

## **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 Board of Directors election, three positions were left vacant. These vacant positions are:

- Cape Breton Strait Regional Representative
  - o 1 Regional Representative with a term ending November 2025
  
- Valley Regional Representatives
  - o 2 Regional Representatives, one with a term ending November 2026, and the other with a term ending November 2025. The staggered terms will be decided by who receives the most and second-most votes.

NSFM wants to make sure that all Electoral Regions are duly represented on our Board and the President has appointed a By-Election Nominations Committee to oversee a by-election.

Nominations for this by-election will be accepted from **January 6<sup>th</sup> until January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**.

A by-election voting period will take place from **January 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am to February 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm**.

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

For further information on nominations please review the FAQ section below or contact NSFM at [info@nsfm.ca](mailto:info@nsfm.ca).

### **FAQ**

#### **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 in the Electoral Regions involved in this by-election can be found below.**

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### **How will voting take place?**

Using e-voting software, elections will involve individual voting by all elected municipal officials using an anonymous ballot. NSFM staff will be available to support any elected municipal officials who are having difficulty accessing their ballot.

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

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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

### 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