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The Honourable Kevin Murphy Speaker of the House of Assembly Province of Nova Scotia 1726 Hollis Street, Province House Halifax, NS B3J 2Y3

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I have the honour to present the report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the proceedings of the Cape Breton Centre, Dartmouth South, Sydney-Whitney Pier By-elections, held on July 14, 2015.

I respectfully request that you submit this report to the House of Assembly at your convenience during the next upcoming sitting.

This report is submitted to the House of Assembly in accordance with Section 163 of the Elections Act.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Temporale,

Chief Electoral Officer





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### 1. Introduction

The death of Nova Scotia Liberal Party member the Honourable Allan Rowe, representing the electoral district of Dartmouth South, and the resignations of Nova Scotia New Democratic Party members the Honourable Frank Corbett, representing the electoral district of Cape Breton Centre, and the Honourable Gordie Gosse, representing the electoral district of Cape Breton Centre, created three vacancies in the Nova Scotia House of Assembly effective March 16, 2015 in Dartmouth South and April 2, 2015 in Cape Breton Centre and Sydney-Whitney Pier.

On Saturday, June 13, 2015, pursuant to an Order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, a writ of election was issued under the *Elections Act* by the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) to the returning officers for Cape Breton Centre, Dartmouth South, and Sydney-Whitney Pier, ordering that elections be held in each of these electoral districts on July 14, 2015. The CEO published an election calendar, a copy of which is shown in Appendix A. The calendar counts downward from the day the writ was issued, June 13th, 31 days before election day, to ten days day after election day, July 24, the earliest date for the return of the writ of election. The calendar also identifies key filing dates for official agents, for filing the reconciliation of tax receipts and the return of unused receipts to the returning officer, 30 days after election day and for the filing the Audited Report of Candidate's Election Expenses with Elections Nova Scotia, 70 days after election day.

At the time of the by-elections call, the distribution of seats by registered parties in the Nova Scotia House of Assembly was: 32 members from the Nova Scotia Liberal Party (NSLP); 10 from The Progressive Conservative Association of Nova Scotia (PC); five from the Nova Scotia New Democratic Party (NSNDP); one independent member and three vacancies.

Nominations closed on June 30, 2015. Three candidates stood for election in Cape Breton Centre, one each from the NSLP, the NSNDP, and PC parties. Four candidates stood for election in Dartmouth South, one each from NSLP, the NSNDP, and the PC parties, and one independent. Three candidates stood for election in Sydney-Whitney Pier, one each from the NSLP, NSNDP, and the PC parties.

Early voting opportunities commenced within two days of issuing the writ, on Monday June 15, 2015. This was the first day the returning offices were open to the public and electors could apply to vote by write-in ballot. A continuous poll was held in the returning offices from June 15 to July 9, excluding Sundays and the July 1 national holiday. Two consecutive days of advance polling on the Friday and Saturday before election day were held on July 10 and July 11.



At the close of polls on election day, there were 13,389 electors on the final list of electors<sup>1</sup> in Cape Breton Centre, 17,100 in Dartmouth South, and 18,310 in Sydney-Whitney Pier. A total of 6,341 electors (47.4%) voted in Cape Breton Centre, 6,486 (37.9%) in Dartmouth South, and 7,768 (47.4%) in Sydney-Whitney Pier.

On July 24, 2015,

- David Wilton, NSLP was declared elected in Cape Breton Centre,
- Marian Mancini, NSNDP was declared elected in Dartmouth South, and
- Derek Mombourquette, NSLP was declared elected in Sydney-Whitney Pier.

### 2. Electoral Geography

### 2.1 Electoral Districts

The boundaries for the electoral districts of Cape Breton Centre, Dartmouth South and Sydney-Whitney Pier were enacted in 2012 under the *House of Assembly Act* <sup>2</sup> on the recommendation of the Nova Scotia Electoral Boundaries Commission. Maps displaying the three electoral districts and the poll-by-poll results for the by-elections are shown in Appendix B.

