

18TH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
TERRITORIAL LEADERSHIP
COMMITTEE

GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES
FOR THE SELECTION

OF

SPEAKER, PREMIER AND
MINISTERS

DECEMBER 16, 2015

TERRITORIAL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE
GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR SELECTION

1. THE CLERK AND THE SPEAKER-ELECT WILL INDICATE THE PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED.
2. ADDRESS THE CHAIR AS MR. / MADAM CHAIR.
3. FOLLOW RULES OF A STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE.
4. MEDIA AND PUBLIC ARE NOT TO TAKE PART IN THE PROCEEDINGS IN ANY WAY AND THE CHAIR WILL KEEP ORDER IN THIS REGARD.
5. THERE WILL BE NO POINTS OF ORDER OR POINTS OF PRIVILEGE PERMITTED.
6. MEMBERS ARE TO GOVERN THEMSELVES AS IF THEY WERE IN THE HOUSE OR COMMITTEE.
7. DRESS AND DECORUM TO BE THAT OF THE HOUSE.

TERRITORIAL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE PROCEDURES SPEAKER SELECTION

- This election takes place in the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly.
- It is a secret ballot election.
- The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly presides over this election process.
- The Clerk asks all Members that wish to allow their names to stand for the Speaker position to rise in their places.
- If only one person is nominated, that person is acclaimed.
- If an election is required the names of the candidates are listed in alphabetical order on the ballot.
- In alphabetical order by surname, each candidate is permitted to make a five minute speech.
- A ballot box is placed in front of the Clerk's Table and two voting booths are placed on either side of the Speaker's chair.
- Members are permitted to cast their ballots by proxy.
- To do so, a Member must provide a letter to the Clerk, no later than one (1) hour prior to the casting of the first ballot, in which the Member's proxy is named.
- Members receive a ballot from the Clerk's Table.
- All Members proceed to vote.
- Once all Members have voted, the ballot box is taken to the Clerk's Office where the votes are counted.
- The bells are rung for five minutes to bring Members back in once the results are determined.
- A minimum of 10 votes is required for election.
- Vote totals are not announced.
- If one candidate does not receive the required number of votes, the name of the candidate having the fewest number of votes is dropped from the ballot and further voting takes place.
- If two or more candidates receive the fewest number of votes, all names remain on the next ballot.
- The Clerk announces the candidates who will remain on the ballot.
- Candidates may withdraw their names after the first ballot but must do so before the start of the second or subsequent ballots.
- Voting continues in the same manner until one candidate receives the required number of votes.
- The Clerk announces who the Members have elected as their Speaker-elect.
- The result of this election is formally ratified by a motion in the House.
- Candidates unsuccessful in a bid for this position are eligible to seek election for Executive Council positions.

TERRITORIAL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE PROCEDURES PREMIER SELECTION

- This election takes place in the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly.
- It is a secret ballot election.
- The Speaker-elect presides over this election process and is granted all authority necessary to maintain order and decorum during the course of this process. Points of Order and Privilege are not allowed.
- Every Member, except the candidates themselves, are permitted to question the candidates for Premier. Each Member is allowed to ask two questions to be directed to all candidates.
- The Speaker-elect, as the presiding officer, is not permitted to participate in the question and answer period.
- Once all Members have finished their questioning, the Speaker-elect calls on Members to commence voting.
- The names of the candidates are listed in alphabetical order on the ballot.
- A ballot box is placed in front of the Clerk's Table and two voting booths are placed on either side of the Speaker's Chair.
- Members are permitted to cast their ballots by proxy.
- To do so, a Member must provide a letter to the Clerk no later than one (1) hour prior to the casting of the first ballot, in which the Member's proxy is named.
- Members receive a ballot from the Clerk's Table.
- Members proceed to vote. The Speaker-elect is permitted to vote after all Members have voted.
- Once all Members have voted, the ballot box is taken to the Clerk's Office where the votes are counted. The Speaker-elect is not involved in the counting of the ballots.
- The bells are rung for five minutes to bring Members back in once the results are determined.
- A minimum of 10 votes is required for election.
- Vote totals are not announced.
- If one of the candidates does not receive the required number of votes, the name of the candidate having the fewest number of votes is dropped and further voting takes place.
- If two or more candidates receive the fewest number of votes, all names remain on for the next ballot.
- The Speaker-elect announces the candidates who will remain on the ballot.
- The names are listed in alphabetical order.
- Candidates may withdraw their names after the first ballot but most do so before the commencement of the second or subsequent ballots.
- Voting continues in the same manner until one candidate receives the required number of votes.

