

2023-2024 Annual Report Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

Including reports on the conduct of the Second Municipal General Election Elections and Plebiscites under the Liquor Act

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Dear Mr. Speaker,

In accordance with the requirements of the Nunavut Elections Act, I am pleased to provide you with Elections Nunavut's annual report for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Respectfully,

Kiran Situt CPA, CMA Chief Electoral Officer

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Overview

This annual report covers the activities of the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Elections Nunavut administered the 2023 Nunavut Municipal Elections, administered one local option plebiscite under the Liquor Act and saw passage of amendments to the *Nunavut Elections Act* that increased access to voting and streamlined electoral processes.

Message from the Chief Electoral Officer

2023-2024 was a year of hard work and change for Elections Nunavut!

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the many individuals who made our work possible over the year.

To the many Nunavummiut who served as election staff for the 2023 municipal general elections I offer both my gratitude and congratulations on a job well done. Elections Nunavut would not be able to complete its mandate if not for your efforts and dedication.

I would also like to acknowledge the staff of Elections Nunavut. The administration of elections requires professionalism and diligence; traits that the Elections team bring to our office every day. In particular, I would like to acknowledge and extend congratulations to Randy Miller upon his retirement after many years of dedicated service to the people of Nunavut in both the public and private sectors.

I would like to recognize my predecessors in this position. Dustin Fredlund served as an outstanding Chief Electoral Officer, successfully leading and developing Elections Nunavut through multiple territorial general elections, plebiscites, by-elections and Nunavut's inaugural general municipal elections. Mr. Fredlund's tireless efforts, built upon the solid foundation established by Elections Nunavut's first Chief Electoral Officer, Sandy Kusugak, has and will continue to ensure that Elections Nunavut is able to uphold the highest standards of integrity, efficiency, and transparency in its operations.

Finally, my sincere appreciation and a special thank you to Tony Rose, for his support, guidance, advice, invaluable knowledge and assistance with a smooth transition into my role as Nunavut's new Chief Electoral Officer.

Kiran Situt CPA, CMA Chief Electoral Officer

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Introduction to the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer (Elections Nunavut) is an independent office of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut that is overseen by the Chief Electoral Officer. Elections Nunavut is responsible for the administration of territorial and municipal elections and byelections under the Nunavut Elections Act, as well as plebiscites under the Plebiscite Act. Under a separate agreement, Elections Nunavut also administers local option liquor plebiscites under the Liquor Act for the Department of Finance.

As an independent officer, the Chief Electoral Officer is accountable directly to the Legislative Assembly through the Speaker. This ensures the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer can administer elections and plebiscites in a non-partisan manner, maintaining the integrity of the entire democratic process for all Nunavummiut. The Chief Electoral Officer is appointed by the Commissioner of Nunavut for a seven-year term.

The Management and Services Board provides oversight of the budgetary and human resource requirements of Elections Nunavut. The Chief Electoral Officer is required to report annually to the Legislative Assembly, as well as to report on specific election/plebiscite events. These reports may also include recommendations that the Chief Electoral Officer believes will assist in improving the Nunavut Elections Act and the election/plebiscite process.

Elections Nunavut works with many public and private partners to ensure elections and plebiscites are run as effectively and efficiently as possible. Legal counsel, information technology (IT) support, geographic information system (GIS) upkeep, audit oversight, and electronic voter database management (EVDM) support are all secured through external professional contracts.

The office is located in Rankin Inlet and consists of four permanent employees. The year before and after an event, the casual employees and contract election officers increase the office size to more than 190 people.

Activities 2023-2024

2023 Municipal General Election

Elections' primary activity in the 2023-24 fiscal year was the organization and administration of the October 2023 Nunavut General Municipal Elections. Elections provided support for a total of 89 individual elections involving 498 candidates.

A report on the conduct of the municipal general election can be found on pages 7-9 of this document.

Coordination with other agencies

Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission

Section 14 of the *Nunavut Elections Act* states that an Electoral Boundaries Commission "must be established for Nunavut every 10 years commencing in 2022." The mandate of an Electoral Boundaries Commission is to review current electoral boundaries and recommendations to the Legislative Assembly for changes to the constituencies to promote more equal representation in the legislature.

The Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission (NEBC) was established by motion of the Legislative Assembly on October 26th, 2022, and delivered its final report on July 7th, 2023.

Elections Nunavut provided administrative and technical support to NEBC including support development of new constituency maps and technical support to produce a website and the Commission's final report.

Elections Canada – Inuit Advisory Circle

This Advisory Circle's mandate was to contribute to the refinement of Elections Canada's priorities for its Indigenous Electoral Services Review. Elections Nunavut staff took part in the circle through online and in-person meetings.

Secretariat for Electoral Coordination

The Chief Electoral Officer is also member of the national secretariat advisory committee. The overall mandate of the secretariat is to coordinate the sharing of information and best practices between jurisdictions and provide support for election innovation.

Elections Nunavut, along with all other Canadian provincial, territorial, and federal electoral management bodies, provides funding for the operation of the secretariat.

Government of Nunavut

Department of Finance

Elections Nunavut worked with the Department of Finance to administer one liquor plebiscite and the 2023 Alcohol Education Committee Elections.

Department of Community and Government Services

Elections Nunavut worked with the Department of Community and Government Services to disseminate information and manage the 2023 Nunavut General Municipal Elections for mayors and councillors.

Department of Education

Elections Nunavut worked closely with the Department of Education to disseminate information and manage the 2023 Nunavut General Municipal Elections for District Education Authorities.

Legislative Amendments

Bill 35, AN ACT RESPECTING THE CONSTITUENCIES OF NUNAVUT

Section 28 of the *Nunavut Elections Act* requires that a bill to implement the recommendations of the Electoral Boundaries Commission be introduced in the Legislative Assembly.

Bill 35 was introduced in Legislative Assembly on October 19, 2023. On October 26, 2023, a core clause of the bill was defeated in a vote of Committee of the Whole. The bill was not able to proceed further.

