

Public Guide

How to Produce a Petition

for a Municipal Plebiscite

Nunavut's Plebiscites Act



General Information for Nunavummiut

(NOT about Liquor Plebiscites)

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Produce a Petition for a Local Plebiscite



Plebiscite authority

The petition goes to the plebiscite authority that is responsible for the topic of the petition.

A municipal petition may go to one of the following plebiscite authorities:

- Municipal council—only for a matter within their jurisdiction. File the petition with the senior administrative officer.
- Education authority—only for a matter they are responsible for; only when they hold an election for authority members.

Contact Elections Nunavut to confirm what plebiscite authority the petition should go to.

When a plebiscite authority receives a petition, they send it to the CEO, Elections Nunavut. Within 30 days the CEO decides if the petition is valid—if it follows the laws in the *Plebiscites Act*. The CEO sends a written report to the petitioner’s authorized representative and to the plebiscite authority.

The plebiscite authority tells the public about the petition. Anyone can inspect the petition during regular office hours. The petitioners can NOT make any changes to the petition once they give it to the plebiscite authority.

Petition is a request, not a demand

If the petition is valid, the plebiscite authority can decide to hold a plebiscite or not. The petition is a request, not a demand.

If the petition is not valid, the plebiscite authority does not have to take any further action about the petition.

To help decide if they want to hold a plebiscite, the plebiscite authority may consult with people and groups within the municipality.

Petitioner's Authorized Representative

Consent to Act

Plebiscite question: [clear, direct, neutral; voters understand.]

Proposed plebiscite area: [name municipality or DEA]

Threshold number of voters for the area (20% of registered eligible voters in municipality):

Name:

Civic address:

Mailing address:

Phone number:

Email:

Declaration:

I swear/affirm that I am eligible to be an authorized representative, under the *Plebiscites Act*.

I agree to act as the authorized representative for this group of petitioners.

I understand this means that:

- I am spokesperson for the petitioners.
- I provide any information and answer questions about the petition from the plebiscite authority, the CEO, Elections Nunavut, and the public.

I understand that I take on these duties and tasks as soon as I sign.

Date:

Signature authorized representative:

Witness:
