Update for Citizens

From the CAFN Election Board | November 20, 2026

Dear Citizens,

Our election is moving forward. We have hired a Chief Returning Officer, we have a plan, and we have a date. Thank you for your patience while we did this work in a good way.

Join us at a Citizens meeting
Thursday, November 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
In person: In Haines Junction at Daku and in Whitehorse in CAFN space at Yukon Inn Plaza
Online: https://cafnca.zoom.us/j/85649594535?pwd=7yoqNQGWWbjKDG27JIbJI9Jn39uU3z.1&from=addon
Come hear the plan, meet our Chief Returning Officer, and ask your questions.

Meet our Chief Returning Officer

Raelina Jobin is our new Chief Returning Officer. The Chief Returning Officer runs the election day to day. Raelina will set up the polling stations, hire the people who work at them, send out mail-in ballots, and lead the count on Election Day.

We are picking up where we left off

We asked our lawyer if we need to start the election over. The answer is no. CAFN election law lets us pick up from where we paused. This means:

- All nominations still stand. The candidates you saw before are still the candidates.
- Nominations will not open again.
- A candidate who wants to step out of the race must tell the Chief Returning Officer in writing before Election Day.

- In early December, we will post a new notice of election, the list of candidates, and the voter's list.
- We will print new ballots with the new date.

Election Day

We are planning for Friday, January 8, 2027. Polls will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The official notice of election in early December will confirm the date.

How you will vote

This election we will use paper ballots. There will be no online or electronic voting. You can vote in one of two ways:

- **In person** at a polling station in Haines Junction, Takhini River Subdivision, or Whitehorse. We will share the exact places in December.
- **By mail.** If you live far from a polling station, a mail-in package will be sent to you. If you live close by but cannot get to the polls, you can ask the Chief Returning Officer for a mail-in package. Mail-in ballots must arrive by 4:00 p.m. on Election Day.

You will get a separate ballot for each position: Chief, Councillors, Elder Councillor, and Youth Councillor.

Make sure your voice is counted

- **Check your address.** Your mail-in package goes to the address on the voter's list. If you have moved, write to the Chief Returning Officer to update it.
- **Turning 16?** If you are 16 or older on January 8, 2027, you can vote. Welcome to your first CAFN election.
- **Voted before? Please vote again.** All ballots from before the pause are void. They will not be counted. This includes mail-in ballots sent for October. Watch for your new package in December and use it to vote.

Your right to ask for a review

If you are a voter or a candidate and you think a decision about this election did not follow our election law, you can ask the Election Arbitrator to review it. Your request must be in writing and sent within 3 days of the decision.

Contact us

Chief Returning Officer	Raelina Jobin | raelinaservices@gmail.com

Election Board	tosh@irpotential.com
Election Arbitrator	Stephen Mills stephen.mills@northwestel.net

We will keep sharing updates in writing so every Citizen gets the same information at the same time. We look forward to seeing you on November 26.

Sincerely,

Tosh Southwick (Chair), Diane Strand, Jocelyn Joe-Strack, Brenda Asp (Alternate), Monica Primozic (Alternate)

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