



2024-2025 Annual Report

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

Including reports on the By-Election for
Mayor in Coral Harbor and Baker Lake

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Honourable Tony Akoak
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut
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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 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kiran Situt', with a stylized, cursive script.

Kiran Situt CPA, CMA
Chief Electoral Officer

Overview

This annual report covers the activities of the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer for the fiscal year 2024-2025.

Elections Nunavut administered two by-elections for the Mayors of Coral Harbour and Baker Lake.

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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, municipal elections and by-elections 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 2024-2025

Nunavut Electoral Boundaries

The Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission (NEBC) established in October 2022, submitted its final report in July 2023 with its recommendation and revised boundaries.

Bill 48 an act respecting the constituencies of Nunavut (new boundaries) was approved by the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut. The new boundaries will be effective the 1st day following the dissolution of the sixth Legislative Assembly. (Effective September 22, 2025)

Training and Development

The Chief Electoral Officer along with one staff attended the Visitor's program hosted by Elections New Brunswick from October 19-22, 2024.

The Chief Electoral Officer attended election visitor events in Regina, Saskatchewan, organised by Elections Saskatchewan, from October 27-30, 2024.

Three Election Nunavut staff attended 'Election Workers – Recruitment & Training' a visitor Event, from November 13-14, 2024, in Regina, SK, conducted by Elections Saskatchewan.

The Chief Electoral Officer attended a Course *Executive Leadership for Elections* managed by CEOT (Canadian Election Official Training) in Toronto from January 14-16, 2024.

By-Elections 2024-2025

Coral Harbour Mayor by-election

Due to the resignation of Mr. Kupapik Ningeocheak as mayor of Coral Harbour, a byelection was called on April 15, 2024.

Four candidates were in the race. **Patterk Netser** was elected as the new Mayor.

Results of the by-elections. The election saw a 43% voter turnout.

Candidate	Votes Received
Lenny Emiktaut	5
Willie Nakoolak	61
Patterk Netser	85
Aidan Saviakjuk	49

Baker Lake Mayor by-election

By-election was announced on March 10th, 2025, due to the resignation of Kevin Iksiktaaryuk.

James Taipanna was acclaimed the mayor.

Planned Activities 2025-2026

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

- Elections Nunavut is focused on the following preparations for the Seventh General Election to elect Members of the Legislative Assembly on October 27, 2025
- Ongoing efforts to secure election officers, supplies and voting venues.
- Constant 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.

Appendix C – Budget Summary

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer
Budget Report for the period ending March 31, 2025
Year 2024-2025



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 Legislative Assembly of Nunavut
 Assemblée législative du Nunavut

DESCRIPTION	Budget	Spent	Balance
Salaries	1,032,000	834,687	197,313
Casual Wages	0	19	(19)
TOTAL SALARIES	1,032,000	834,706	197,294
Travel & Transportation	50,000	74,478	(24, 478)
Materials & Supplies	50,000	14,308	35, 672
Purchased Services	50,000	72,288	(22,288)
Utilities	-	-	-
Service Contracts	538,000	231,773	306,227
Fees and Payments	100,000	7,356	92,644
Other Expenses	31,000		31,000
Tangible Assets	-	17,416	(17,416)
Computer Hardware & Software	0	51,052	(51,052)
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	819,000	468,671	350,329
Total Budget	1,851,000	1,303,377	547,623