### 2.2 Polling Stations

In Cape Breton Centre there were 38 polling stations at 16 polling locations which included 34 election day polls, one mobile poll to service four long term care facilities, one continuous poll, one write-in ballot poll and one polling station for advance poll. In Dartmouth South there were 47 polling stations at 14 polling locations, which included 41 election day polls, three mobile polls to service four long term care facilities, one continuous poll, one write-in ballot poll and one advance poll. In Sydney-Whitney Pier there were 46 polling stations at 11 polling locations, which included 42 election day polls, three mobile polls to service four long term care facilities, one special poll, one write-in ballot poll and one advance poll.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The final list of electors includes electors added on election day

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> R.S.N.S. 1989, c. 1 (1992 Supplement)



**Table 1: Number of Polling Stations by Type** 

Electrical District		ľ	Number of Polling	Stations by Type		
Electoral District	Election Day	Mobile	Continuous	Write-in ballot	Advance	Total
Cape Breton Centre	34	1	1	1	1	38
Dartmouth South	41	3	1	1	1	47
Sydney-Whitney Pier	42	3	1	1	1	46



### 3. Voting Opportunities

### 3.1 Write-in Ballot Polls

Electors were entitled to vote by write-in ballot. There were four methods by which an elector may apply for a write-in ballot: by mail, by agent, by write-in ballot coordinator, and in person. Applications for a write-in ballot were available to all electors upon the opening of the returning offices on June 15. The deadlines in subsection 101(3) of the *Elections Act*, to apply for a write-in ballot as shown on the Election Calendar in Appendix A were day 10 by mail, day 3 by agent or write-in ballot coordinator. These deadlines are administrative necessities imposed to ensure there is sufficient time for the application process to be completed and approved and subsequently, for the ballots to be delivered, completed and returned for counting by the close of polls at 8 pm on election day. Electors presenting themselves at the returning office to vote, voted in the continuous poll.

As shown in the poll-by-poll results in Appendix B, a total of 224 electors voted by write-in ballot (WIB) in Cape Breton Centre, 46 in Dartmouth South, and 142 in Sydney-Whitney Pier. This was 14, 198, and 137 fewer respectively than in the October 8, 2013 Provincial General Election (PGE).

### 3.2 Continuous Polls

Except for Sunday, June 21, June 28, July 5 and Canada Day Wednesday, July 1, when the returning offices were closed to the public, electors could vote in the continuous poll at a returning office each day from June 15 to July 9 from 9 am to 6 pm. A total of 369 electors voted at the continuous poll in Cape Breton Centre, 876 in Dartmouth South and 1,206 in Sydney-Whitney Pier, compared with 407, 1,024, and 1,190 respectively during the October 8, 2013 PGE.

### 3.3 Advance Polls

Advance polls were open on July 10 and 11 from 9 am to 8 pm. As shown in the poll-by-poll results in Appendix B, a total of 974 electors voted at the advance poll in Cape Breton Centre, 638 in Dartmouth South and 1,079 in Sydney-Whitney Pier, compared with 1,395, 1,416, and 1,538 respectively during the October 8, 2013 PGE.

### 3.4 Election Day Polls

On July 14, 2015, election day, the polls were open from 8 am to 8 pm. There were 34 election day polls in Cape Breton Centre, 41 in Dartmouth South and 42 in Sydney-Whitney Pier. A total of 4,722 electors voted at an election day poll in Cape Breton Centre, 4,645 in Dartmouth South and 5,233 in Sydney-Whitney Pier, compared with 5.581, 5,859, and 7,131 respectively during the October 8, 2013 PGE.



### 3.5 Mobile Polls

On July 14, 2015, election day, there was one mobile poll team servicing two polls in Cape Breton Centre, 3 teams servicing six polls in Dartmouth South and one team servicing three polls in Sydney-Whitney Pier. A total of 101 electors voted at the mobile poll in Cape Breton Centre, 281 in Dartmouth South and 108 in Sydney-Whitney Pier, compared with 46, 301, and 142 respectively during the October 8, 2013 PGE.

### 4. Elector Participation

### 4.1 Elector Registration

When the returning officers certified the preliminary lists of electors on June 22, there were 13,337 electors on the list in Cape Breton Centre, 16,937 in Dartmouth South, and 18,175 in Sydney-Whitney Pier. At the conclusion of revision, day 6 of the election calendar, the returning officers certified the official lists of electors. The list in Cape Breton Centre contained 13,302 electors, 16,939 in Dartmouth South and 18,238 in Sydney-Whitney Pier.

