



## OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEE

### GREATER ST. ALBERT ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DIVISION

#### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES - ELIGIBILITY AND RESIDENCY

As per the *Local Authorities Election Act*,

#### Qualification of Candidates

21(1) A person may be nominated as a candidate in any election under this *Act* if on nomination day the person

- (a) is eligible to vote in that election,
- (b) **has been a resident of the local jurisdiction and the ward, if any, for the 6 consecutive months immediately preceding nomination day, and**
- (c) is not otherwise ineligible or disqualified.

(2) – *not relevant to Trustee Elections*

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a candidate for trustee of a board of a school division that is wholly or partly within the boundaries of a city is not required to be a resident of the ward in either a general election or a by-election, but must be a resident of the school division.

Residency is determined by two factors:

- (1) Location
- and
- (2) Faith

(1) **LOCATION:** A person is either a resident of a public school division or resident of a separate school division by living within the jurisdictional boundary of the division.

(2) **FAITH:** If an individual lives within the boundaries of a separate school district and is of the same faith (Roman Catholic) of the established district, that person is resident of the separate school division.

As per s 74 (3) of the *Education Act*, where a separate school district is established, an individual residing in the boundaries of the separate school district is a resident of the separate school division if the individual declares that the individual is of the same faith as those who established the separate school district, whether Protestant or Roman Catholic.

Notwithstanding the *Local Authorities Election Act*, a resident of a separate school division is eligible (a) to vote for, and (b) to be nominated as a candidate for election as, a trustee of the board of either the public school division or the separate school division in which the person's residence is located, but not both.

As per s 48 (2) of the *Local Authorities Election Act*,

A person who is a resident of a public school division or of a separate school division under the *Education Act* is deemed to be a resident of that public school division or that separate school division, as the case may be, under this *Act*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE DIVISION'S RETURNING OFFICER:**

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