BILL 36, AN ACT TO AMEND THE NUNAVUT ELECTIONS ACT AND THE PLEBISCITES ACT

Bill 36 was introduced in the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut on October 19, 2023, following recommendations provided by the CEO in their 2021-2022 annual report.

Changes introduced by the Bill included:

- Allowing those who are absent from their home because of long-term medical needs to vote.
- Enabling the Chief Electoral Officer flexibility with respect to the set-up of polling stations
- Allowing the CEO to designate other locations for the filing of declarations of candidacy
- Removing redundant administrative processes
- Clarifying processes for the issuance of special ballots
- Aligning certain processes that exist in both acts

Bill 36 received third reading on October 26, 2023, and was assented on November 9, 2023.

Planned Activities 2024-2025

Preparations for the Seventh Nunavut General Election – October 27, 2025

- Elections Nunavut will be focused on the following preparations for the Nunavut General Election to elect Members of the Legislative Assembly on October 27, 2025:
- Ongoing efforts to secure election officers, supplies and voting venues.
- Ongoing updates to voter and physical address details in the Nunavut Voters List database.
- Outreach to engage new and repeat voters through media, social media, and civic education in high schools.
- Continuing to incorporate and refine new technologies to be used at the polls, including electronic poll books, live strike-off, and online voter registration.
- Outreach to institutions, businesses, and organizations with post-secondary students, rotational workers, medical travelers and escorts, and inmates to promote awareness of various in-person voting opportunities, and Special Ballot by Mail.
- Updating, producing, ordering, and organizing materials and supplies for distribution to the communities well ahead of election day.

By-Elections

Under the Nunavut Elections Act, by-elections can be held for MLAs and mayors. Elections Nunavut will be in a constant state of readiness to administer these by-elections.

Plebiscites

Elections Nunavut will be prepared to administer plebiscites under the Plebiscites Act and local options liquor plebiscites under the Liquor Act.

Legislative Recommendations

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer may table recommendations for legislative change informed by previous elections and mentioned in previous annual reports.

Staff Development

Elections Nunavut will provide opportunities for staff training and professional development through engagement with Canada's community of electoral management bodies.

Report on the Conduct of the Second Nunavut Municipal General Election



Legislative amendments Impacting the 2023 Municipal General Election

Numerous sections of the Nunavut Elections Act were amended in 2021. A full list of these amendments is available in the 2020-2021 report of the Chief Electoral Officer

The changes with the greatest effect on the municipal general elections were amendments to section 224.18 related to the threshold for administrative recounts and section 104(1) related to voting hours on election day.

An administrative recount is required when the number of votes between a returned and a non-returned candidate is below a given threshold. Previously, that threshold had been fewer than two percent of total votes cast in the election. For the purposes of municipal elections, the threshold was changed to fewer than five votes.

In previous elections, voting hours were set to 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM central time. For the 2023 Nunavut general election and all future elections, voting hours were set to 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM local time in each community.

Training

The municipal corporations and District Education Authorities are required to secure election officers and voting venues. Elections Nunavut provided support by offering inperson training to every Returning Officer in Nunavut. These training sessions were held over 2 days in each of the three regions and ensured that election officers were prepared to run elections in their communities.

Election Material

As this was the second municipal General Election administered by Elections Nunavut, all election material related to the previous municipal General Elections were reviewed and updated, as necessary. This included plain language guides and forms to be used by candidates throughout the election periods as well as training and operational resources for Returning Officers and poll staff.

Outreach

Elections Nunavut contacted many organizations and businesses within and outside of Nunavut to inform students, medical patients and escorts, and rotational workers who might be away from home during the election period about ways to vote including voting by special mail-in ballot.

Election Day

Most elections were conducted on October 23, 2023. In general, voting, tallying and reported proceeded smoothly. There were brief power failures in Kinngait and Sanirajak, but power was restored in both locations with sufficient time to complete voting.

Administrative recounts were automatically required in seven elections. All the administrative recounts were completed on election night except for a recount for the Cambridge Bay municipal council election which was deferred to the following morning.

Summary of Municipal Election Results

Municipal Elections Status

	Mayor	Council	DEA	CSFN
Declared Elected	16	4	3	1
Administrative Recount	1	5	0	
JP Recount	1	0	0	
Acclaimed	7	16	23	
Total elections	25	25	26	1

General Elections for Mayor

Of twenty-five elections, seven mayors were declared elected by acclamation, sixteen were declared elected without need for a recount, one was declared elected following an administrative recount and one was declared elected after a recount by a Justice of the Peace.

General Elections for Council

Of twenty-five elections, sixteen councils were declared elected via acclamation, four were declared elected without need for a recount and five were declared elected following an administrative recount.

General Elections for District Education Authorities

Of twenty-six elections, twenty-three DEAs were declared elected via acclamation and three were declared elected without need for a recount.

Commission scolaire francophone du Nunavut (CSFN) Election

The CSFN was declared elected without the need for a recount.

Second Nunavut General Municipal Election Results

Arctic Bay

Mayor

	Total Votes
NAQITARVIK, Olayuk	63
MAY, Frank	33
Rejected Ballots	0
Total Votes	96

Council

District Education Authority

ALOOLOO, Morty	Acclaimed
ATTAGUTSIAK, Kataisee	Acclaimed
ENOOGOO, Susan	Acclaimed
ISSIGAITOK, Jason	Acclaimed
NATANINE, Elvina	Acclaimed
TAQTU, Ashley	Acclaimed
WEIGEL, Jude	Acclaimed

Returning Officer: Joanna Koonoo Advance Polls: October 16, 2023* Election Day: October 23, 2023**

Final Voters List: 417

All polls have been combined

See appendix "A"

^{*}Arctic Bay DEA advance poll: October 23, 2023
** Arctic Bay DEA election day: October 30, 2023

Arviat

Mayor

SAVIKATAAQ JR, Joe	Acclaimed
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Council

	Early Polls	Election Day	Total Votes
ISHALOOK, Alex	5	148	153
KIDLAPIK, Gordy	4	143	147
MAIN, Jimmy	3	134	137
UPPAHUAK, Gleason	5	132	137
CASKEY, Nathan	2	132	134
KUKSUK, David	8	126	134
GIBBONS, Jason	5	122	127
GIBBONS, Mike	4	106	110
PRICE, Darren	4	96	100
Rejected Ballots	0	0	0
Total Votes	40	1139	1179

District Education Authority

OTUK, Jacqueline	Acclaimed	
WILLIAMS, Jackie	Acclaimed	

Returning Officer: Lisa Ikakhik Advance Polls: October 16, 2023 Election Day: October 23, 2023

Final Voters List: 1337

Baker Lake

Mayor

	Early Polls	Election Day	Total Votes
IKSIKTAARYUK, Kevin	25	201	226
TAIPANA, James	14	115	129
Rejected Ballots	0	3	3
Total Votes	39	319	358

Council

	Early Polls	Election Day	Total Votes
ATTUNGALA, Trevor	27	196	223
AKILAK, Michael	16	202	218
TOOTOO, Becky	19	198	217
TAGOONA, Grace	19	192	211
ADOSE, Adham	24	182	206
TAPATAI, Eric John	20	179	199
DOHERTY-IKSIKTAARYUK, Siobhan	19	175	194
ELYTOOK, Eva	16	176	192
AMARUQ, Aquilla	19	155	174
OWINGAYAK, David	12	135	147
MAUTARITNAAQ, Michael	10	105	115
POOTOOGOOK, Salomonie	6	67	73
Rejected Ballots	0	0	0
Total Votes	207	1962	2169

District Education Authority

DOHERTY-IKSIKTAARYUK, Siobhan	Acclaimed
ITQILIQ, Naomie Hope	Acclaimed
NUKIK, Darlene	Acclaimed

Returning Officer: Shawnee Kayuryuk **Advance Polls:** October 16, 2023 **Election Day:** October 23, 2023

Final Voters List: 1075

Cambridge Bay

Mayor

	Early Polls	Election Day	Total Votes
GREGORY, Wayne	37	165	202
ELIAS, Derek	38	143	181
ZIKALALA, Charles	3	28	31
Rejected Ballots	0	2	2
Total Votes	78	338	416

Council

	Early Polls	Election Day	Total Votes
TAPTUNA, Stephanie	55	270	325
ETIBLOENA, Darren	45	231	276
JOY, Bessie Haomik	45	229	274
AKNAVIGAK, Vivienne	47	220	267
WILCOX, Wilfred	42	218	260
CZIRANKA-CROOKS, Zachary	43	210	253
LYALL, Jessie	36	202	238
LANGILLE, Dana	43	189	232
PALVIALOK, William	33	195	228
WALLENIUS, Bo	34	172	206
GILLIS, Sandi	38	161	199
Rejected Ballots	0	1	1
Total Votes	461	2298	2759
Results confirmed by administrative recount on October 24, 2023			

District Education Authority

BAKER, Cory	Acclaimed
CROOKS, Chris	Acclaimed
NOCON, Adrian	Acclaimed
SIM, Alan	Acclaimed
SLATTER, Mark	Acclaimed

Returning Officer: Angela Gerbrandt Advance Polls: October 16, 2023 Election Day: October 23, 2023

Final Voters List: 1146

Chesterfield Inlet

Mayor

	Total Votes
SAMMURTOK, Simionie	45
AMAUYAK, Tony	34
ISSALUK, Mary Ann	25
Rejected Ballots	1
Total Votes	105

Council

BEDFORD, Yvonne	Acclaimed
IPPIAK, Elizabeth	Acclaimed
ISSALUK, Charles	Acclaimed
KALLUK, Eddy	Acclaimed
MIMIALIK, Venissa	Acclaimed
SAMMURTOK, Doriana	Acclaimed
SCALA, Gaetano	Acclaimed

District Education Authority

	Early Polls	Election Day	Total Votes
KUKKIAK, Louie	7	79	86
SAMMURTOK, Doriana	7	74	81
AGGARK, Simon	6	74	80
MULLINS, Russell	6	63	69
BEDFORD, Yvonne	4	63	67
KREELAK, Geraldine	7	60	67
MULLINS, Roy	6	58	64
ISSALUK, Mary Ann	7	43	50
SCALA, Gaetano	3	47	50
KATTEGATSIAK, David	4	44	48
TANUYAK, Jodi	6	21	27
Rejected Ballots	0	0	0
Total Votes	63	626	689

Returning Officer: Gloria Thompson Advance Polls: October 16, 2023 Election Day: October 23, 2023

Clyde River

Mayor

PALLUQ, Liemikie	Acclaimed
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Council

APAK, Natanine	Acclaimed
KAUTUK, Gordon	Acclaimed
PALITUQ, Mosa	Acclaimed

District Education Authority

Returning Officer: Sarah Jaypoody Advance Polls: October 16, 2023 Election Day: October 23, 2023

Coral Harbour

Mayor

NINGEOCHEAK, Kupapik	Acclaimed
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Council

ANGOOTEALUK, Molly	Acclaimed
NAKOOLAK, Willie	Acclaimed
NETSER, Lucy	Acclaimed
SHARPE, Kristal	Acclaimed

District Education Authority

EETUK, Amouyah Bernidette	Acclaimed
NAKOOLAK, Darryl	Acclaimed
NAKOOLAK, Kidlapik	Acclaimed
NAKOOLAK, Willie	Acclaimed
NETSER, Lucy	Acclaimed
OTTOKIE, Akavak	Acclaimed
PANIUQ, Jerry	Acclaimed

Returning Officer: Bobbie Saviakjuk Advance Polls: October 16, 2023 Election Day: October 23, 2023

Gjoa Haven

Mayor

	Early Polls	Election Day	Total Votes
QUQSHUUN, Raymond SR.	23	235	258
PORTER, Megan	25	114	139
Rejected Ballots	4	6	10
Total Votes	52	355	407

Council

	Early Polls	Election Day	Total Votes
TAKKIRUQ, Samuel	9	120	129
PORTER, Andrew	12	108	120
PORTER, Christine	5	109	114
AKKIKUNGNAQ, Peter	10	95	105
AALUK, Stephanie	6	96	102
HILLIER, Susan	11	89	100
PUQIQNAK, Paul	7	91	98
AGLUKKAQ, Miriam	10	87	97
PUTUGUQ, Kelly	6	87	93
SIKSIK, David	11	82	93
KALOON, Allen	7	85	92
AGLUKKAQ, Willy	4	49	53
QITSUALIK, Salomie	4	48	52
AUTUT, Stephanie	7	43	50
BAGLEY, Wilfrid	3	17	20
Rejected Ballots	0	2	2
Total Votes	112	1208	1320
Results confirmed by administrative recount on November 20, 2023			

District Education Authority

AMERALIK, Jack	Acclaimed
BAGLEY, Wilfrid	Acclaimed
IKUALLAQ, Rebecca	Acclaimed
KINGMIAQTUQ, Hannah	Acclaimed
SHAIKH, Mohammadali	Acclaimed
TAKKIRUQ, Carol	Acclaimed
TAKKIRUQ, Samuel	Acclaimed

Returning Officer: Sandra Ameralik Advance Polls: October 16, 2023* Election Day: October 23, 2023** All election day polls have been combined

^{*}Municipal Council advance poll: November 14, 2023
**Municipal Council election day: November 20, 2023

See Appendix "A"

Grise Fiord

Mayor

	Total Votes
KIGUKTAK, Meeka	27
PETER, Jaypetee	16
Rejected Ballots	0
Total Votes	43

Council

AUDLALUK,	Acclaimed
Arqnarulunnguaq	
AUDLALUK-WATSKO, Laisa	Acclaimed
KIGUKTAK, Susie	Acclaimed
MUCKPA, Eva	Acclaimed
QAAPIK, Jimmy	Acclaimed

District Education Authority

AKEEAGOK, Anne	Acclaimed
AUDLALUK, Larry	Acclaimed

Returning Officer: Kristine Watsko **Advance Polls:** October 16, 2023 **Election Day:** October 23, 2023

Final Voters List: 73

All polls have been combined

Igloolik

Mayor

	Early Polls	Election Day	Total Votes
AUKSAQ, George	11	74	85
QATTALIK, George	5	78	83
IVVALU, Erasmus	4	25	29
Rejected Ballots 0 10 10			
Total Votes	20	187	207
Results confirmed by administrative recount on October 23, 2023			

Council

ATTAGUTALUK, Edward	Acclaimed
CURLEY, Amanda	Acclaimed
MAKKIK, Ludger	Acclaimed
MALLIKI, Jacob	Acclaimed
TIAN, Shanshan	Acclaimed
UTTUIGAK, Celina	Acclaimed
UYARAK, Celestino	Acclaimed

District Education Authority

ANGILIRQ, Daniel	Acclaimed
PIUGATTUK, Francis	Acclaimed

Returning Officer: Leslie Auqsaq **Advance Polls:** October 16, 2023 **Election Day:** October 23, 2023

Final Voters List: 795

Iqaluit

Mayor

	Early Polls	Election Day	Total Votes
AWA, Solomon	198	809	1007
YVON, Vincent	28	143	171
WEEMEN, Lili	15	75	90
Rejected Ballots	3	18	21
Total Votes	244	1045	1289

Council

	Early Polls	Election Day	Total Votes
SMITH, Kim	160	669	829
STEVENSON, Romeyn	155	628	783
SHEPPARD, Kyle	139	602	741
TILLEY, Samuel	121	567	688
FLAHERTY, Harry	121	565	686
NATTAQ, Simon	118	547	665
KUNUK, Methusalah	113	550	663
ANAWAK, Jack	103	532	635
MacKAY, Lewis Falkiner	94	431	525
AMARAPALA, Swany	86	388	474
CLARK, Matthew	61	349	410
ROSS, Gabriel	61	328	389
EGENI, Camilius	56	274	330
LEGACY, Daniel	55	186	241
Rejected Ballots	3	6	9
Total Votes	1446	6622	8068

Apex District Education Authority

CRAWFORD, Anne	Acclaimed
KARETAK, Vincent	Acclaimed
WRIGHT, Jonathan	Acclaimed

Returning Officer: Jason Roberts Advance Polls: October 16, 2023 Election Day: October 23, 2023

Final Voters: 4337

All election day polls have been combined

Iqaluit District Education Authority

ANAWAK, Jack	Acclaimed
EGENI, Camilius	Acclaimed
GILES, Nicole	Acclaimed
JOHNSON, Stephen	Acclaimed
PAVIA, Robynn	Acclaimed

Kimmirut

Mayor

Council

ALLEN, Alashuk	Acclaimed
ITULU, Terry	Acclaimed
LYTA, Mary	Acclaimed
PITSIULAK, Terry	Acclaimed

District Education Authority

ATSIAQ, Joanasie	Acclaimed
JUDEA, Akulujuk	Acclaimed
SAGIAKTUK, Mary	Acclaimed

Returning Officer: Soudloo Kootoo **Advance Polls:** October 16, 2023 **Election Day:** October 23, 2023

Kinngait

Mayor

MANNING, Jimmy	Acclaimed
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Council

ASHOONA, Salomonie	Acclaimed
EJESIAK, Zeke Ejesiak	Acclaimed
EMOND, Marianne	Acclaimed
ETIDLOI, Juanisie	Acclaimed
KELLY, Caleva	Acclaimed
PII, Kumaarjuk	Acclaimed
WAKTA, Etungat	Acclaimed
WILKINSON, Andre	Acclaimed

District Education Authority

	Total Votes
POOTOOGOOK, Rosie	94
PUDLAT, Sagiak	94
PUDLAT, Chris	89
SUVEGA, Simigak	81
ASHOONA, Salomonie	77
SAMAYUALIE, Martha Pallu	77
EJESIAK, Ejesiak Z.	71
WILKINSON, Andre	66
MacKENZIE, Jeani	43
MIKKIGAK, Mary	42
Rejected Ballots	0
Total Votes	734

