

# Information for Candidates

(References to the Act below refer to the *Local Authorities Election Act – RSA 2000*)

## **Who can be nominated? (Section 21 of the Act)**

A person may be nominated as a candidate in any election under the *Local Authorities Election Act* if on nomination day the person:

1. is eligible to vote in that election;
2. has been a resident of the local jurisdiction and the ward, if any, for the six (6) consecutive months immediately preceding nomination day; and
3. is not otherwise ineligible or disqualified.

## **Who cannot be nominated? (Section 22 of the Act)**

Sections 22, 23 and 24 of the Act specify circumstances that cause an individual to be ineligible to run as a candidate. The most common reasons for ineligibility are:

1. an individual who is an employee or auditor of the jurisdiction (for which the office is sought) on Nomination Day may not be a candidate for trustee. (Note: An employee can run for trusteeship if granted a leave of absence.);
2. an individual who fails to meet the residency requirement on Nomination Day may not be a candidate for trustee.

Please refer to the Act for particulars on ineligibility.

## **When is Nomination Day? (Section 25 of the Act)**

Nomination Day is set at 4 weeks before election day. For this by-election nomination day is November 10, 2020 which is 4 weeks prior to the election day December 8, 2020.

## **What about the Nomination Paper? (Section 27 of the Act)**

A candidate must be nominated in writing on the prescribed form signed by at least 5 electors eligible to vote in the election and resident in the ward on the date of signing the nomination form and shall be accompanied by a written acceptance signed in the prescribed form by the person nominated, stating that the person is eligible to be elected to the office and that the person will accept the office if elected.

Completed nomination papers, signed by the candidate, must be received by the Returning Officer at the Northland School Division No. 61 office located at 9809 – 77<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Peace River, Alberta **prior to 12:00 noon, November 10, 2020**. Nomination papers must be submitted on the prescribed form.

**Nomination Forms do not have to be submitted personally by the candidate. However if the form is not submitted by the candidate it will have to be sworn (affirmed) before a commissioner for oaths.**

**The signed Nomination Paper must be delivered to the jurisdiction office. Faxed, emailed or mailed copies will not be accepted.**

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**Who is eligible to vote in the election? (Section 47 of the Act)**

1. A person is eligible to vote in an election held pursuant to the Local Authorities Election Act if the person
  - a) is at least 18 years old,
  - b) is a Canadian citizen, and
  - c) has resided in Alberta for the six (6) consecutive months immediately preceding election day and the person's residence is located in the area on election day.

**When is Election Day?**

The by-election will be held on December 8, 2020.

**Pecuniary Interest of Trustees:**

Section 85 of the *Education Act* defines in some detail what constitutes a pecuniary interest. The pecuniary interest of the trustee's spouse or adult interdependent partner is deemed to be the pecuniary interest of the trustee.

In addition, in accordance with section 86 of the *Education Act* each trustee must file a statement with the secretary of the board showing:

- (a) the names and employment information of the trustee and the trustee's spouse or adult interdependent partner,
- (b) the names of the corporations, partnerships, firms, governments or persons in which the trustee has a pecuniary interest, and
- (c) the names of the corporations, partnerships, firms, governments or persons in which the trustee's spouse or adult interdependent partner or children under 18 years of age have a pecuniary interest.

**Offence: (Section 151 of the Act)**

A candidate for elective office who signs a Candidate's Acceptance Form that contains a false statement is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of not more than \$1,000.

**If you have any questions, please contact:**

Mr. Douglas Aird, Returning Officer  
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