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

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

Name of School / Community	Total votes cast in attendance area ^{3,4}	Total votes cast at Elections Yukon ^{3,4}	Total votes cast			Total votes cast	Total valid votes (total – rejected)
			Yes	No	Rejected		
Chief Zzeh Gittlit School Old Crow	49	x	44	4	1	49	48
Grey Mountain Primary School Whitehorse	148	91	135	100	4	239	235
J.V. Clark School Mayo	150	x	33	116	1	150	149
Johnson Elementary & Watson Lake Secondary Schools	158	x	96	60	2	158	156
Nelna Bessie John School Beaver Creek	14	x	14	0	0	14	14
Ross River School Ross River	57	x	56	1	0	57	57
St. Elias Community School Haines Junction	348	22	215	153	2	370	368
Takhini Elementary School Whitehorse	150	40	141	49	0	190	190
SUMMARY⁵	1,069	158	734	483	10	1,227	1,217

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	$= (1 \times 50\%) + 1$ $= 0.5 + 1$ $= 1.5$	2 YES votes required <i>Threshold cannot be met</i>
7	$= (7 \times 50\%) + 1$ $= 3.5 + 1$ $= 4.5$	5 YES votes required
50	$= (50 \times 50\%)$ $= 25 + 1$ $= 26$	26 YES votes required
100	$= (100 \times 50\%)$ $= 50 + 1$ $= 51$	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.