During the revision process, electors were added to and removed from the list as a result of various revision activities including the enumeration of the long term care facilities, door to door targeted revision at addresses known for high turnover of tenants, and the return of mailed out voter information cards (VIC) by Canada Post. A VIC was mailed to each elector on the preliminary list. Canada Post returned those cards that were not deliverable. After election day, there were 13,389 electors on the final list in Cape Breton Centre, 17,098 in Dartmouth South, and 18,308 in Sydney-Whitney Pier.

Table 4 indicates the participation of eligible electors in the three by-elections, by age group. Between 18% and 30% of electors 18-24 voted compared to between 46% and 62% of electors 55+. In the 2013 PGE, approximately 20% of electors 18-24 and more than 70% of electors 55 or over voted.



Table 2: Number of Electors and Voters by Age By-elections July 14, 2015

Age Range	05 - Cape	Breton (	Centre	19 - Dartn	19 - Dartmouth South 45 - Sydney-Whitney Pier					
	Electors	Voted	% Voting	Electors	Voted	% Voting	Electors	Voted	% Voting	
18-24 Years	1038	313	30%	1132	203	18%	1261	309	25%	
25-34 Years	1678	412	25%	2754	547	20%	2528	562	22%	
35-44 Years	1711	556	32%	2478	703	28%	2576	717	28%	
45-54 Years	2456	1176	48%	2920	1011	35%	3257	1342	41%	
55-64 Years	2939	1686	57%	3295	1515	46%	3557	1837	52%	
65-74 Years	2079	1294	62%	2270	1308	58%	2636	1565	59%	
75+ Years	1480	854	58%	2230	1175	53%	2466	1237	50%	

### 5. By-election Results

### **5.1 Cape Breton Centre**

On July 16, Marie MacLeod, returning officer for Cape Breton Centre completed the return of the writ declaring David Wilton (NSLP) elected and transmitted it to the Chief Electoral Officer. A summary of valid votes received by candidate is shown in Table 5. The poll-by-poll results are shown in Appendix B.

Table 3: Summary of Votes Received by Candidate Cape Breton Centre By-election July 14, 2015

Candidate	Registered Party	Votes Received
Edna LEE	PC	644
Tammy MARTIN	NSNDP	2,538
David WILTON	NSLP	3,120



### 5.2 Dartmouth South

On July 16, Peter Chaffey, returning officer for Dartmouth South completed the return of the writ declaring Marian Mancini (NSNDP) elected and transmitted it to the Chief Electoral Officer. A summary of valid votes received by candidate is shown in Table 6. The poll-by-poll results are shown in Appendix B.

Table 4: Summary of Votes Received by Candidate Dartmouth South By-election July 14, 2015

Candidate	Registered Party	Votes Received
Charlene M. GAGNON	Independent	490
Gord GAMBLE	PC	1,501
Marian MANCINI	NSNDP	2,274
Tim RISSESCO	NSLP	2,186

### 5.3 Sydney-Whitney Pier

On July 16, David Muise, returning officer for Sydney-Whitney Pier completed the return of the writ declaring Derek Mombourquette (NSLP) elected and transmitted it to the Chief Electoral Officer. A summary of valid votes received by candidate is shown in Table 7. The poll-by-poll results are shown in Appendix B.

Table 5: Summary of Votes Received by Candidate Sydney-Whitney Pier By-election July 14, 2015

Candidate	Registered Party	Votes Received
Madonna DOUCETTE	NSNDP	2,332
Brian MACARTHUR	PC	1,609
Derek MOMBOURQETTE	NSLP	3,796



### 5.4 Number of Seats in the House of Assembly Following the By-elections

At the conclusion of the by-elections the distribution of seats in the Nova Scotia House of Assembly was: 34 NSLP; 10 PC, 6 NSNDP; and one independent member.

### 6. Registered Parties' and Candidates' Expense Limits

The maximum amount for election expenses that a registered party could incur in each district as prescribed by subsection 259(2) and 260(3) of the *Elections Act* was \$6,109.64 for a total of \$18,328.92.

At the time of the by-election, there were four registered parties in Nova Scotia. At 2 pm on June 30 when the nomination of candidates concluded, three registered parties, the NSLP; PC, and the NSNDP, had endorsed candidates in each of the districts. There was one independent candidate at the close of nominations.

