

## How does a write-in ballot work?

A write-in ballot is a double envelope system to protect the secrecy of how you vote. You must place your marked ballot in the ballot envelope before putting it in the declaration envelope. When write-in ballots are counted all ballot envelopes are mixed together before being opened.

### Step 1.

Print your choice of a candidate or registered party sponsoring the candidate on the ballot.

Print the name of the candidate OR the registered party sponsoring the candidate on the line below.

I vote for

### Step 2.

Place your marked ballot into the ballot envelope and seal it.



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## Ballot Envelope

Place your marked ballot into this envelope and SEAL it



## Declaration Envelope for Write-in Ballot

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### PART I - To be completed by Elector

I declare:

1. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ (Print)
2. My civic address is \_\_\_\_\_ (Print)
3. I have not voted at this election and will not attempt to vote again at this election.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### PART 2 - To be completed at Returning Office

Electoral District number issuing the Write-in Ballot \_\_\_\_\_ Issuing Election Officer's Initials \_\_\_\_\_

Electoral District number in which the Elector resides \_\_\_\_\_

Date Issued \_\_\_\_\_ Declaration Envelope No. \_\_\_\_\_ Elector ID \_\_\_\_\_

### Step 3.

Place the sealed ballot envelope in the declaration envelope and seal it.

### Step 4.

Complete part 1 of the declaration envelope. If this is not completed, your vote will not count.



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Return Envelope

MAIL TO:

Returning Office  
123 Main Street  
Yourtown, NS B2B 2B2

### Step 5.

Place the completed declaration envelope (containing the sealed envelope) into the return envelope.

