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Election for President set for October 6

Nunatsiavut's First Minister Tyler Edmunds announced today that the election for President of Nunatsiavut will take place on Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

Nominations will close at 12 noon (AST) on September 1, 2020, at the office of the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer, 14 Corte Real Road, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL.

Advanced polls will be held within 10 days prior to the election.

The election was originally scheduled to take place on May 5, but was postponed amid growing concerns over the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, and to ensure the process is properly conducted in accordance with the spirit, intent and requirements of the Labrador Inuit Constitution and the Nunatsiavut Elections Act.

In keeping with Section 116A of the Elections Act, Sarah Townley has been appointed to serve as the moderator for a mandatory Innuttut debate for candidates vying for the office of President. As per the Act, the moderator shall, within seven days (between September 2-8, 2020 inclusive) of the close of nominations, convene and moderate the debate.

Beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement are advised that measures will be implemented at all polling stations to prevent potential exposure and transmission of COVID-19. Measures may include restricting the number of people at polling stations at the same time, and ensuring safe distances (of at least two metres) between all individuals. Hand sanitizers will be available, and all areas within the polling stations will be disinfected regularly. Additional measures may be implemented as required.

Any inquiries regarding the election should be directed to Nunatsiavut Elections Officer, Nannette Blake. She can be reached at (709) 896-5683, or by email at nannette.blake@nunatsiavut.com.

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