Section 260 of the *Elections Act* provides the formula for calculating the maximum amount that a candidate may incur for election expenses as defined in clause 3(i). Table 8 shows the calculation of the maximum amount a candidate could have incurred for election expenses in each of the by-elections.

Table 6: Candidate Election Expenses Spending Limit
Cape Breton Centre, Dartmouth South, Sydney-Whitney
Pier By-election July 14, 2015

Electoral District	Total number of Electors	\$6.11/ Elector for the first 5,000 Electors	\$5.19 / Elector for 5,001 to 10,000 Electors	\$4.58/ Elector over 10,000 Electors	Candidate Election Expenses Spending Limit
Cape Breton Centre	13,389	30,531.13	25,940.78	15,520.50	\$ 71,992.41
Dartmouth South	17,100	30,531.13	25,940.78	32,515.65	\$ 88,987.57
Sydney-Whitney Pier	18,310	30,531.13	25,940.78	38,057.05	\$94,528.97



### 7. Compliance agreements

On May 29, 2015, and pursuant to section 294 of the Act, the Chief Electoral Officer entered into a compliance agreement with Linda Tweedie, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Executive Director of the Nova Scotia Liberal Caucus Office, and with Lloyd Hines, of Guysborough, Nova Scotia, Chair of the Nova Scotia Liberal Caucus. The signatories to the compliance agreement acknowledged that:

- On May 19, 2015, the Nova Scotia Liberal Caucus Office published an election advertising flyer which, on or about May 26, 2015 was distributed by Canada Post to approximately 33,000 households in the electoral districts of Dartmouth South, Sydney-Whitney Pier and Cape Breton Centre, during an election, at a total cost of \$7,100.74. The Nova Scotia Liberal Caucus Office thus incurred election advertising expenses that exceed the limit placed on third-party advertising in a by-election under section 275(4) of the Act. In addition, the advertising piece was published in contravention of section 277 of the Act as it did not indicate that it was authorized by the Nova Scotia Liberal Caucus.
- The Nova Scotia Liberal Caucus Office's only source of funding is public funding from the Speaker's Office. Therefore, pursuant to section 272 of the Act, the Nova Scotia Liberal Caucus Office was in breach of the Act for election advertising using a means of transmission of the government of the Province.

The signatories accepted responsibility for these acts. Before entering into this compliance agreement, the Chief Electoral Officer took into account a number of considerations, including the fact that Nova Scotia Liberal Caucus Office promptly admitted the facts and took responsibility for the acts that led to the compliance agreement.

Under the compliance agreement, the Nova Scotia Liberal Caucus Office agreed to reimburse the election advertising expenses incurred from non-public funds.

On June 1, 2015, and pursuant to section 294 of the Act, the Chief Electoral Officer entered into a Compliance Agreement with Mat Whynott, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Acting Chief of Staff of the Nova Scotia NDP Caucus Office, and with Sterling Belliveau, of Shelburne, Nova Scotia, Chair of the Nova Scotia NDP Caucus. The signatories to the Compliance Agreement acknowledged that:

 On April 14, 2015, the Nova Scotia NDP Caucus Office distributed brochures to 12,796 households in the electoral district of Dartmouth South, during an election, at a total cost of \$2,162.52. The Nova Scotia NDP Caucus Office thus incurred election advertising



expenses that exceed the limit placed on third-party advertising in a by-election under section 275(4) of the Act. In addition, the advertising piece was published in contravention of section 277 of the Act as it did not indicate that it was authorized by the Nova Scotia NDP Caucus.

 The Nova Scotia NDP Caucus Office's only source of funding is public funding from the Speaker's Office. Therefore, pursuant to section 272 of the Act, the Nova Scotia NDP Caucus Office was in breach of the Act for election advertising using a means of transmission of the government of the Province.

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Under the Compliance Agreement, the Nova Scotia NDP Caucus Office agreed to reimburse the election advertising expenses incurred from non-public funds.

### 8. CEO Recommendations

Based on the experience of the three by-elections held on July 14, 2015, the Chief Electoral Officer recommends several changes to the *Elections Act* and to the manner in which Elections Nova Scotia conducts elections and accounts for their results.

