



ASSOCIATION OF YUKON SCHOOL COUNCILS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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MARCH 2016 NEWSLETTER



REMINDER!!

Don't forget to register for the Spring 2016 School Councils' Conference—it's just around the corner!

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Where: Yukon Inn, Whitehorse

When: Thursday evening, April 7th and all day Friday and Saturday, April 8th & 9th

A **REGISTRATION form** and other information can be found on our [Conference webpage](#)

If you have questions or need assistance, please let us know.

AYSCBC Annual General Meeting & Election of the Executive

We will also be holding our AGM on Friday afternoon during the Spring Conference. We look forward to meeting with our Member School Councils, presenting reports and having input from you on the draft Workplan.

We will be sending AGM documents out ahead of the meeting.

There will also be an election for the 7 Member Executive seats for the 2016-2019 term.

To learn more about these positions, we encourage you to check out the webpage about the [Executive](#), under the [ABOUT US](#) tab where you'll find the Terms of Reference, Information for Candidates, and the Nomination form. Any of the current Executive Members as well as Carol would be happy to talk with you further and answer questions—contact information is at the end of this newsletter.

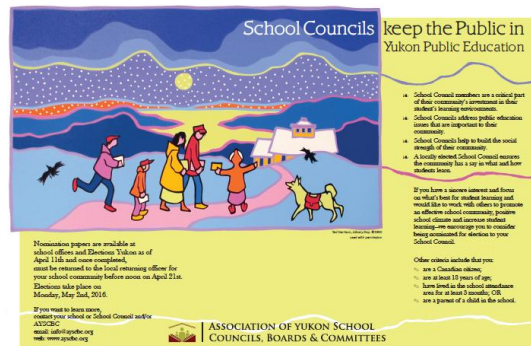
Just announced.....

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS will be held Monday, May 2nd

The term of office of current School Council members will end this fall with the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year and the new School Councils whose members will be elected/appointed this spring will take over the roles and responsibilities at that time.

Nominations for School Councils begin on April 11th and are open until 12 noon on April 21st — papers will be available in school offices and at the Elections Yukon office during this time and must be filed with the returning officer for the school **no later than noon** on April 21st. For those schools that have more nominations than seats on its Council, there will be an election, held on Monday, May 5th.

As we did 2 years ago, we will be sending a colourful poster with the Ted Harrison print to each school and First Nation office in every community. These highlight the importance of School Councils along with eligibility criteria to be nominated, as well as to vote. They also have the dates to know about this year's election.



On the [RESOURCES](#) page of our website, you'll find some information that might be useful for you and your school community in preparation for this.

There is:

- a tip sheet about encouraging parents and other community members to run;
- a listing of a few reasons why School Councils are important to public education; and,
- a sample item for your school and/or School Council newsletter

If you're interested in how many seats there are on each School Council, we've posted the list [here](#).

We hope many of the current members will run again along with some who will be new to the role. We know that strong School Councils are key players in Yukon education.

For questions about School Councils, you are welcome to contact [Carol](#). For information specifically about nominations and elections, the person to contact is Liz.McKee@gov.yk.ca at Elections Yukon, 667-8683 or toll free 1-866-668-8683.



UNIQUE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Experiences Canada is a registered Canadian charitable organization that facilitates experiential learning opportunities within Canada. Experiences Canada creates educational opportunities for Canadian youth to develop mutual respect and understanding through exchange programs which explore their heritage, language and community. Thanks to the generous support of the Department of Canadian Heritage, Experiences Canada's reciprocal exchange program travels 5,000 Canadians each year! www.experiencescanada.ca

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HELPFUL WEBSITE FOR PLANNING POST-SECONDARY STUDIES

Schoolfinder provides tips and links to information about post-secondary programs, financial planning, scholarships and more—a useful site for students, parents, & counselors <http://www.schoolfinder.com/>

A few other Upcoming Conferences and Events....

April 22-24, Edmonton

Alberta School Councils Association Spring Conference & AGM

More information available here: <http://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/?page=Conference>

April 28-May 1, Kelowna

BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils Spring Conference & AGM

More information available here: <http://bccpac2016.weebly.com>

April 29-30, Whitehorse

Yukon Child Care Association Conference “EMBRACING THE MAGIC”

Check for information: <http://www.yukonchildcareassociation.org/>

REMINDER--as a benefit of Membership with AYSCBC.....

☆☆☆☆AYSCBC Members might like to refer to the organization's policy on:

[Financial Support for AYSCBC Member School Councils to attend Professional Development Events](#)

Please note that ample lead time is needed for any applications for funding support to be reviewed (several weeks before an event) as outlined in the guidelines. Questions are always welcome, contact [Carol](#).

***AYSCBC promotes School Council, Board and Committee service
as a meaningful way to make long term contributions to your local community and society.***

☆ **SCHOOL COUNCILS WHO ARE CURRENT MEMBERS OF AYSCBC** ☆

Nelnah Bessie John	Ghuch Tla	Grey Mountain Primary
Chief Zzeh Gittlit	St. Elias	Watson Lake
Del Van Gorder	Ross River	Porter Creek Secondary
Robert Service	Tantalus	F.H. Collins Secondary
Eliza Van Bibber	J. V. Clark	Hidden Valley Elementary
Selkirk Elementary	Teslin	Golden Horn Elementary
Takhini Elementary	Kluane Lake	Ecole Whitehorse Elementary
Jack Hulland Elementary	Elijah Smith Elementary	

Want to learn more about Membership, please [contact us](#) and we'd be glad to talk with you.

If you'd like us to attend one of your meetings, or meet with you at another time, let us know—one of us would be happy to do so.

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