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CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

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# Elections

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The City of Yellowknife administers Municipal elections every three (3) years and By-elections as required. The next Municipal election will take place on **October 15, 2018**. The City of Yellowknife is comprised of seven (7) polling districts with approximately 8700 eligible voters. The Municipal Voters List is maintained by the City of Yellowknife.

The Council of the City of Yellowknife is comprised of eight (8) [Councillors](#) and one (1) [Mayor](#) who are elected for three (3) year terms.

## VOTERS LIST - ONGOING ENUMERATION

PLEASE NOTE: The City of Yellowknife will not be conducting a door-to-door enumeration. Instead the City will conduct an ongoing enumeration and update its Voters List frequently between elections. This will ensure that the data is updated on a continuous basis so that the City is prepared for elections, by-elections and referendums as needed.

If your place of residence has changed since the last election, if you would like to change your school board of choice, or if you recently moved to Yellowknife and have lived here for 12 consecutive months, please complete the [Enumeration Form](#) to ensure that your household is enumerated.

## INFORMATION FOR VOTERS

## INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

### Eligibility to be Nominated as a Candidate

You are eligible to stand as a candidate if:

- you are a Canadian citizen;
- you are at least 18 years of age;
- you have, for at least twelve consecutive months immediately preceding the day nominations close, been ordinarily resident in the electoral district; and
- you are not disqualified by sections 18(2), 19 and 20 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*.

You are not eligible to be a candidate if:

- you are a Judge, Territorial Judge, Youth Justice Court Judge, or Justice of the Peace;
- you are a member of the Legislative Assembly;
- you are a full time permanent employee of the City;
- you are an election officer;
- you have been convicted of a major election offence under the *Local Authorities Elections Act* within the three years immediately preceding election day; or
- you have been convicted of an offence punishable by imprisonment for five years or more within the three years immediately preceding election day, or whose imprisonment as a result of the conviction terminates within the three years immediately preceding election day;
- you are an assessor or auditor of the City of Yellowknife;
- you are personally indebted to the City for a sum exceeding \$500.00 for more than 90 days (other than taxes described below);
- you have a controlling interest in a private or public corporation that is indebted to the municipal corporation for a sum exceeding \$500 for more than 90 days (other than the taxes described below); or
- you have not paid all of your municipal taxes before December 31 of the year in which the taxes are levied.

***It is the responsibility of each candidate to verify their eligibility to be nominated.***

How do I file my nominations?

## Filing your nomination

Your nomination must be filed on the prescribed form which can be obtained from the Returning Officer at City Hall. Nominations Open on **August 31, 2018**.

## Nominators

Your form must be signed by two people who are eligible to vote in the election in the presence of a Notary Public, a Commissioner for Oaths for the Northwest Territories, or the Returning Officer.

For each nominator, the form must include that person's name, street address and signature.

## Candidate

The nomination form requires that you give consent to the nomination and that you make a declaration stating that you are eligible for nomination and not subject to any of the disqualifications as set out in the *Local Authorities Elections Act*. You must swear or affirm the declaration before a Notary Public, a Commissioner for Oaths for the Northwest Territories, or the Returning Officer.

## Filing the nomination form

The completed form is to be filed with the Returning Officer by the close of nominations. The close of nominations is **September 17, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.**

## Withdrawing

Pursuant to s.46(1) of the *Local Authorities Elections Act*, where more than the required number of candidates are nominated, any person nominated may, within 48 hours after the close of nominations, withdraw his or her name as a candidate by filing written notice of withdrawal with the Returning Officer.

## No late nominations

The Returning Officer cannot accept nominations after **3:00 p.m. on September 17, 2018**. Be sure that your nomination is filed on time and is accurately filled out.

Do you have the time?

The demands on your time will be heavy. You will be elected for a three-year term of office which begins on Monday, November 6, 2018. During your term, you will be required to:

- attend regular meetings of Council which are scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday evenings of the month, in the City Hall Council Chamber;
- attend meetings of the Municipal Services Committee which is a Committee of the Whole. The Municipal Services Committee meets on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month at 12:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber;
- attend meetings of other boards and agencies to which you are appointed as Council's representative;

- attend conferences, conventions, seminars, and workshops for training and discussion;
- attend social and other events promoting your municipality.

You will also need to spend time reading and talking with residents, your colleagues on City Council and others. This will all be part of the preparation for meetings and will help you to make informed decisions.

Do you understand the position?

As a member of City Council, you will have the opportunity to influence the future of Yellowknife. Individual members of Council do not have the power to commit Yellowknife to any expenditure or to direct the activities of City employees. Your power as a member of Council depends on your ability to persuade the other members of Council to adopt your view. Decisions of Council are made, by resolution, at Council Meetings.