### 8.1 Refinement of the Accounting for Rejected Ballots

During the count after the close of polls on election day, any ballot that isn't marked for one of the registered candidates in an unambiguous way is rejected and placed in the rejected ballot envelope. Ballots in this category are reported in the count as "rejected".

In the Provincial General Election of 2013, the number of rejected ballots totaled 3,139 province-wide, an increase of 107% over the 2009 general election. This substantial increase caught our attention for two reasons: there was a negligible increase in the total number of votes cast province-wide so a doubling of the number of rejected ballots represented a significant variance from past experience; secondly, changes in the *Elections Act* had increased access to early voting opportunities (before advance voting begins). As a result, more voters were using the write-in ballot where the elector must write in the name of the party or candidate they wish to vote for. These ballots appear to be more prone to voter error than a ballot with the candidates' names and party affiliation pre-printed. Were our efforts to improve voter accessibility through early voting opportunities unwittingly the cause



for the increase in rejected ballots? Or, was this increase a reflection of electors' voting intentions? We conducted an internal review of the rejected ballots cast in these three by-elections to determine the probable cause of the increase.

The following are the results:

- Almost all of the ballots identified as "rejected" were appropriately rejected.
- The few that should have been attributed to a candidate (because the voters' intentions were clear) appeared to have been rejected because the DRO determined that extraneous marks on the ballot could have identified the elector. Planned improvements to our election officer training program and a move to have all ballot counting overseen by the supervising deputy returning officer should eliminate this minor error rate:
- Of those ballots appropriately rejected:
  - few ballots (10%) were rejected because of "voter error" and therefore, we conclude that our efforts to improve voter accessibility through increased early voting opportunities were not the root cause;
  - most rejected ballots (69%) appeared to be intentionally spoiled either with an X or a line drawn across the face of the ballot;
  - a number of electors chose not mark their ballot. While the elector's intent is not known, we can differentiate blank ballots (21% of rejected ballots) from those that were marked in error or intentionally spoiled.

The table below illustrates our findings.

Table 7: Rejected Ballot Analysis By-election July 14, 2015

		То	tal Rejected Ballots Res	tated
Total rejected Ballots	Official Results	Voter Error	Intentionally Spoiled	Blank
05 - Cape Breton Centre	39*	6	20	12
ou cape Broton contro	J.		38	
19 - Dartmouth South	35**	3	26	4
			33	
45 - Sydney-Whitney Pier	31*	1	24	5
			30	

<sup>\*</sup> In each case there were ballots counted as rejected that should have been placed in the cancelled ballot envelope

<sup>\*\*</sup>In addition to the problem identified in \* a second poll counted 3 rejected ballots but only 2 were in the envelope



Because rejected ballots are required to be included in the final count of the total votes cast, we believe it is important their reporting be filtered to accurately reflect the reasons the ballots were rejected. We acknowledge that this accounting is not relevant to, determining who won the election, nor is it relevant to the returning officer report of the Official Count. Therefore, we do not recommend spending time on election night or during the official count to differentiate among the rejected ballots.

### Recommendation

In future, during the period between the return of the writ of election and the tabling of the Statement of Votes and Statistics for the election, the Chief Electoral Officer will direct that a review be conducted of each rejected ballot and that each be categorized as marked in error, intentionally spoiled or blank, in the Statement of Votes and Statistics presented to the Members of the Assembly.

### 8.2 Piloting Technology in Election Day Polls

The Report on the Conduct of the October 8, 2013 Provincial General Election and Recommendations for Legislative Change Volume II, discussed the findings of an internal compliance audit which "uncovered significant gaps in correctly completing .... Statement of Poll and Elector Information Form (416)." A challenge of the results for the 2011 federal election in Etobicoke Centre because of similar compliance issues completing elector registration forms resulted in a decision to declare a controverted election. That decision was subsequently overturned on appeal by the Supreme Court.