- The Speaker-elect announces who the Members have elected as their Premier-elect.
- The result of this election is formally ratified by a motion in the House.
- Candidates unsuccessful in a bid for this position are eligible to seek election to the Executive Council.

TERRITORIAL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE PROCEDURES EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SELECTIONS

- This election takes place in the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly after the Premier-elect has been chosen.
- It is a secret ballot election for six (6) Members to the Executive Council.
- A “two-two-two” geographic balance in Executive Council governs all aspects of this selection process (i.e., two Ministers from the northern constituencies, two Ministers from the Yellowknife constituencies and two Ministers from the southern constituencies).

The northern constituencies include:

- Inuvik Boot Lake
- Inuvik Twin Lakes
- Mackenzie Delta
- Monfwi
- Nunakput, and
- Sahtu.

The southern constituencies include:

- Deh Cho
- Hay River North
- Hay River South
- Nahendeh
- Thebacha, and
- Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh

The Yellowknife constituencies include:

- Frame Lake
- Great Slave
- Kam Lake
- Range Lake
- Yellowknife Centre,
- Yellowknife North, and
- Yellowknife South.

- The Speaker-elect presides over this election process.
- The Speaker-elect asks all Members that wish to allow their names to stand for a position on the Executive Council to rise in their places. This will be done on a geographic (North / Yellowknife / South) basis.

- The Speaker-elect announces, by geographic area, the list of candidates for a position on the Executive Council.
- If only six candidates are identified and the requirements for a North/Yellowknife/South geographic balance are met, those people shall be acclaimed as Ministers. If only two Members are nominated for a particular area, those Members shall be acclaimed.
- If an election is required, the names are listed in alphabetical order on the three separate ballots, one for the North, one for Yellowknife and one for the South.
- In alphabetical order, by geographical area and surname, each candidate is permitted to make a ten-minute speech.
- A question and answer period does not occur.
- Once all candidates have made their speeches, the Speaker-elect will call on Members to commence voting.
- A ballot box is placed in front of the Clerk's Table and two voting booths are placed on either side of the Speaker's Chair.
- Members are permitted to cast their ballots by proxy.
- To do so, a Member must provide a letter to the Clerk no later than one (1) hour prior to the casting of the first ballot, in which the Member's proxy is named.
- Members receive ballots from the Clerk's Table.
- Members proceed to vote. Members shall vote for two candidates on each of the three ballots. The Speaker-elect is permitted to vote after all Members have voted.
- Once all Members have voted, the ballot box is taken to the Clerk's Office where the votes are counted. The Speaker-elect is not involved in the counting of the ballots.
- Ballots are rejected if they are not marked with the required number of votes (i.e. two for the North, two for Yellowknife and two for the South).
- Vote totals are not announced.
- The bells are rung for five minutes to bring Members back in once the results are determined.
- If two candidates on any of the three ballots do not receive the required number of votes (10), the name of the candidate receiving the fewest number of votes is dropped from that ballot's list of candidates and further voting takes place as required.
- If two or more candidates on any of the three ballots receive the smallest number of votes on their respective ballot, all names remain on for the next ballot.
- If more than two candidates on any of the three ballots receive the required number of votes (10), the names of the two candidates receiving the most number of votes are deemed to be elected.
- The Speaker-elect announces the list of candidates who will remain on each of the three ballots. The names are listed in alphabetical order.

- Candidates may withdraw their names after the first ballot but must do so before the commencement of the second or subsequent ballots.
- Voting for the Executive Council selections continues until two candidates from the North, two candidates from Yellowknife, and two candidates from the South receive the required votes. It is possible that the results from one or two ballots may be decided before the other(s).
- Final results are not announced until all representatives, North, Yellowknife and South have been determined.
- The Speaker-elect announces who the Members have elected as their new Ministers-elect.
- The results of this election are formally ratified by a motion in the House.