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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Yellowknife Election All-Candidates Forum Set for October 11**

Yellowknife, October 1, 2012—City of Yellowknife mayoral and council candidates will debate the issues in mock City Council sessions at an October 11 All-Candidates Forum organized by Alternatives North.

**The public forum takes place Thursday October 11, 2012 from 7 to 10 PM in the auditorium at Northern United Place.**

Alternatives North is repeating the innovative format used in the 2009 municipal election. Groups comprised of a mayoralty and four council candidates will debate a draft motion on a major municipal issue. Motions will be based on input received from community groups on issues including social concerns, lands and development, and community sustainability.

The format is intended to demonstrate candidates' knowledge of issues, and their leadership, debating and cooperative skills.

Three 20-minute debates will be held, with voting on the motions at the end of each session. The mock debates will be followed by a period of questions from the audience. Audience questions will be selected at random from questions submitted in writing at the forum. A moderator will lead the proceedings.

A copy of the forum conduct and procedure rules is attached.

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