Despite our efforts to improve poll official performance through focused training, reengineering of their tasks performed and rewritten manuals, an in-house review of these same forms revealed problems still exist with election day and advance poll paperwork. In future, after changes to the *Elections Act* that were legislated this year come into force, the incidence of these problems will be greatly reduced for most early voting opportunities, including advance polls, with the introduction of technology in every poll. Eighty-five percent of electors bring their Voter Information Card (VIC) to the poll. VICs will be scanned and electors names crossed off the list as voted electronically at the early voting opportunities. Those who don't have a VIC or need to be added to the list to vote or require a change in their address etc. will be registered using a computer based process rather than through a paper based process. In short, the error rate attributable to manual entry and incomplete or inaccurate elector information in mandatory fields should all but disappear.

However, problems of administrative non-compliance caused by human error may remain for the voters who vote on election day. Poll clerks and deputy returning officers will continue to cross off electors as voted on paper lists and fill in required elector registration forms



manually. New Brunswick, an acknowledged leader in advancing electoral administration performance, experiences a negligible rate of noncompliance for these types of human error because they run fully automated provincial and municipal elections.

While it is inevitable that all electoral agencies will pursue a computer-based model in the polls over the next decade, there are three potential impediments to Nova Scotia following in New Brunswick's footsteps: timing, acceptance and cost. There remains too little time before the 40th general election for Nova Scotian stakeholders -- the voting public, the registered parties and the candidates -- to reach a level of acceptance of this advancement and for Elections Nova Scotia to fully implement a province-wide plan. Acceptance is best gained when stakeholders witness firsthand the merits of the proposed changes. And while cost will be a significant factor in the ultimate decision to fully implement a province wide plan, it cannot be accurately estimated without the benefit of a pilot project.

### Recommendation

Elections Nova Scotia will seek by resolution of the House of Assembly permission to pilot the use of technology for processing electors in election day polls during the 40th provincial general election in two electoral districts, one in urban Halifax and one in rural Nova Scotia. Paper ballots will be used and votes will be counted by hand in the traditional manner.

### 8.3 Commencement of By-elections

Currently, a by-election period commences with the vacancy in the House of Assembly, which could last up to a year before the by-election to fill the vacancy.

Nova Scotia is the only Canadian jurisdiction in which the election period begins with the vacancy rather than with the issuance of the writ of election. A significant consequence of this anomaly is that political party and government communication such as newsletters and householders distributed during the pre-writ period may be deemed political advertising and, if paid for from public funds, would contravene the Elections Act. Election advertising covers the transmission of any advertising message that promotes or opposes a party or candidate including one that takes a position on an issue that is associated with a party or candidate.

During the period of time between the start of the election and the issuance of the writ, election advertising rules apply. Consequently, any expenses incurred by registered candidates over this prolonged period are reimbursable up to their spending limit.



### Recommendation

It is recommended that the start of a by-election be triggered by the issuance of the writ of election instead of with the date the vacancy is announced.

### 8.4 Length of Writ Period

While there is a minimum period for an election of 31 days, there is no maximum limit to the length of the writ period.

### Recommendation

It is recommended that the maximum writ period be limited legislatively. The longer election period the greater the cost to ENS to administer the election while the spending limits of candidates and political parties remain fixed. ENS is seeking the advice from the members of the Election Commission on the appropriate maximum length.

### 8.5 Signatures for a New Party Registration

An application to register a new political party must be accompanied by a petition signed by no fewer than twenty-five electors in each of ten different electoral districts, requesting registration of the political party.

Currently, a petition may be commenced and be presented at any time to Elections Nova Scotia which, with the passage of time, may no longer have the support of the signatories.

### Recommendation

It is proposed that the signatures on the petition must be gathered within 12 months of presenting the petition to the Chief Electoral Officer.

### 8.6 Return of Unused Tax Receipts

Currently, at the official agent of a candidate must return all unused tax receipts to the returning officer within 30 days of election day who then returns them to the CEO. Shortly after official addition, the returning officer closes the local returning office.

### Recommendation

It is recommended that the tax receipts be returned to the Chief Electoral Officer. As a practical matter, it is easier for the tax receipts to be returned to Elections Nova Scotia's headquarters directly than endeavor to return them to the returning officer once the local office has been closed.



