2026 GENERAL ELECTION

Weekly Update for Citizens

From the CAFN Election Board | Friday, November 27, 2026

Dear Citizens,

Thank you to everyone who joined the Citizens meeting on November 26, in Haines Junction, in Whitehorse and online. This update shares what we presented, so every Citizen has the same information.

New Election Day: Thursday, January 21, 2027
We heard many concerns about voting over the Christmas holidays. The Board listened and moved Election Day from January 8 to January 21. This keeps voting out of the holiday season and gives mail-in voters more time. January 21 is the date.

Where we stand

Who does what

Election Board	Tosh Southwick (Chair), Diane Strand and Jocelyn Joe-Strack, with alternates Brenda Asp and Monica Primozic. The Board oversees the election and makes decisions under CAFN election law.
Chief Returning Officer	Raelina Jobin runs the election day to day, including the voter's list, mail-in packages, polling places, the count and the public draw. She is your first contact for voting questions.
Election Arbitrator	Stephen Mills is independent of the Board. He reviews a decision when a voter or candidate asks in writing within 3 days.

Our decisions, and why

1. Nominations stand

Nominations were completed and closed properly before the pause. CAFN election law does not require starting over, and legal advice agreed. Reopening nominations would be unfair to candidates who followed the rules. So we pick up at the next step: new notices, a new voter's list, a public draw and new ballots. A candidate who wants to withdraw must tell the CRO in writing before Election Day.

2. Everyone gets a new ballot

Some ballots from the first process left out a candidate's name. Every candidate must be on the ballot for every voter. All earlier ballots, paper or electronic, are void and will not be counted. You voted before, please vote again with your new ballot.

3. An independent Chief Returning Officer

CAFN law says the CRO cannot be a CAFN voter or a family member of any candidate. This keeps the person who runs the count independent of the result. Raelina Jobin meets both requirements. CAFN Citizens can still work as polling supervisors, poll clerks and interpreters.

4. No electronic voting this election

A new online system needs a provider, a contract, testing and training for voters. That would delay the election by weeks or months. This election uses paper ballots, in person or by mail. Online voting can be part of a future conversation about CAFN election law.

5. Public updates, not private meetings

Many Citizens know the candidates as family, friends and neighbours. To keep things fair, the Board does not discuss the election one on one with candidates or voters. We share written updates at least weekly and hold public meetings, so everyone gets the same answer at the same time. Please send your questions in writing.

Make sure your vote counts

- **Check your address.** Your mail-in package goes to the address on the voter's list. If you have moved, write to the CRO.
- **Turning 16?** If you are 16 or older on January 21, 2027, you can vote. Welcome to your first CAFN election.

- **Voted before?** Please vote again with your new ballot. Earlier ballots will not be counted.
- **Need a new package?** Ask the CRO for a replacement by Monday, January 11.

Where to take your questions

If your question is about	Please contact
Voting, the voter's list, or your mail-in package	**Raelina Jobin, Chief Returning Officer**
A decision you believe did not follow CAFN election law	**Stephen Mills, Election Arbitrator, in writing**
Citizenship or enrollment	**CAFN Central Registrar and Enrollment Clerk**
The candidates forum	**CAFN Government**
A candidate's views or campaign	**The candidate**
CAFN programs, services or government business	**CAFN Government**
How the Board is running the election	**The Election Board, in writing**

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Thank you for caring about this election. Our next update will come out [date].

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