

NSFM By-Election Overview

NSFM is holding a by-election to fill three (3) vacant Regional Representative positions on the Board of Directors.

The NSFM Board of Directors is now composed of 17 positions. These positions include the Past-President, President, Vice President, 13 Regional Representatives, and Representative of the Association of Municipal Administrators. The positions of President, Vice President, and Regional Representatives of the NSFM Electoral Regions are elected as part of the annual election process.

As stated in section 7 a) of the NSFM Elections Policy, if the regular nomination process leaves any Board position vacant, the President may appoint an ad-hoc committee to oversee a by-election to fill these vacancies after the regular election process has concluded.

Following the recent regular nomination process for the Board of Directors, three positions were left vacant. These vacant positions were one (1) of the two Regional Representatives in the following Electoral Regions:

- Colchester/Colchester/Pictou/East Hants
- Valley
- Southwestern Shore

One (1) Regional Representative needs to be elected in each of these Electoral Regions to fill all position on the Board of Directors. **The Regional Representatives will be elected for a term that ends at the next regular election in November 2024.**

The ad-hoc By-election Nominations Committee has been appointed. Nominations will be welcomed from **January 15th until February 5th, 2024.**

A by-election vote will take place on **February 26th to March 1st, 2024.**

See the following page for further information on nominations.

Elected municipal officials will vote **individually** by anonymous ballot to elect these positions.

FAQ

How will voting take place?

Using e-voting software, elections will involve individual voting by all elected municipal officials using an anonymous ballot.

All elected municipal officials will receive a personalized sign in number at the email that NSFM has on file. **Elected municipal officials should not share this personal sign in information with anyone.**

NSFM staff will be available to support any elected municipal officials who are having difficulty accessing their ballot.

Who can run and vote for the positions of Regional Representative?

All elected municipal officials may be nominated for the position of Regional Representative. These positions are nominated and elected by elected municipal officials in the same Electoral Region as the nominee. **A list of which municipalities are in each Electoral Region can be found below.**

How are Regional Representatives nominated?

An elected municipal official shall only be nominated to be Regional Representative of the Electoral Region in which their municipal unit is located. Nominators and seconders must also be elected municipal officials from the same Electoral Region.

Two (2) Regional Representatives are elected in each Electoral Region. The one exception is Cape Breton Regional Municipality, which has its own Electoral Region and will elect one (1) Regional Representative. Halifax Regional Municipality also has its own Electoral Region and will elect two (2) Regional Representatives.

To ensure broad membership representation on the Board, Regional Representatives of each Electoral Region shall be from different municipal units unless nominations for Regional Representative in a given Electoral Region include only elected municipal officials from one municipal unit.

What the term of office for a Regional Representative?

In all Electoral Regions that have two (2) Regional Representatives, the terms of Regional Representatives will be staggered so that one (1) is elected each year. In elections in which both Regional Representatives in an Electoral Region or municipal unit need to be elected, the Regional Representative nominee receiving the second most votes will serve a one-year term.

The Regional Representatives who are successful in the by-election will be elected for a term that ends at the next regular election in November 2024. Regional Representatives will normally serve a two-year term.

Can more than one elected municipal official from the same municipality be nominated?

Yes. Multiple elected municipal officials from the same municipal unit may be nominated to be a Regional Representative. However, only one (1) elected municipal official from that municipal unit shall be elected as a Regional Representative, unless nominations for Regional Representative in a given Electoral Region include only elected municipal officials from one municipal unit.

If you have any further questions, please send them to info@nsfm.ca.

NSFM Board of Directors Electoral Regions

Cape Breton-Strait Region

- District of St. Mary's
- District of Guysborough
- County of Inverness
- County of Richmond
- County of Victoria
- County of Antigonish
- Town of Antigonish
- Town of Port Hawkesbury
- Town of Mulgrave

South Shore Region

- Region of Queens Municipality
- District of Chester
- District of Lunenburg
- Town of Bridgewater
- Town of Mahone Bay
- Town of Lunenburg

Colchester/Cumberland/Pictou/East Hants Region

- County of Colchester
- County of Cumberland
- County of Pictou
- District of East Hants
- Town of Amherst
- Town of New Glasgow
- Town of Oxford
- Town of Pictou
- Town of Stellarton
- Town of Trenton
- Town of Truro
- Town of Stewiacke
- Town of Westville

Cape Breton Regional Municipality

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Valley Region

- West Hants Regional Municipality
- County of Kings
- County of Annapolis
- Town of Annapolis Royal
- Town of Berwick
- Town of Kentville
- Town of Middleton
- Town of Wolfville

Halifax Regional Municipality

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Southwestern Shore Region

- District of Argyle
- District of Barrington
- District of Clare
- District of Digby
- District of Shelburne
- District of Yarmouth
- Town of Yarmouth
- Town of Digby
- Town of Clark's Harbour
- Town of Shelburne
- Town of Lockeport