### Campaign Rules

## Election Signs and Campaign Material

While permits are not required from the City to post campaign signs, all signage must comply with various siting requirements of the Zoning By-law. Rather than deal with each sign individually, we would request that the siting of signs respects issues of public safety and the neutrality of municipal property and facilities.

We would also ask that you please provide us with a sketch of where you plan to place major signs (i.e., large plywood signs). If there are any sites that we feel may pose a public safety concern (eg. blocking traffic sight lines), we will advise you accordingly. Should your signage plans change as the campaign progresses, we would appreciate being updated.

To assist you, the following criteria should be applied. No signage should be posted in or on:

- private property unless otherwise approved by the owner;
- a road median;
- the shoulders of a road;
- Road right-of-ways along Hwy 3 and Hwy 4;
- attached to a municipal building or facility, including bleachers;
- "sandwich signs" on sidewalks;
- City Hall, Fire Hall and City Garage grounds;
- within twenty five (25) metres of a polling station; or
- in any manner that may block traffic sight lines.

We appreciate that in the spirit of the campaign, volunteers may overstep any plan you develop. Therefore, if in our opinion any sign poses either a safety concern or violates the spirit of this letter, we will either contact you directly to have it removed or remove the sign.

Finally, please note that the *Local Authorities Elections Act* requires that all campaign signs and any supports or weights used to secure the signs be taken down within seven (7) days following the election. Any signs remaining after that date on public land may be removed by the City at the cost of the respective Candidate.

Campaign material means a sign, poster, placard, pamphlet, advertisement, banner or other material promoting or opposing the election of a candidate.

## Agents

A candidate or one authorized agent of the candidate, but not both, may be present at a Voting Station during the time for voting and at the counting of the ballots. Agents must provide written authorization from the candidate to the Election Staff indicating that they are appointed as an agent to act on behalf of the candidate.

## Contributions

There are currently no regulations with regard to campaign contributions.

## Maximum Expense

There are currently no regulations with regard to expenses.

## No Campaign Zone

The *Local Authorities Elections Act* states that no person shall post, erect or place campaign material within 25m of a Voting Station. Campaign material means a sign, poster, placard, pamphlet, advertisement, banner or other material promoting or opposing the election of a candidate. This does not restrict a candidate or other person from transporting an elector to and from a Voting Station on Election Day, but if campaign material is displayed on the vehicle the driver may only stop at the Voting Station long enough for the voter to exit or enter the vehicle.

The following are the No Campaign Zones that are in effect:

- Poll 1 (Great Slave) - Ecole Sir John Franklin High School
- Poll 2 (YK North) - Ecole St. Patrick's High School
- Poll 3 (YK Centre) - Northern United Place
- Poll 4 (Frame Lake) - William McDonald School
- Poll 5 (Range Lake) - Range Lake North School
- Poll 6 (Kam Lake) - Multiplex Arena

- Poll 7 (YK South) - N.J. Macpherson School
- Office of the Returning Officer - City Hall

## Candidate Guide

### [2015 Candidates' Guide for Municipal Election](#)

## Nomination Package

### [2015 Nomination Package for Municipal Election](#)

## INFORMATION FOR ELECTION STAFF IMPORTANT DATES

<b>2018 Election Dates</b>	
August 31	Nominations Open
September 17 at 3:00 p.m.	Nominations Close
September 19 at 3:00 p.m.	Last day for Candidate to withdraw
September 20 at 5:00 p.m.	Last day to question eligibility of Candidate
October 1 - 5 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Voting at the Office of Returning Officer
October 5	Last day to Revise Voter List
October 10 at 3:00 p.m.	Last day to apply for Proxy Form
October 15 from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	General Election

## POLLING STATIONS

Although the City of Yellowknife does not divide the municipality into Wards for the purpose of electing Councillors or Trustees, voters are required to vote at the poll location designated by their Poll Divisions. The Poll Division locations are as follows:

- Poll 1 (Great Slave) - Ecole Sir John Franklin High School
- Poll 2 (YK North) - Ecole St. Patrick's High School
- Poll 3 (YK Centre) - Northern United Place
- Poll 4 (Frame Lake) - William McDonald School
- Poll 5 (Range Lake) - Range Lake North School

Poll 6 (Kam Lake) - Multiplex Arena  
Poll 7 (YK South) - N.J. Macpherson School

Please refer to the following map of the Polling Divisions: [2015 Polling Divisions Map](#).

For further information, please contact the Office of the Returning Officer at 920-5602, or email [cityclerk@yellowknife.ca](mailto:cityclerk@yellowknife.ca).

#### HISTORICAL RESULTS

Previous Election Results can be viewed at the following links:

[2015 Election Results](#)  
[2012 Election Results](#)  
[2011 Referendum Results](#)  
[2009 Election Results](#)  
[2006 Election Results](#)  
[2003 Election Results](#)  
[2000 Election Results](#)

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