Returning Officer: Joe Qilipalik Advance Polls: October 16, 2023* Election Day: October 23, 2023**

Final Voters List: 711

*District Education Authority advance poll: October 23, 2023 ** District Education Authority election day: October 30, 2023

See Appendix "A"

Kugaaruk

Mayor

Council

AMAUTINUAR, Nick	Acclaimed
IHAKKAQ, Fabiola	Acclaimed
KREJUNARK, Canute	Acclaimed
TIGVAREARK, Guido	Acclaimed

District Education Authority

ANGUTI, Jennifer	Acclaimed
APSAKTAUN, Beatrix	Acclaimed
INAKSAJAK, Stephen	Acclaimed
KARLIK, Mark Sr.	Acclaimed
NINGARK, Celina	Acclaimed
PUJUARDJOK, Columban	Acclaimed

Returning Officer: Yanina Pujuardjok Advance Polls: October 16, 2023 Election Day: October 23, 2023

Kugluktuk

Mayor

	Early Polls	Election Day	Total Votes
NIVINGALOK, Ryan	21	147	168
KULIKTANA, Simon	6	69	75
KLENGENBERG, Helen Qimnik	6	46	52
HO, David	2	40	42
EVAGLOK, Phillip	0	7	7
Rejected Ballots	0	0	0
Total Votes	35	309	344

Council

	Early Polls	Election Day	Total Votes
RUDYK, Lori	28	272	300
TAIPANA, Lashawna	26	263	289
TAIPANA, Lucy	27	250	277
ALDERSON, Jodi	24	240	264
TAKTOGON, Peter	22	242	264
WESTWOOD, Keisha	28	224	252
McMENEMY, Nadene	15	225	240
KULIKTANA, Angele	16	184	200
PANIOYAK, Matilda	12	148	160
MONTES-FLETCHER, Maddison	14	136	150
Rejected Ballots	1	2	3
Total Votes	213	2186	2399

District Education Authority

AVIAK, Mona	Acclaimed
KLENGENBERG, Kimnek Rose	Acclaimed
KULIKTANA, Angele	Acclaimed
McMENEMY, Nadene	Acclaimed
METUITUK, Darlene	Acclaimed
OLSON, Barbara	Acclaimed

Returning Officer: Dettrick Hokanak **Advance Polls:** October 16, 2023 **Election Day:** October 23, 2023

Final Voters List: 796

Naujaat

Mayor

	Total Votes
TEGUMIAR, Kevin	97
SIVANERTOK, Joseph	24
ROBINSON, Alan	15
Rejected Ballots	0
Total Votes	136

Council

AKKUARDJUK, Michel	Acclaimed
GOSS, John	Acclaimed
KATOKRA, Levi	Acclaimed
KOPAK, Rosie	Acclaimed
MANNIK, Peter	Acclaimed
MAPSALAK, Steve	Acclaimed

District Education Authority

GOSS, John	Acclaimed
IGUPTAK, Martha	Acclaimed
IMMINGARK, James Jimmy	Acclaimed
LEONG, Kwong W.	Acclaimed

Returning Officer: Wendy Kusugak Advance Polls: October 16, 2023* Election Day: October 23, 2023**

Final Voters List: 489

All polls have been combined

*Naujaat DEA advance poll: October 23, 2023 ** Naujaat DEA election day: October 30, 2023

See Appendix "A"

Pangnirtung

Mayor

	Early Polls	Election Day	Total Votes
MIKE, Lynn Meeka	18	212	230
KOMOARTOK, Stevie	7	67	74
Rejected Ballots	0	2	2
Total Votes	25	281	306

Council

	Early Polls	Election Day	Total Votes
ALIVAKTUK, Janice	18	235	253
YOUNG, Delia	18	221	239
NAUYUQ, Davidee	17	221	238
ALIKATUKTUK, Julai	16	208	224
KILABUK, Sheila	17	196	213
ISHULUTAK, Jaco	13	193	206
KOONEELIUSIE, Davidee	12	180	192
WILCKE, Markus	11	151	162
LANGRIDGE, Johnathan	9	149	158
WINSOR, Corbin	7	109	116
Rejected Ballots	1	4	5
Total Votes	139	1867	2006
Results confirmed by administrative recount on October 23, 2023			

District Education Authority

ALIVAKTUK, Jeannie Kalai	Acclaimed
DOUGLAS, Karen	Acclaimed
KILABUK-EVIC, Joanna	Acclaimed
MIKE, Lynn	Acclaimed
NAUYUQ, Mathew	Acclaimed
PITSIULAK, Oloosie	Acclaimed

Returning Officer: Maryann Mike Advance Polls: October 16, 2023 Election Day: October 23, 2023

Final Voters List: 1075

All election day polls have been combined

Pond Inlet

Mayor

	Early Polls	Election Day	Total Votes
ARREAK, Joshua	11	150	161
QAMANIQ, David	8	78	86
Rejected Ballots	0	1	1
Total Votes	19	229	248

Council

IDLOUT, Joshua	Acclaimed
KOONARK. E, Moses	Acclaimed
NUTARAK, Kadloo	Acclaimed
Cornelius	
NUTARARIAQ, Guy	Acclaimed
OOTOOK, Sharon	Acclaimed
PETERLOOSIE, Elisirie	Acclaimed

District Education Authority

OOTOOVA, Boazie	Acclaimed
SIMONEE, Susie	Acclaimed

Returning Officer: Silas Takawgak Advance Polls: October 16, 2023* Election Day: October 23, 2023**

Final Voters List: 796

All election day polls have been combined

*Pond Inlet DEA advance poll: October 23, 2023 ** Pond Inlet DEA election day: October 30, 2023

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Qikiqtarjuaq

Mayor

ARNAQUQ, Daisy	Acclaimed
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Council

AUDLAKIAK, Jonah M.	Acclaimed
KEEYOOKTA, Jonah	Acclaimed
NOOKIGUAK, Mika	Acclaimed
QIYUQTAQ, Geela	Acclaimed

