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POLITICAL ACTIVITY (Municipal Election) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Can I run for municipal council?

Yes provided you let your deputy head (DH) know in advance (use Form B below <u>HRM Directive 204 Conflict of Interest Political Activity</u>). If you fall in the definition of restricted employee (*see below), you will need to obtain the approval of your DH (use Form A below HRM Directive 204 Conflict of Interest Political Activity).

When do I have to tell my DH about my involvement in political activity?

You must give your deputy head notice in writing with a description of the activity and dates before the start of the activity, which, if you are a candidate means the date the election is called. Notice, request for approval or a request for a leave of absence must be given before the start of the activity in accordance with <a href="https://example.com/hrm.nc/hr

Can I contribute money to a candidate?

Yes.

While at work, can I be involved in political activity including display/distribute campaign literature, wear a button, solicit funds or use GN equipment for political activity?

No. Government of Nunavut (GN) public servants are not permitted to participate in any of these activities while at work, which includes duty travel.

Does living in GN-subsidized housing limit my ability to be politically active and put up campaign signs in my home?

No.

When I am not at work, why can't I be involved in any political activity I want?

You can be involved in many political activities after work but as a public servant, you must be, and be viewed by others as being, politically impartial in your work. You cannot be involved in any political activity that conflicts with your position. You cannot use your public service position outside of work to publicly endorse a candidate or attempt to affect the political activity of any other person. When considering whether to engage in a non-candidacy political activity, you should consider the following factors:

- The nature of your current public service duties within your organizational context;
- The level and visibility of your position; and
- The nature of the political activity.

See the <u>Nunavut Public Service Code of Values and Ethics</u> to learn more about the duties of public servants both during and away from work.

I want to help out with a campaign. Can I be a campaign manager, financial agent or official agent?

Yes provided you let your DH know in advance (use Form B attached to HRM Directive 204 Conflict of Interest Political Activity).

If you fall in the definition of restricted employee (*see below), you will need to obtain the approval of your DH to be a financial agent, official agent of an executive officer of a political party while continuing to work (use Form A attached to HRM Directive 204 Conflict of Interest Political Activity).

Can I solicit funds for a candidate or political party after work?

Yes, unless you are a restricted employee* in which case you may solicit funds for a candidate only if you obtain a leave of absence work (use Form A attached to HRM Directive 204 Conflict of Interest Political Activity).

Can I comment publically on GN policy that is NOT related to my work?

Yes, but you may not do anything that would interfere or be perceived as interfering with your abilities as a public servant to be impartial. If you are a restricted employee*, you must obtain a leave of absence to do so. See the HRM Directive 207 Public Comment as well as the Nunavut Public Service Code of Values and Ethics for more information on this issue.

*Restricted employees are:

- 1. deputy heads:
- 2. heads of secretariats of the Executive Council;
- 3. assistant deputy ministers:
- 4. associate deputy ministers;
- 5. directors:
- 6. executive directors;
- 7. a position in a public body substantially equivalent to a position identified in (1) to (6); and
- 8. Executive Council staff, other than secretarial staff or clerical staff.