

## Seeking Candidates for By-Election as a Result of Local Governance Reform

On January 1, 2023, our community boundaries will change. The new entity, which includes the current boundary of Hanwell and a large portion of Kingsclear, will become a rural community and be called, The Rural Community of Hanwell.

The current Mayor and Council for Hanwell will remain in their positions until the general election in 2026. However, two new wards, Wards 5 and 6, will be created in what is now Kingsclear. This map shows the new boundaries and the boundaries of each of the wards:

<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Corporate/Promo/localgovreform/MapsCartes/Ward/11.62.pdf>.

On November 28, 2022, a by-election will be held to elect councillors for Ward 5 and Ward 6. This is an excellent opportunity for community minded individuals to get involved in shaping the future of Hanwell. We encourage all citizens over the age of 18 and living in Wards 5 and 6 to seriously consider running for Council. Your voice is important to our democracy.

If you are interested in putting your name forward, we suggest that you attend a few council meetings to get an understanding of the process and some of the topics that council is currently dealing with. Hanwell Council meets every third Wednesday at 7 pm at Hanwell Place, 5 Nature Park Drive. You are more than welcome to attend.

Another way to get an understanding of the responsibilities of council is to reach out to the current Mayor and Council. They are all very approachable and would be willing to talk to you and answer any questions you may have. Similarly, Terri Parker, Hanwell's Clerk-Treasurer, can provide insight into the workings of the Rural Community.

If you or someone you know might be interested in running in the upcoming by-election, Elections NB has some excellent resources. ***Becoming a Local Government Election Candidate*** is a short brochure explaining the essentials of running for council. You can access this brochure here: [https://www.electionsnb.ca/content/dam/enb/pdf/resources/Becoming\\_a\\_MUN\\_Candidate.pdf](https://www.electionsnb.ca/content/dam/enb/pdf/resources/Becoming_a_MUN_Candidate.pdf)

You will also need to submit a ***Nomination Paper***. Your nomination paper must be submitted to the office of the Municipal Returning Officer on or before 2:00 p.m. on November 4, 2022 in order for your name to be added to the ballot. Late submissions will not be accepted.

For additional information on becoming a candidate, please refer to ***Information for Local Government Election Candidates*** at: <https://www.electionsnb.ca/content/dam/enb/pdf/forms/M-04-301-Info-for-Mun-and-RC-Candidates-2022-01-21.pdf>. Full resources are available at <https://electionsnb.ca/>.

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