

**Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut
Supporting Simple Majority Examples**

EXAMPLE 1

Number of candidates receiving a simple majority of votes cast equals the number of vacancies available

Assumptions:

1 vacancy to be filled
4 candidates
50 voters
Each voter to cast only 1 vote
Total votes cast is 50
Maximum number of votes any candidate can receive is 50 votes
For any candidate to be declared elected, a simple majority is required
A majority is 26 votes

Candidate	Votes Received
A	26
B	9
C	9
D	6

Candidate A is declared elected, having received a simple majority of votes cast
No further voting would be required

EXAMPLE 2

Number of candidates receiving a simple majority of votes cast is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled

Assumptions:

3 vacancies to be filled
4 candidates
50 voters
Each voter to cast only 1 vote for each of 3 different candidates
Total votes cast is 150
Maximum number of votes any candidate can receive is 50 votes
For any candidate to be declared elected, a simple majority is required
A majority is 26 votes

Candidate	Votes Received
A	45
B	42
C	38
D	25

Candidates A, B & C are declared elected, each having received a simple majority of votes cast

EXAMPLE 3

Number of candidates receiving a simple majority of votes cast is greater than the number of vacancies to be filled

Assumptions:

3 vacancies to be filled
6 candidates
50 voters
Each voter to cast only 1 vote for each of 3 different candidates
Total votes cast is 150
Maximum number of votes any candidate can receive is 50 votes
For any candidate to be declared elected, a simple majority is required
A majority is 26 votes

Candidate	Votes Received
A	45
B	32
C	27
D	27
E	14
F	5

Candidates A & B are declared elected, each having received a simple majority of votes cast

Neither Candidate C or D are declared elected although they have the simple majority of votes there were only 3 vacancies available to be filled and if they were both elected the number of candidates declared elected would exceed the number of vacancies available

A tie breaking ballot will be conducted amongst Candidate C & D as only they received a simple majority

EXAMPLE 4

Number of candidates receiving a simple majority of votes cast is less than the number of vacancies to be filled

Assumptions:

3 vacancies to be filled
6 candidates
50 voters
Each voter to cast only 1 vote for each of 3 different candidates
Total votes cast is 150
Maximum number of votes any candidate can receive is 50 votes
For any candidate to be declared elected, a simple majority is required
A majority is 26 votes

Candidate	Votes Received
A	45
B	32
C	24
D	23
E	15
F	11

Candidates A & B are declared elected, each having received a simple majority of votes cast

The next ballot will be conducted among the remaining 4 candidates namely: C, D, E & F with each voter casting only one vote for one additional candidate