District Education Authority

ALIKATUKTUK, Mary	Acclaimed
ALIKATUKTUK, Rosie	Acclaimed
KEEYOOKTA, Jonah	Acclaimed
MIKOALIK, Billy	Acclaimed
NATSIAPIK, Kitty	Acclaimed

Municipal Returning Officer: Daisy Nuqingaq

District Education Authority Returning Officer: Maina Keyootak

Advance Polls: October 16, 2023 Election Day: October 23, 2023

Rankin Inlet

Mayor

	Early Polls	Election Day	Total Votes
TOWTONGIE, Harry	25	158	183
PIZZO-LYALL, Megan	27	151	178
Rejected Ballots	0	0	0
Total Votes	52	309	361

Council

CURLEY, Levi	Acclaimed
ECCLES, Chris	Acclaimed
HICKES, Martha	Acclaimed
KAKUKTINNIQ, David JR/Nanuraq	Acclaimed
KOWMUK, Danny	Acclaimed
SATEANA, Art	Acclaimed
SHOULDICE, Michael	Acclaimed

District Education Authority

OKATSIAK, Margaret Uruluk	Acclaimed
OSMOND, Mike	Acclaimed
SCHWEDER, Sheila	Acclaimed
WIDRIG, Ford	Acclaimed

Municipal Returning Officer: Alma Ulayok

District Education Authority Returning Officer: Deanna Fitzpatrick

Advance Polls: October 16, 2023 Election Day: October 23, 2023

Final Voters List: 1304

All election day polls have been combined

Resolute Bay

Mayor

	Total Votes
KHERAJ, Aziz	35
AMARUALIK, Mark	18
STEPHENS, Mike	6
Rejected Ballots	1
Total Votes	60

Council

SALLUVINIQ, Jazlin	Acclaimed
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District Education Authority

SALLUVINIQ, Jazlin	Acclaimed
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Returning Officer: Doreen McDonald Advance Polls: October 16, 2023 Election Day: October 23, 2023

Final Voters List: 101 All polls have been combined

Sanikiluaq

Mayor

	Early Polls	Election Day	Total Votes
KITTOSUK, Masako	10	71	81
MICKIYUK, Alice	9	30	39
Rejected Ballots	1	0	1
Total Votes	20	101	121

Council

APPAQAQ, Lucy	Acclaimed
APPAQAQ, Johnny	Acclaimed
INUKTALUK, Johnny	Acclaimed
KITTOSUK, Dinah	Acclaimed
KITTOSUK, Sarah	Acclaimed
L'HEUREUX, Christina	Acclaimed
UPPIK, Lucy	Acclaimed

District Education Authority

APPAQAQ, Lucy	Acclaimed
INUKTALUK, Johnny	Acclaimed
L'HEUREUX, Christina	Acclaimed
UPPIK, Lucy	Acclaimed

Returning Officer: Mary Mickiyuk Advance Polls: October 16, 2023* Election Day: October 23, 2023**

Final Voters List: 516

*Sanikiluaq Mayor advance poll: October 23, 2023 **Sanikiluaq Mayor election day: October 30, 2023

See appendix "A"

Sanirajak

Mayor

	Early Polls	Election Day	Total Votes
ANGURATSIAQ, Philip	9	48	57
KIPSIGAK, Ammie H.	6	50	56
KAERNERK, Jason	6	27	33
CURLEY, David	2	22	24
Rejected Ballots	0	2	2
Total Votes	23	149	172
Results confirmed by JP recount on November 3, 2023			

Council

	Early Polls	Election Day	Total Votes
ULAYUK, Manasee	21	134	155
MORGAN, Irene	19	133	152
ISSIGAITOK, Isaac	17	109	126
TRIGGS, Luther	17	102	119
GROSSET, Trisha	9	109	118
MALIKI, Iga	18	88	106
KAERNERK, Jopie	11	93	104
QAYAQJUAQ, Margaret	17	85	102
CURLEY, Valerie	11	90	101
ARVALUK, Danny	12	81	93
KAERNERK, Elijah	11	80	91
TUNGILIK, Eunice	11	19	30
Rejected Ballots	0	8	8
Total Votes	174	1131	1305
Results confirmed by administrative recount on October 23, 2023			

District Education Authority

	Early Polls	Election Day	Total Votes
CURLEY, Priscilla	21	145	166
AMMAKLAK S., Nunia	21	138	159
CURLEY, Anne	19	131	150
NASOOK, Solomon	16	133	149
KUPPAQ, Mary	19	128	147
KIPSIGAK, Marie Christine	17	124	141
IKEPERIAR, Elizabeth	17	122	139
TUNGILIK, Eunice	15	79	94
Rejected Ballots	0	1	1
Total Votes	145	1001	1146

Returning Officer: Erica Tungilik Advance Polls: October 16, 2023 Election Day: October 23, 2023

Taloyoak

Mayor

	Early Polls	Election Day	Total Votes
PANIGAYAK, Lenny	19	98	117
PIZZO – LYALL, John	21	59	80
Charles			
Rejected Ballots	0	2	2
Total Votes	40	159	199

Council

AIYOUT, Tommy	Acclaimed
IQALLIYUQ, Solomon	Acclaimed
LYALL, Cecile	Acclaimed
NEEVEACHEAK, Fiona	Acclaimed
QUAYAUT, Dora Kelly	Acclaimed
SAITTUQ, James	Acclaimed
TOTALIK, David	Acclaimed

District Education Authority

JAYKO, Emelia	Acclaimed
KAKOOTEENIK, Elizabeth	Acclaimed
QUAYAUT, Dora Kelly	Acclaimed
QUQQIAQ, Martha	Acclaimed
SAITTUQ, James	Acclaimed

Municipal Returning Officer: Lindsay Anaija

District Education Authority Returning Officer: Jeannie Ugyuk

Advance Polls: October 16, 2023 Election Day: October 23, 2023

Whale Cove

Mayor

	Total Votes
SHIPTON, Oliver	67
MAKTAR, Gerard	46
Rejected Ballots	2
Total Votes	115

