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NUNATUKAVUT ELECTS NEW GOVERNING COUNCIL

HAPPY VALLEY-GOOSE BAY, LABRADOR, November 8, 2024 – The preliminary results of the NunatuKavut Community Council (NCC) 2024 General Election were released by the Returning Officer following the close of the election on November 7. The elected seats include the President, Councillors representing NCC’s designated areas and a Youth Councillor. Some were declared elected by acclamation following the close of nominations on October 17. An Elder and Executive Council members will be appointed by the new Governing Council in the coming days. The official results will be released next week.

POSITION/AREA	NAME
President	Todd Russell (Incumbent) <i>Acclaimed</i>
Councillor for Area 1: Straits	Dexter Flynn <i>Acclaimed</i>
Councillor for Area 2: Battle Harbour	Roy Mangrove (Incumbent) <i>By vote</i>
Councillors for Area 3: Bolsters Rock to Spear Point	Cyril Campbell (Incumbent) Boyce Turnbull (Incumbent) <i>Both by vote</i>
Councillor for Area 4: Sandwich Bay/Island of Ponds	Lorna Knee <i>By vote</i>
Councillors for Area 5: Central/Northern Labrador	James Holwell (Incumbent) Hughlett Williams (Incumbent) <i>Both by vote</i>
Councillor for Area 6: Western Labrador	Jessie Tobin (Incumbent) <i>Acclaimed</i>
Councillor for Area 7: All of Canada Outside NunatuKavut	Jeanette Russell <i>By vote</i>

Youth Councillor	Zoey Russell (Incumbent) <i>By vote</i>
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The new Governing Council will hold its inaugural meeting prior to the end of November.

Quick Facts

- NCC holds a general election every four years.
- NCC is the representative governing body for approximately 6,000 Inuit who reside primarily in south and central Labrador.
- NunatuKavut means “Our Ancient Land” in Inuttitut and is the traditional territory of the Inuit who belong to this territory.
- In July 2018, NCC entered into talks with the Government of Canada on the Recognition of its Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination (RIRSD). In September 2019, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed.

Quotes

“I would like to congratulate my fellow Governing Council members on their election win and I welcome them to the table. We have a strong Governing Council. They each bring their own unique perspectives on the issues and opportunities facing the NunatuKavut Community Council and our people. I look forward to bringing the new Council up to speed on the tremendous work happening at NCC. Despite challenges, there is a lot of hope and optimism within the organization. We have seen strengthened work across all levels of government and industry, including priority areas like our fishery, mining, energy and climate change. I thank everyone who put their name on the ballot. There was incredible interest in this election. I sincerely thank all of our citizens who voted in this election and the NunatuKavut elections office. Our people have shown incredible support and trust in NCC and this new Governing Council. We have an exciting and busy four years ahead of us.”

- *Todd Russell, President of NCC*

Associated Links

- For further information on NCC, please visit www.nunatukavut.ca. Please also join in the conversation at [Facebook.com/nunatukavut](https://www.facebook.com/nunatukavut) and Twitter [@nunatukavut](https://twitter.com/nunatukavut).

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