Regular Election and By-election Held on the Same Day

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What is the policy?

Elections are to conform with the elections procedures outlined in the *Community Councils Election* regulation M.R. 71/2009.

The following establishes the procedures outlining which candidates will be nominated when a regular and by-election are held the same day.

Community responsibilities

- Nomination papers must be filed on the prescribed <u>Form 7 Candidate Nomination</u> and <u>Form 8 Declaration of Candidate</u> (See <u>Election Official's Handbook</u>). It requires completion of the prescribed forms for regular and by-elections:
 - when an individual is nominated in a **regular election**, he or she indicates on the nomination papers that he or she is being nominated for a full term
 - when an individual is nominated in a **by-election**, he or she indicates on the nomination papers that he or she is being nominated for the balance of the term.
- The senior election official completes <u>Form 6 Notice of Nominations</u> (See <u>Election Official's Handbook</u>) at least seven days, but not more than 21 days before nomination period begins, to advise voters when nominations are to be received:
 - the number of councillors to be elected and the length of term for each
 - whether it is a regular election or a by-election
- Within two days after nominations close, the senior election official makes a declaration, completing *Form 11 -Notice of Election* (See *Election Official's Handbook*) to advise voters:
 - · who is nominated
 - for what position, mayor or councillor
 - the length of the term
 - if it is a by-election or a regular election
- If no nominations are received for the by-election term, the remaining council members and members who are elected may appoint an eligible person for that position as allowed for under section 89(3) of *The Northern Affairs Act*.