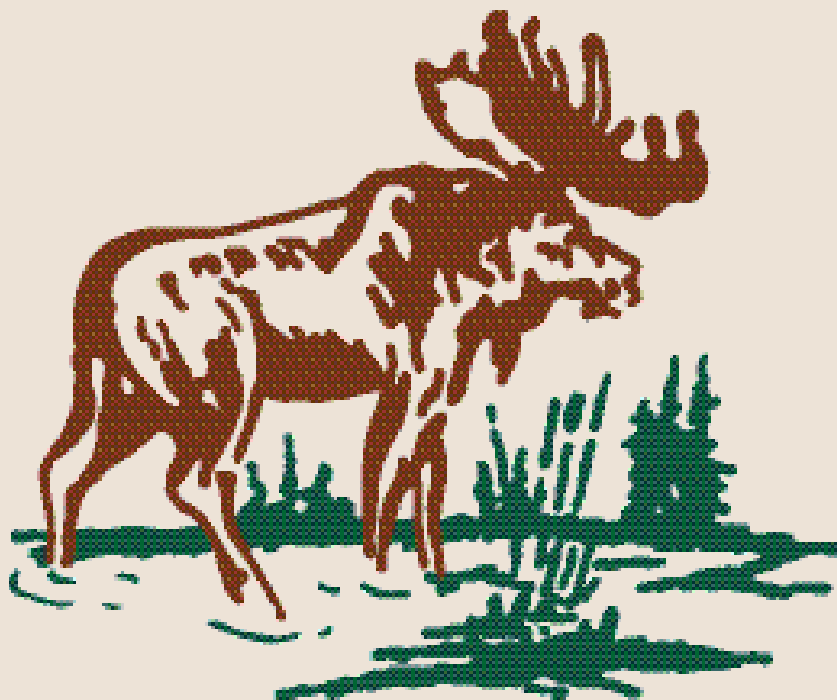


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*Northland School  
Division Act*

# Highlights of the new *Northland School Division Act*

On April 4, 2017, Minister of Education David Eggen introduced a new *Northland School Division (NSD) Act* in the Legislative Assembly.

On May 4, 2017, the new *Northland School Division (NSD) Act* received Royal Assent in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

## **Key Points of the *Northland School Division Act*:**

- NSD will have a governance structure of between seven and eleven wards. One trustee is elected in each ward;
- Transition from local school board committees to school councils. School Councils will be guided by the *School Act* and *School Council Regulation*;

- Ward Councils will be established in each electoral ward consisting of the trustee from the ward, each school council in the ward and other persons as determined by the Board of the NSD;
- The Board of the NSD is required to establish a process for engaging with the wards, Council of School Councils, First Nations, Métis and other communities to whom we provide education services, Métis Settlements General Council and Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta with respect to the establishments of the Board's strategic direction;
- persons living on a reserve where NSD has a tuition or education services agreement with the Nation are eligible to vote and/or run in school board trustee elections. (Previously a Ministerial Order)

## Frequently Asked Questions - *Northland School Division Act*

**Why does Northland School Division have its own act?**

The NSD Act supports the school division's unique geographical area and the diversity in each school community. NSD provides education to primarily First Nations and Métis students over 288,347 square kilometres.

It became evident NSD required legislation in addition to what's contained in the School Act, if it was to do its job effectively. (Source: Report of the Northland School Division Investigation Committee, 1981). In 1965, the first version of the Northland School Division Act was passed by the Legislature of the Province.

## What provisions are in the Northland School Division Act that are not in the School Act?

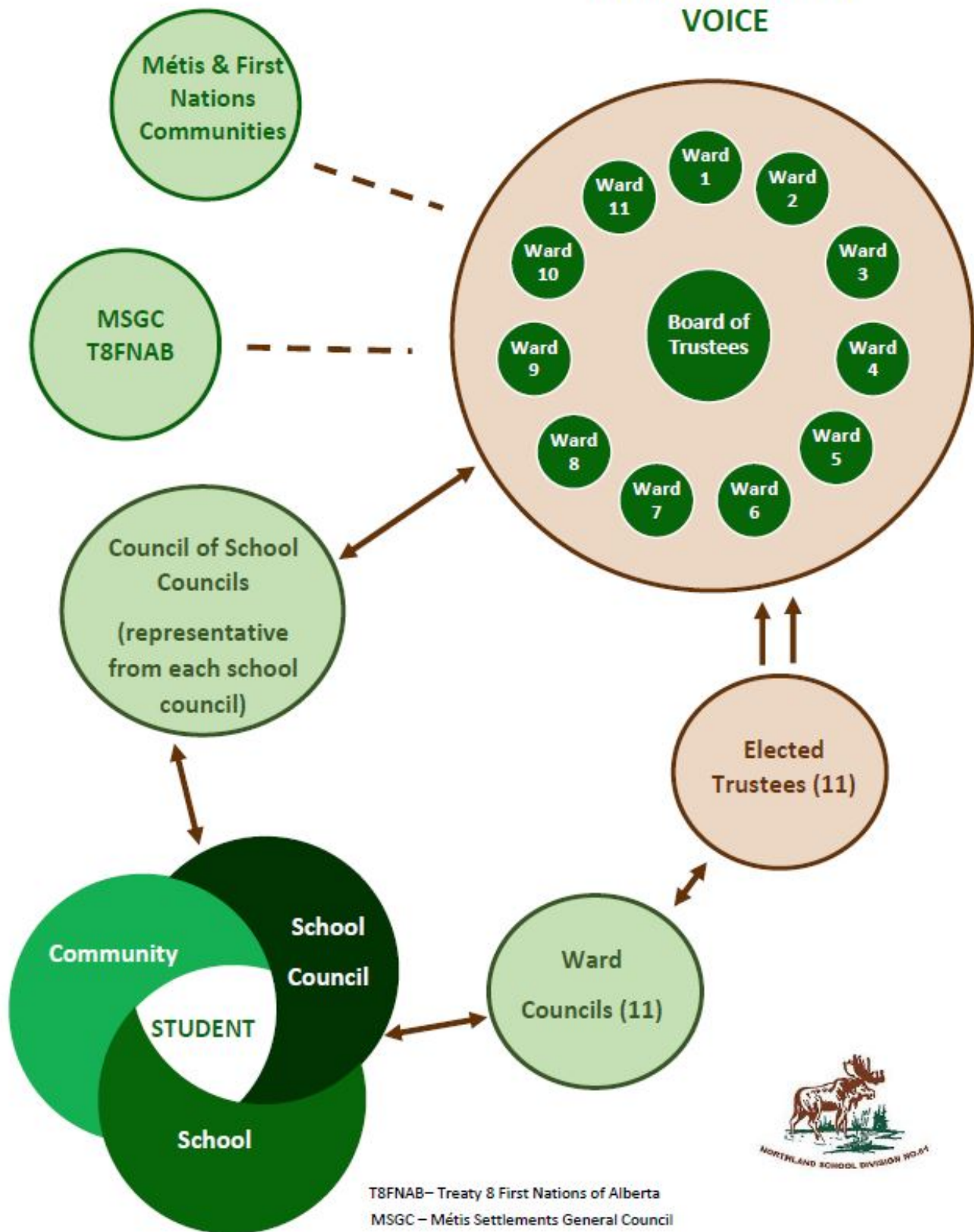
- Ward Councils;
- mandated Council of School Councils;
- mandatory process to engage with key partners with respect to establishment of the Board of NSD's strategic plan;
- ability of persons living on-reserve to vote and/or run for school board trustee.

