

## UNA Elections 2021

The University Neighbourhoods Association (UNA) members will elect seven members to its Board of Directors at the **2021 UNA Elections** that will run from **November 8 to November 30, 2021**. All UNA members can vote in this election. Results will be emailed to members and announced on the UNA website at [myuna.ca](http://myuna.ca).

## Election Process

The election process includes safeguards to protect the integrity of the election by ensuring all votes remain anonymous, while also applying due diligence related to voter eligibility. **Only one ballot per member is allowed.**

Please confirm that this ballot package contains the following:

- A **ballot** with the names of candidates listed,
- A **secrecy envelope**, that lacks identifying marks,
- A **certification envelope**, on which is printed:
  1. A unique envelope number along with space for the voting member to write their name,
  2. A space for the voting member to write their residential address,
  3. A statement attesting that the voting member is entitled to vote,
  4. A statement attesting that the voting member understands that they are entitled to vote only once and that the enclosed ballot is their only vote,
- A **return outer envelope** with postage paid and addressed to the University Neighbourhoods Association.

## How to Vote

1. Vote for **up to SEVEN (7)** candidates by marking the box to the left of your choices on the **ballot**. The ballot will be rejected if votes are cast for more than seven candidates.
2. Insert the marked **ballot** into the **secrecy envelope** and seal it.
3. Place the sealed **secrecy envelope** into the **certification envelope**, seal it and fill out the required information.
4. Place the **certification envelope** into the **return outer envelope** and seal it. The **return outer envelope** is postage paid.

## Voting Options

### BY MAIL

Drop your **return outer envelope** (with the **ballot**, **secrecy envelope** and **certification envelope** enclosed) in a Canada Post mailbox. Note that the **ballot** must be received by the UNA by **4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 30, 2021** for it to be included in the vote counting. Please allow time for mailing.

### BY DROP BOX

Drop your **return outer envelope** (with the **ballot**, **secrecy envelope** and **certification envelope** enclosed) by **4:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 30, 2021**, in one of the drop boxes at the following locations:

- **Wesbrook Community Centre** at 3335 Webber Ln.
- **Old Barn Community Centre** at 6308 Thunderbird Blvd.
- **UNA Main Office** at 202-5923 Berton Ave.

Please check [myuna.ca](http://myuna.ca) for each location's business hours.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### WHY ARE ELECTIONS BEING HELD SEPARATELY FROM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)?

In the previous version of the UNA Bylaws, elections were held on the same schedule as the AGMs. The change in timing for elections is necessitated by (a.) the requirement in the UNA Bylaws that the AGM be held by September 30 of the year, and (b.) the inclusion in the Bylaws of timing rules for each step in the election process. The change in timing avoids the need for the election procedure to begin in the middle of the summer.

### WHY SO MANY ENVELOPES?

The package each member receives will include **three envelopes** and a **ballot**. It is important in this election, as it is in others, to ensure that the voting is anonymous. The **return outer envelope** facilitates mailing. The **certification envelope** ensures the validity of the vote and authenticity of the **ballot**. Once removed from the **certification envelope**, the **secrecy envelope** ensures the anonymity of the voter.

### WHAT IS THE UNIQUE ENVELOPE NUMBER?

Each **certification envelope** bears a unique envelope number that helps the election officers certify the authenticity of the materials used to submit the votes. It is important to note that, to ensure anonymity, no identifying number is assigned to the **ballot** itself.