

## **Territorial Election Campaign Rules Chief Electoral Officer, NWT**

### **Appendix1 Answers to Oral Questions**

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#### **Can election promotional materials (buttons, hats, ribbons) be worn in a polling station?**

No. Promotional campaign materials may not be worn in a polling station (section 122).

#### **Can a candidate's polling agent object to the acceptance of a ballot by a deputy returning officer?**

Yes. A polling agent has the right object to either the rejection of a ballot by a deputy returning officer or the acceptance of a ballot by a deputy returning officer (section 193).

#### **How many polling agents per candidate?**

A candidate may appoint as many polling agents as s/he considers necessary, but only one of a candidate's polling agents may remain in a polling station at any time (section 126).

#### **Can an official agent be paid?**

There is no explicit prohibition concerning payment for service(s) to an official agent. However, a candidate may not be authorized to enter into contracts (except for travel costs and living expenses) (section 253-254).

Who then would enter into a contract with the official agent? Another authorized agent? Perhaps, but this creates a serious risk – if only in perception – because official agents would then be responsible for managing and reporting on payments to themselves. Paying an official agent may cause the risk for abuse or the perception of possible abuse.