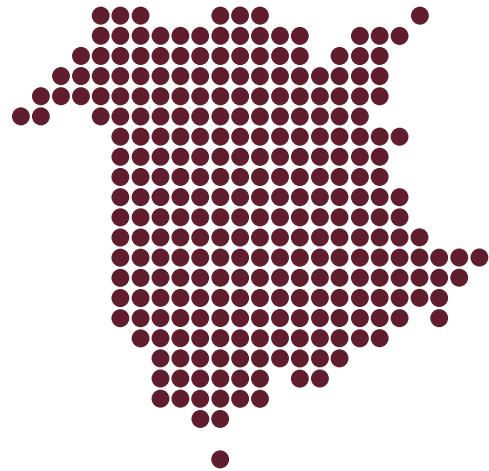


Voting in Local Government & District Education Council Elections

YOUR VOTE COUNTS



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT & DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL ELECTIONS

In New Brunswick, local government & district education council elections have a fixed date and are held every four years in May to elect mayors, councillors, rural district advisory committee members and district education council councillors. Local governments may also have a plebiscite question added to the ballot.

Voters vote by marking their choice(s) on a ballot listing the candidates for the local government or school district where the voter lives. After all of the ballots are counted, the candidate(s) with the most votes are declared elected.

QUALIFICATIONS TO VOTE

A person is qualified to vote in a local government or district education council election if they are:

- a Canadian citizen;
- at least eighteen years old by Election Day;
- a resident in the Province at least 40 days immediately before the election; and
- will be living in the local government or school district on Election Day.

VOTERS LIST

If you have voted in previous elections in New Brunswick you may already be on the voters list. To get added to the voters list you must meet the qualifications and provide one or more pieces of ID that in combination show your name, current address and signature. A New Brunswick driver's license contains all three and is the ideal piece of identification.

Other options include:

- lease agreements, utility bills, student IDs, Indian Status Card, other documentation that provides the above three requirements.
- having a friend already on the voters list vouch for you.

If you need to add your name, correct or update your personal information, you may contact the local Returning Office or you can make the change when you go to the polls to vote. You can also contact Elections NB to update your personal information.

Everyone who is on the voters list is mailed a Voter Information Card (VIC). The VIC will tell you where you can vote and the dates and times of advance and Election Day voting.



STUDENTS

Many voters are attending school away from where they ordinarily live, and want to know if they can still vote in a local government or district education council election.

Students have the option to vote for candidates in the local government or school district where they normally reside, or for candidates where they live while attending school.

They must have lived in the province for forty days prior to Election Day, and must also meet the other qualifications to vote.

ACCESSIBILITY

Elections NB strives to ensure that the buildings we use during elections are accessible and can accommodate the needs of voters with various challenges. We provide various supports at our Returning Offices and at voting places to assist voters.

Supports for accessibility include:

- Audio Vote with Braille, paddles, and sip and puff (available at Returning Offices only)
- Sign language interpretation (by appointment)
- A friend of an elector can assist with marking the ballot
- Magnifiers

SPECIAL BALLOTS

Special Ballots are a means for electors to cast a ballot if they are unable to or don't wish to vote during the advance polls or on Election Day.

A voter from one local government or school district can also use a Special Ballot to vote from elsewhere in the province for a candidate in the place where they normally live by visiting a local Returning Office. Special Ballots are also used for electors who are in nursing homes, special care homes, federal or provincial correctional facilities, patients in the hospital, or electors unable to leave their homes because of illness or incapacity.

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