



Yuutu?it?ath First Nation Government

By-Election 2023

Documents Required to be a Candidate

The Yuutu?it?ath Government Elections Act 42/2015 governs the elections for Members of the Legislature and establishes the processes and documentation that is required to become a candidate. If you want to be a candidate for Member of the Legislature you must provide the following documents.

Nomination

Due: May 26, 2023

The first step is to be nominated for the position you want to run for by another Yuutu?it?ath citizen. You cannot nominate yourself and the person who nominates you cannot nominate anyone else for the same position.

The nominator (the person making the nomination) must complete the **Nomination Form** that was provided with the **Notice of Election** and which is available on the www.ufn.ca web site. The nominator must also complete a **Voter Declaration Form**.

The nomination must include a statement of support from ten (10) Yuutu?it?ath citizens for the nomination. A **Support for Nomination** form with the signatures of ten (10) Yuutu?it?ath citizen sponsors, three (3) of whom must not be ordinarily resident on Yuutu?it?ath lands must be included with the **Nomination Form**. Each sponsor must complete and sign a **Voter Declaration Form**.

*Note: This is a change from previous elections. The **Nomination Form**, the **Voter Declaration Form** from the person making the nomination, the **Support for Nomination Form** with ten (10) signatures, and a **Voter Declaration Form** from each of the supporters **are all due on May 26th, 2023 by 4:30 p.m.***

These forms must be completed and submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer before 4:30 p.m. on May 26, 2023. The forms can be scanned and emailed to yfn_elections_officer@shaw.ca. An election official will be available in the administrative offices in the cixwatin centre to receive nominations from 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. on May 26th.

Acceptance of Nomination

Due: June 5, 2023

The Nominee (you) must also provide a **Voter Declaration Form**, an **Acceptance of Nomination Form**, and a **Declaration of Eligibility as Candidate** sworn before a Notary Public, Commissioner of Oaths, or Justice of the Peace along with statement of motivation for your candidacy. There is no form for the statement of motivation; you must simply write out why you are running for the position.

You must provide a non-refundable nomination fee payable in cash or by money order or certified cheque payable to the Yuułu?i?ath First Nations Government. The fee for Member of the Legislature is \$200.

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Confirmation of Nomination

Due: June 7, 2023

The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) will review all the forms provided and may ask additional questions of the nominees prior to confirming the nomination. Final confirmation must be provided to the nominees by June 7, 2023, but the CEO will make every effort to confirm your nomination as soon as possible after the nomination documents and fees have been received.

Other Important Dates

Distribution of Information Packages

June 12, 2023

Information packages, mail-in ballots and information about electronic voting will be distributed to citizens on June 12th.

All-Candidates Meeting

June 27, 2023

An all-candidates meeting will be held in hitacu in the cixwatin centre on June 27th, from 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Advance Poll

June 28, 2023

There will be an advance poll from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in hitacu in the cixwatin centre on April 28.

Electronic Voting

July 3 – July 12, 2023

Voters may vote electronically from 8:00 a.m. on July 3, 2023 until 8:00 p.m. on July 12, 2023. A PIN and instructions on electronic voting will be provided to you in the information package to be sent out on June 12, 2023

General Poll

July 12, 2023

The General Poll shall be held in hitacu in the cixwatin centre from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on July 12, 2023. An additional polling station will also be established at the Yuułu?i?ath Government satellite offices at 3203 3rd Ave. Port Alberni. This polling station will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on July 12, 2023

If you have any questions, you can contact the Chief Electoral officer, Kit Spence, by text at (250) 881-0142, toll free at 877-541-9017 or by email at yfn_elections_officer@shaw.ca