections Yukon. Summary official results are as attached.

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## YUKON FIRST NATION SCHOOL BOARD REFERENDUM OFFICIAL RESULTS

| Name of School / Community                            | Total votes cast      |            |            |              | YES votes needed <sup>2</sup> | Official result   |
|---|-----------------------|------------|------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
|   | Rejected <sup>1</sup> | Yes        | No         | Total        |                               |                   |
| Chief Zzeh Gittlit School<br>Old Crow                 | 1                     | 44         | 4          | 49           | 25                            | Threshold met     |
| Grey Mountain Primary School<br>Whitehorse            | 4                     | 135        | 100        | 239          | 119                           | Threshold met     |
| J.V. Clark School<br>Mayo                             | 1                     | 33         | 116        | 150          | 76                            | Threshold not met |
| Johnson Elementary & Watson<br>Lake Secondary Schools | 2                     | 96         | 60         | 158          | 79                            | Threshold met     |
| Nelnah Bessie John School<br>Beaver Creek             | 0                     | 14         | 0          | 14           | 8                             | Threshold met     |
| Ross River School<br>Ross River                       | 0                     | 56         | 1          | 57           | 30                            | Threshold met     |
| St. Elias Community School<br>Haines Junction         | 2                     | 215        | 153        | 370          | 185                           | Threshold met     |
| Takhini Elementary School<br>Whitehorse               | 0                     | 141        | 49         | 190          | 96                            | Threshold met     |
| <b>SUMMARY</b>  | <b>10</b>             | <b>734</b> | <b>483</b> | <b>1,227</b> |                               |                   |

**x** indicates 5 or fewer valid votes received at Elections Yukon. To protect the confidentiality of the vote, the school attendance area result includes votes cast at Elections Yukon (see note 2).

**YUKON FIRST NATION SCHOOL BOARD REFERENDUM  
OFFICIAL TERRITORIAL VOTING STATISTICS**

| Name of School / Community                            | Total votes cast in attendance area <sup>3,4</sup> | Total votes cast at Elections Yukon <sup>3,4</sup> | Total votes cast |            |           | Total votes cast | Total valid votes (total – rejected) |
|---|--|--|------------------|------------|-----------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
|   |  |  | Yes              | No         | Rejected  |                  |                                      |
| Chief Zzeh Gittlit School<br>Old Crow                 | 49   | x  | 44               | 4          | 1         | 49               | 48                                   |
| Grey Mountain Primary School<br>Whitehorse            | 148  | 91   | 135              | 100        | 4         | 239              | 235                                  |
| J.V. Clark School<br>Mayo                             | 150  | x  | 33               | 116        | 1         | 150              | 149                                  |
| Johnson Elementary & Watson<br>Lake Secondary Schools | 158  | x  | 96               | 60         | 2         | 158              | 156                                  |
| Nelna Bessie John School<br>Beaver Creek              | 14   | x  | 14               | 0          | 0         | 14               | 14                                   |
| Ross River School<br>Ross River                       | 57   | x  | 56               | 1          | 0         | 57               | 57                                   |
| St. Elias Community School<br>Haines Junction         | 348  | 22   | 215              | 153        | 2         | 370              | 368                                  |
| Takhini Elementary School<br>Whitehorse               | 150  | 40   | 141              | 49         | 0         | 190              | 190                                  |
| <b>SUMMARY<sup>5</sup></b>                            | <b>1,069</b>                                       | <b>158</b>   | <b>734</b>       | <b>483</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>1,227</b>     | <b>1,217</b>                         |

## OFFICIAL RESULTS REPORTING

1. Rejected includes rejected certificate envelopes and rejected ballots.  
 A certificate envelope may have been rejected if it was not fully completed. The most common reason for rejecting a certificate envelope was it not being signed.  
 Ballots may have been rejected if they were improperly marked. The most common reasons for rejecting a ballot include it not being marked for yes or no, it being marked for both yes and no, or it being marked in a way that the voter can be identified.

2. The Minister shall establish a School Board if at least 50% plus 1 of the valid votes returned are a YES. A minimum of 3 votes is required. The formula for calculating the threshold is the number of valid votes multiplied by 50% plus 1 (rounded up).

Examples:

| Valid votes | Calculation                                       | YES votes required to meet threshold (rounded)         |
|-------------|---|--|
| 1           | $= (1 \times 50\%) + 1$<br>$= 0.5 + 1$<br>$= 1.5$ | 2 YES votes required<br><i>Threshold cannot be met</i> |
| 7           | $= (7 \times 50\%) + 1$<br>$= 3.5 + 1$<br>$= 4.5$ | 5 YES votes required                                   |
| 50          | $= (50 \times 50\%)$<br>$= 25 + 1$<br>$= 26$      | 26 YES votes required                                  |
| 100         | $= (100 \times 50\%)$<br>$= 50 + 1$<br>$= 51$     | 51 YES votes required                                  |

3. Results for each school attendance area are reported from two voting locations:
  - a. Valid votes received by the Referendum Officer, whether by in-person voting or issued by mail and returned to the Referendum Officer, and
  - b. Valid votes received at Elections Yukon, whether by in-person voting, returned by mail or via the secure drop-box.
4. If 5 or fewer valid votes were received at Elections Yukon, the total for both voting locations was combined rather than reported separately. This is shown in the official results table with an x. This is done to protect the secrecy of the vote.
5. Columns may not sum as summary row does not include combined votes.