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Presidential candidates announced

A total of four candidates have been nominated for the position of President of Nunatsiavut. Beneficiaries will choose from either Johannes Lampe of Nain, Jim Lyall of Nain, Zippie Nochasak of Happy Valley-Goose Bay or Natan Obed of Iqaliut, Nunavut (originally from Nain) when they go to the polls on May 6.

“This election will represent another milestone in the history of Nunatsiavut, as it will be the first election for President,” says Acting President Tony Andersen. “I want to thank all candidates for putting their names forward and wish them all the best in their bid for public office.”

Presidential elections are scheduled to take place every four years on the first Tuesday in May, as outlined in the Nunatsiavut Elections Act. (The first Nunatsiavut general election took place on October 3, 2006; the next one is scheduled for the second Tuesday in May 2010.)

The election will take place in the communities of Nain, Hopedale, Postville, Makkovik, Rigolet, North West River and Happy Valley-Goose Bay. (Residents of Mud Lake can vote at Happy Valley-Goose Bay.) Beneficiaries who are eligible to vote, but are not ordinary residents of any of the above communities, can do so by mail-in ballot. A mail ballot kit will be forwarded to each Beneficiary at his or her last known address.

To be elected President, the winning candidate requires an absolute majority of all votes cast. If there is no absolute majority, a second vote will be held within 30 days between the two candidates who received the most votes in the first poll.

The advance poll will take place on May 1.

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