## How does the *Northland School Division Act* ensure community voice is heard?

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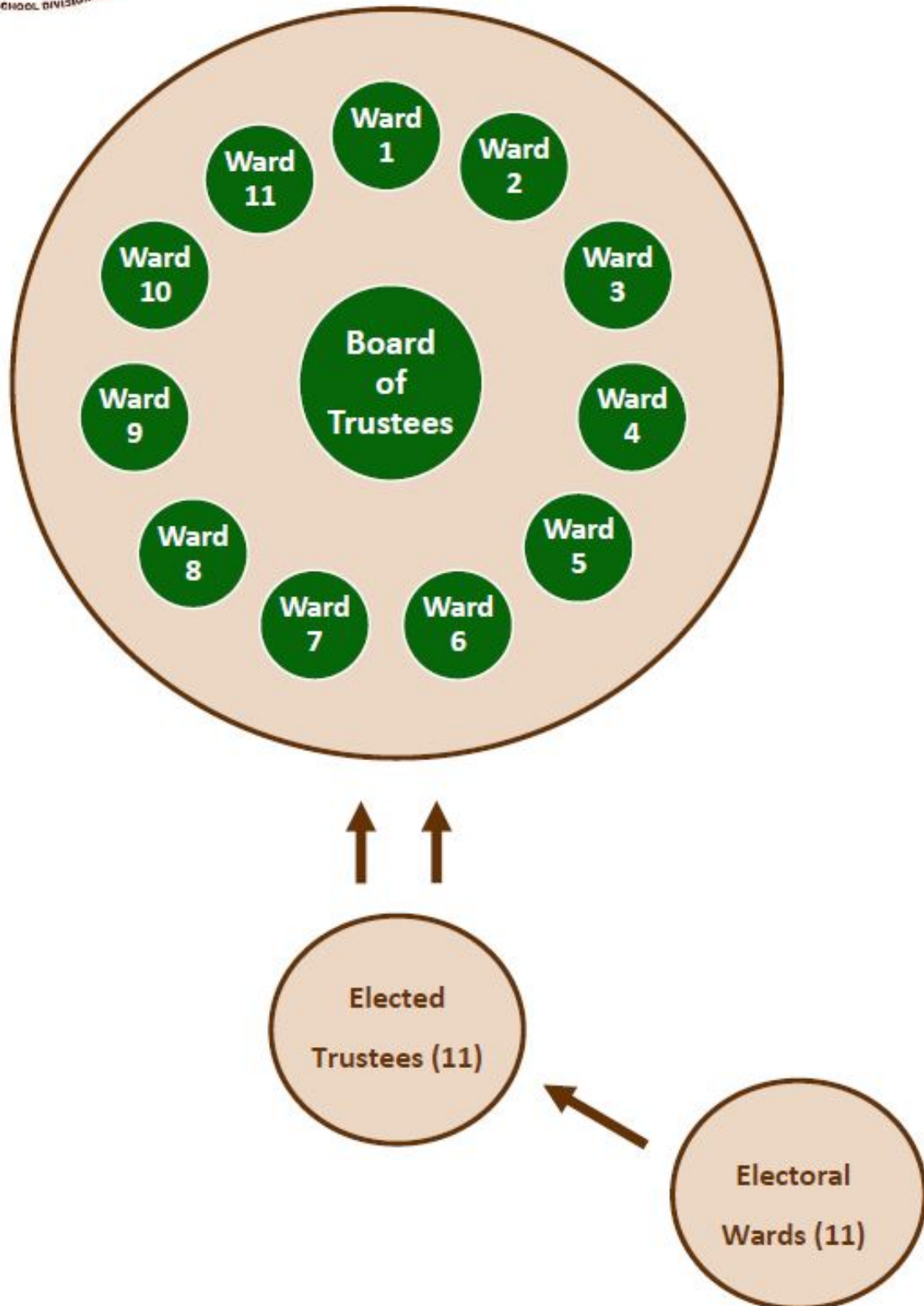
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## NSD COMMUNITY VOICE





# NSD GOVERNANCE VOICE



You are eligible to run and/or vote if:

- you are 18 years old;
- you are a Canadian citizen;
- you live in Alberta and within one of the NSD wards;
- you live on a First Nations reserve that has a tuition or Education Services Agreement with NSD.

Click on the website link for more information on wards and First Nations reserves included in each ward

[http://nsd61.ca/governance/elections.](http://nsd61.ca/governance/elections)

A copy of the *Northland School Division Act* is available on the NSD website

[www.nsd61.ca/governance.](http://www.nsd61.ca/governance)

