

Appendix

APPENDIX 5: LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTIONS ACT AND LEGISLATION

Local Election Act

The Local Authorities Elections Act governs community government elections. This legislation sets out the eligibility criteria for voters and candidates, establishes the election calendar, sets out the election process, provides for recounts and judicial reviews, describes unlawful election activities, and describes the procedure for disposing of used ballots and other election materials.

Local Authorities Legislation

Every municipal corporation is established under the authority of territorial legislation. The legislation includes the Cities, Towns and Villages Act, the Hamlets Act, the Charter Communities Act, and the Tłjchq Community Government Act. You may have to refer to these Acts, their regulations and your bylaws to find information on the number of elected officials, the terms of office, election dates, voting alternatives, vote counting and staggered terms of elected officials.

Tłjchq communities should take special care to note the differences between provisions in the Local Authorities Elections Act and sections 12 to 18 of the Tłjchq Community Government Act.

Communities established under the Charter Communities Act have their election dates, eligibility criteria for members of Council, and length of term as set out in their charter. These details are set by Orders that are found under Regulations of the NWT.

Regarding elections for a specific District Education Authority refer to the regulations established under the Education Act.