Municipality of Shuniah: Election for the English-Separate, Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board

Kerry Bellamy, Clerk for the Municipality of Shuniah, is responsible for conducting the 2022 Municipal & School Board Election for the Municipality of Shuniah. It has come to the Clerk's attention that the Municipality of Shuniah ballots applicable to the office of the English Language Separate School Trustee for the Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board (School Board) did not include all eleven certified candidates and that one of the eleven were left off the ballot.

The issue occurred during the ballot proofing stage. In order to ensure transparency and uphold the integrity of the voting process, pursuant to section 53 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, the Clerk has declared an emergency which will void any results for the English-Separate School Board election in the Municipality of Shuniah. In accordance with her authority under section 12 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, the Clerk has determined the need to suspend the conduct of the election of the English-Separate School Board in the Municipality of Shuniah. The Clerk will make such arrangements as necessary for the resumption of the English-Separate (School Board), consistent with the principles of the Act as soon as possible.

To date, approximately 120 ballots have been cast using the Municipality of Shuniah's ballot for English-Separate School Board. Shuniah voters that support the School Board are advised that votes cast for all races, except the English-Separate School Board, are valid and will be counted towards the results of the election on Monday October 24, 2022. Only the election results for the English-Separate School Board will not be counted on Monday October 24, 2022 and Shuniah voters that support the English-Separate, School Board will be entitled to vote in the election when it resumes in November, 2022.

Dated: October 24, 2022