Council

	Total Votes	
ANGOOTEALUK, Megan	86	
ENUAPIK, Guy	84	
OKALIK, Joefrey	84	
ARUALAK, Sam	83	
OKALIK, Mariah	76	
OKALIK, Molly	68	
VOISEY, Eva	62	
ANGUTETUAR, Michael	52	
NATTAR, Manu	48	
KABLOONA, Elizabeth	41	
TEENAR, Terri Rose	20	
Rejected Ballots	1	
Total Votes	705	
Results confirmed by administrative recount on		
October 23, 2023		

District Education Authority

ANGUTITUAR, Lavenia	Acclaimed
ENUAPIK, Patricia	Acclaimed
NATTAR, Manu	Acclaimed
PAYNE, Morgan	Acclaimed
SAUMIK, Lu-Anne	Acclaimed

Returning Officer: Beverley Okalik Advance Polls: October 16, 2023 Election Day: October 23, 2023

Final Voters List: 194 All polls have been combined

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District Education Authority

	Total Votes
TAGNIGOU, Collins	63
MARTIN, Zoya	63
FRIESEN, Margaret	55
TANGA, Rene	54
SESSUA, Judy	53
WEEMEN, Lili	18
Rejected Ballots	1
Total Votes	307

Returning Officer: Jason Roberts **Advance Polls:** October 16, 2023 **Election Day:** October 23, 2023

Final Voters List: 168

All polls have been combined; Election is Nunavut wide

ELECTIONS AND PLEBISCITES UNDER THE LIQUOR ACT



Alcohol Education Committee Elections

Elections Nunavut engaged the municipal corporations in the 12 communities that had Alcohol Education Committees (AEC) and commenced arrangements to hold AEC elections concurrent with the municipal elections. Although voter and candidate eligibility criteria matched the other types of municipal elections, regulations between the communities differed in the number of positions on the committees, and in some cases, the rules around filling vacant positions.

- Two communities conducted elections since they had more candidates than positions.
- Ten elections were acclaimed, as there were fewer candidates than vacant positions for their committees.
- The AEC in Naujaat had two candidates acclaimed, but the AEC's quorum regulations required a by-election to fill vacant positions.
 - o A by-election was scheduled for November 20, 2023.
 - At the close of the by-election declaration of candidacy period, three additional candidates were acclaimed.
 - o Five total members satisfied the committee's quorum requirement.

Alcohol Education Committee Election Results

Arctic Bay

Returning Officer: Joanna Koonoo Advance Polls: October 16, 2023 Election Day: October 23, 2023

Final Voters List: 417

Chesterfield Inlet

	Early Polls	Election Day	Total Votes
BOITEAU, Randy	8	90	98
KATTEGATSIAK, Peter Jr	8	87	95
MULLINS, Russell	9	80	89
SCALA, Gaetano	7	76	83
BEDFORD, Yvonne	6	77	83
MULLINS, Roy	7	73	80
WALTERS, Gardner	7	73	80
MULLINS, Shawna	9	60	69
Rejected Ballots	0	0	0
Total Votes	61	616	677

Returning Officer: Gloria Thompson **Advance Polls:** October 16, 2023 **Election Day:** October 23, 2023

Final Voters List: 231

Clyde River

ENOOK, Sheila	Acclaimed
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Returning Officer: Sarah Jaypoody **Advance Polls:** October 16, 2023 **Election Day:** October 23, 2023

Igloolik

ANGILIRQ, Daniel	Acclaimed
HAULLI, Isaac	Acclaimed
KUNUK, Laben	Acclaimed
QUASSA, Lynn	Acclaimed

Returning Officer: Leslie Auqsaq Advance Polls: October 16, 2023 Election Day: October 23, 2023

Final Voters List: 795

Kimmirut

ITULU, Terry	Acclaimed
LYTA, Maliktoo	Acclaimed
ONALIK, Nooshoota	Acclaimed
Laila	
TEMELA, Isaac	Acclaimed

Returning Officer: Soudloo Kootoo Advance Polls: October 16, 2023 Election Day: October 23, 2023

Kinngait

	Total Votes
HUTCHINGS, Frederick	60
THOMA, Tuumasi	56
LAWRENCE, Stephen	55
PUDLAT, Chris	54
EMOND, Marianne	47
PEE PUDLAT, Maata	47
QIATSUK, Pudloo	42
POOTOOGOOK, Dana	42
KINGWATSIAK, Alashua	36
KELLY, Caleva	30
MacKENZIE, Jeani	18
Rejected Ballots	3
Total Votes	490

Returning Officer: Joe Qilipalik Advance Polls: October 16, 2023 Election Day: October 23, 2023

Final Voters List: 711

All polls have been combined

Naujaat

GOSS, John	Acclaimed
KATOKRA, Irene	Acclaimed

Returning Officer: Wendy Kusugak Advance Polls: October 16, 2023 Election Day: October 23, 2023

Pond Inlet

ENOOAGAK, Phanuel	Acclaimed
NUTARAK, Mark	Acclaimed

Returning Officer: Silas Takawgak Advance Polls: October 16, 2023 Election Day: October 23, 2023

Final Voters List: 796

Qikiqtarjuaq

ALIKATUKTUK, Mary	Acclaimed	
AUDLAKIAK, Jamie	Acclaimed	
MIKOALIK, Billy	Acclaimed	
NOOKIGUAK, Mika	Acclaimed	

Municipal Returning Officer: Daisy Nuqingaq

Advance Polls: October 16, 2023 Election Day: October 23, 2023

Final Voters List: 332

Resolute Bay

ALEXANDER, Ralph	Acclaimed	
NUNGAQ, Lori	Acclaimed	
NUNGAQ, Mathew	Acclaimed	

Returning Officer: Doreen McDonald **Advance Polls:** October 16, 2023 **Election Day:** October 23, 2023

Sanirajak

AGLAK, Rachel	Acclaimed	
ANGOTAUTOK, Mary	Acclaimed	
CURLEY, ANNE	Acclaimed	
CURLEY, Janice	Acclaimed	
INNUARAK, Laimiki	Acclaimed	
INNUKSUK, George	Acclaimed	
KAERNERK, Asena	Acclaimed	
TUNGILIK, Eunice	Acclaimed	

Returning Officer: Erica Tungilik Advance Polls: October 16, 2023 Election Day: October 23, 2023

Final Voters List: 418

Whale Cove

EKWALAK, Agatha	Acclaimed	
EKWALAK, Jonathan	Acclaimed	
NATTAR, Manu	Acclaimed	
OKALIK, Molly	Acclaimed	
PAYNE, Morgan	Acclaimed	

Returning Officer: Beverley Okalik Advance Polls: October 16, 2023 Election Day: October 23, 2023

Alcohol Education Committee By-Election Results

Naujaat

KATOKRA, Conna	Acclaimed
KOPAK, Joanna	Acclaimed
TAGORNAK, Theresa	Acclaimed

Returning Officer: Wendy Kusugak Advance Polls: November 14, 2023 Election Day: November 20, 2023

Local Option Plebiscite Results

Gjoa Haven

Elections Nunavut conducts liquor plebiscites on behalf of the Department of Finance. This local option liquor plebiscite was administered according to the Liquor Act and was initiated by a petition of voters in Gjoa Haven. To effect a change, at least 60% of the total valid votes cast must be in favour of the proposed rules.

On October 23, 2023, residents of Gjoa Haven voted on the following question,

Are you in favour of replacing the current prohibited liquor system in Gjoa Haven with a restricted quantities system?

A restricted quantities system would limit the amount of liquor that a person can purchase in or import into the community every 14 days to:

- 24 cans of 355 ml or less of beer or other liquor with no more than 8% alcohol by volume (example ciders or coolers)
- 4 litres of wine (example 5 bottles of 750ml)

Voting **YES** means, you want the law to change.

Voting **NO** means, you want the law to stay the same.

Results

	TOTAL Votes	Total %
YES votes	155	40%
NO votes	233	60%
Total valid votes	388	
Rejected ballots	5	

Since the 60% in favour of YES threshold was not met, the liquor prohibition will continue in Gjoa Haven.

Appendix A – Adaptations of the *Nunavut Elections Act* for the Municipal General Election

Delegated Authority to Accept Declarations – Authority under Sections 215(1)(a); s 224.3, s.71 of the Act

On September 13, 2023, the Chief Electoral Officer directed that Returning Officer delegate the power to accept declarations of candidacy to Chief/Senior Administrative Officers.

The purpose of the direction was to allow declarations of candidacy to continue to be accepted in the event the Returning Officer was unable to or had declared a conflict of interest.

Prospective Candidate's Declaration of Indebtedness to the Municipal Corporation - Authority under subsection 224.12(4) of the Act

On September 14, 2023, the Chief Electoral Officer issued directions to all prospective candidates to submit a completed declaration of indebtedness to the municipal corporation form.

The purpose of this direction was to ensure prospective candidates verified their eligibility under subsection 224.5(2)(g) of the Act.

Cancelling and beginning new Mayoral and DEA elections - Authority under Section 224.3(1)(a) of the Act

No declarations of candidacy were submitted during the declaration of candidacy period for Mayor of Sanikiluaq, Arctic Bay DEA, Naujaat DEA and Pond Inlet DEA.

On September 22, 2023, the Chief Electoral Officer issued directions to cancel those elections and begin new electoral periods on September 25, 2023, with the elections scheduled for October 30, 2023.

Cancelling and beginning new Gjoa Haven municipal council election - Authority under Section 78 of the Act

A declared candidate for Gjoa Haven Municipal Council passed away during the electoral period.

On October 10, 2023, the Chief Electoral Officer issued direction to cancel the election and begin a new electoral period on October 16, 203 with the election scheduled for November 20, 2023.

Delay of Kinngait DEA Election – Authority under 224.3(1)(a) of the Act

On October 23, 2023, a declared candidate for Kinngait's DEA election notified Elections Nunavut that their name did not appear on the ballot for that election. Elections Nunavut investigated immediately and confirmed that an administrative error had occurred resulting in two declared candidates not being included on the ballot.

The Chief Electoral Officer issued directions to create and print new ballots, assigned October 23, 2023 as advance polling day and assigned October 30, 2023 as election day.

Appendix B – Municipal Elections: Summary of Complaints, Investigations and Prosecutions

Concerns from candidates or other parties - formal investigation not requested

The following are concerns raised by during the municipal election period, but formal complaints were not submitted to the RCMP for investigation:

- Municipal staff in one community were not available to confirm declarations of indebtedness resulting in disqualification of candidates.
- A Retuning Officer provided incorrect information to a potential candidate resulting in the potential candidate missing the declaration of candidacy deadline.
- A potential candidate reported accessibility issues related to forms distributed by Elections Nunavut. Follow up by Elections Nunavut found that the forms were accessible. Further accessibility initiatives will be undertaken by Elections Nunavut in the lead up to the 2025 territorial general election.

Complaints from candidates or other parties-formal investigation requested

 One complaint, regarding correspondences sent by a candidate, was submitted to the RCMP. The RCMP determined that the correspondences did not constitute a breach of the *Nunavut Elections Act*

Investigations and Prosecutions

 There were no reported investigations or prosecutions for the 2023 Municipal General Election.

Appendix C – Budget Summary

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Budget Report for the period ending March 31, 2024 Year 2023-2024



DESCRIPTION	Budget	Spent	Balance
Salaries	1,027,000	996,828	30,172
Casual Wages	0	82, 048	(82,048)
TOTAL SALARIES	1,027,000	1,078,876	(51,876)
Travel & Transportation	50,000	97,893	(47, 893)
Materials & Supplies	50,000	23,105	26, 895
Purchased Services	50,000	110,879	(60,879)
Utilities	-	-	-
Service Contracts	180,000	336,433	(156,433)
Fees and Payments	100,000	10,794	89,206
Other Expenses	31,000	31,000	31,000
Tangible Assets	-	-	-
Computer Hardware & Software	0	73,752	(73,752)
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	461,000	789,077	(191,856)
Total Budget	1,488,000	1,731,732	(243,732)