On April 3, 1919 amendments to the *Yukon Territory Act* came into force. One of these amendments extended to women the right to vote in elections for members of the territorial council and be candidates for election. At the same time the size of the council was reduced from 10 members to three and the annual indemnity for councillors was reduced from $600 to $400. The first election in which women could vote and run as candidates was held on February 25, 1920.

The chart below lists all women elected to the Yukon Territorial Council or Yukon Legislative Assembly. A member’s term begins on the day the member is elected either in a general election or by-election. The member’s term ends on the day the member resigns or dies, or the day before an election where a member is defeated at the polls or chooses to not run. Note that prior to the 1978 general election all members were elected as independent members.

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<td>NDP</td>
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<td>June 7, 1982-September 29, 1996</td>
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<td>11. Joyce Hayden</td>
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12. Lois Moorcroft  
   NDP  
   Mount Lorne  
   Copperbelt South  
   October 19, 1992-April 16, 2000;  
   October 11, 2011 to November 6, 2016  
   2736  
   + 1854 = 4590

13. Sue Edelman  
   Liberal  
   Riverdale South  
   September 30, 1996-November 3, 2002  
   2226

14. Pat Duncan  
   Liberal  
   Porter Creek South  
   September 30, 1996-October 1, 2006  
   3654

15. Pam Buckway  
   Liberal  
   Lake Laberge  
   October 25, 1999-November 3, 2002  
   1106

16. Cynthia Tucker  
   Liberal  
   Mount Lorne  
   April 17, 2000-November 3, 2002  
   931

17. Lorraine (Netro) Peter  
   NDP  
   Vuntut Gwitchin  
   April 17, 2000-October 9, 2006  
   2367

18. Elaine Taylor  
   YP  
   Whitehorse West  
   November 4, 2002-November 6, 2016  
   5117

19. Marian Horne  
   YP  
   Pelly-Nisutlin  
   October 10, 2006-October 10, 2011  
   1827

20. Elizabeth Hanson  
   NDP  
   Whitehorse Centre  
   December 13, 2010 to present  
   3008

21. Patti McLeod  
   YP  
   Watson Lake  
   October 11, 2011 to present  
   2706

22. Jan Stick  
   NDP  
   Riverdale South  
   October 11, 2011 to November 6, 2016  
   1854

23. Kate White  
   NDP  
   Takhini-Kopper King  
   October 11, 2011 to present  
   2706

24. Jeanie Dendys  
   Liberal  
   Mountainview  
   November 7, 2016 to present  
   852

25. Geraldine Van Bibber  
   YP  
   Porter Creek North  
   November 7, 2016 to present  
   852

26. Tracy McPhee  
   Liberal  
   Riverdale South  
   November 7, 2016 to present  
   852

27. Pauline Frost  
   Liberal  
   Vuntut Gwitchin  
   November 7, 2016 to present  
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**Party key:** Ind. = Independent member, Liberal = Liberal Party, NDP = New Democratic Party, PC = Progressive Conservative Party, YP = Yukon Party.

**Women MLAs by length of tenure**

1. Margaret (Joe) Commodore and Bea Firth – 5229 days.
2. Elaine Taylor – 5117 days.
3. Lois Moorcroft – 4590 days.
4. Pat Duncan – 3654 days.
5. Elizabeth Hanson – 3008 days.
7. Norma Kassi – 2716 days.
8. Patti McLeod and Kate White – 2706 days.
9. Lorraine (Netro) Peter – 2367 days.
10. Sue Edelman – 2226 days.
11. Jan Stick – 1854 days.
12. Pam Buckway – 1106 days.
15. Joyce Hayden – 1337 days.
17. Jean Gordon – 1093 days.
18. Kathie Nukon – 1071 days.
19. Cynthia Tucker – 931 days.
20. Pam Buckway – 1106 days.
22. Kathie Nukon – 1071 days.
23. Cynthia Tucker – 931 days.
### Women elected by Legislative Assembly

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**Notes:**
- The number of Members who served in a Legislative Assembly may exceed the number of Seats due to by-elections.
- Including general elections and by-elections women candidates have won 49 of the 219 seats contested between September 11, 1967 and November 7, 2016. This is 22.4 percent of the seats contested.
- Bea Firth and Sue Edelman, represented Riverdale South from June 7, 1982 to November 3, 2002. 7455 days.
- Kathie Nukon and Norma Kassi, represented Old Crow from June 7, 1982 to October 18, 1992. 3787 days.
- During the 23rd Legislative Assembly, Hilda Watson was elected in the general election of November 18, 1974, but resigned her seat on May 2, 1975. She won her seat again in the Carmacks-Kluane by-election of November 3, 1975.
- During the 29th Legislative Assembly, Lois Moorcroft, Pat Duncan and Sue Edelman were elected in the general election of September 30, 1996. Pam Buckway was elected in the Lake Laberge by-election of October 25, 1999.
- During the 32nd Legislative Assembly, Elaine Taylor and Marian Horne were elected in the general election of October 10, 2006. Elizabeth Hanson was elected in the Whitehorse Centre by-election of December 13, 2010.