Appendix A
Election Calendar
By-election
July 14, 2015

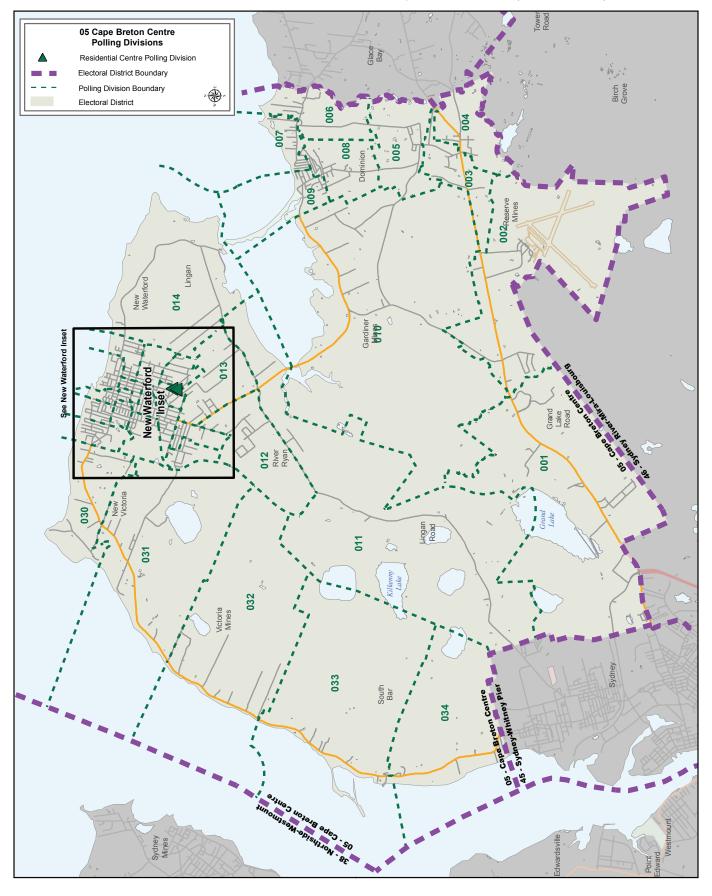
### By-Election Calendar July 14, 2015

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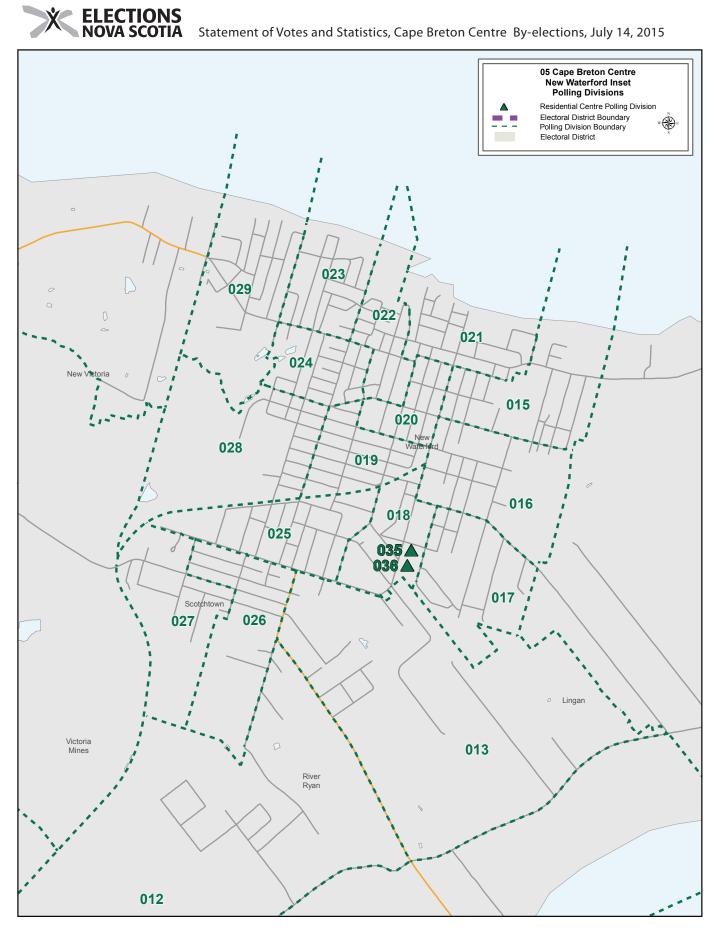


Appendix B
Maps & Poll-by-Poll
Results
By-elections July 14,
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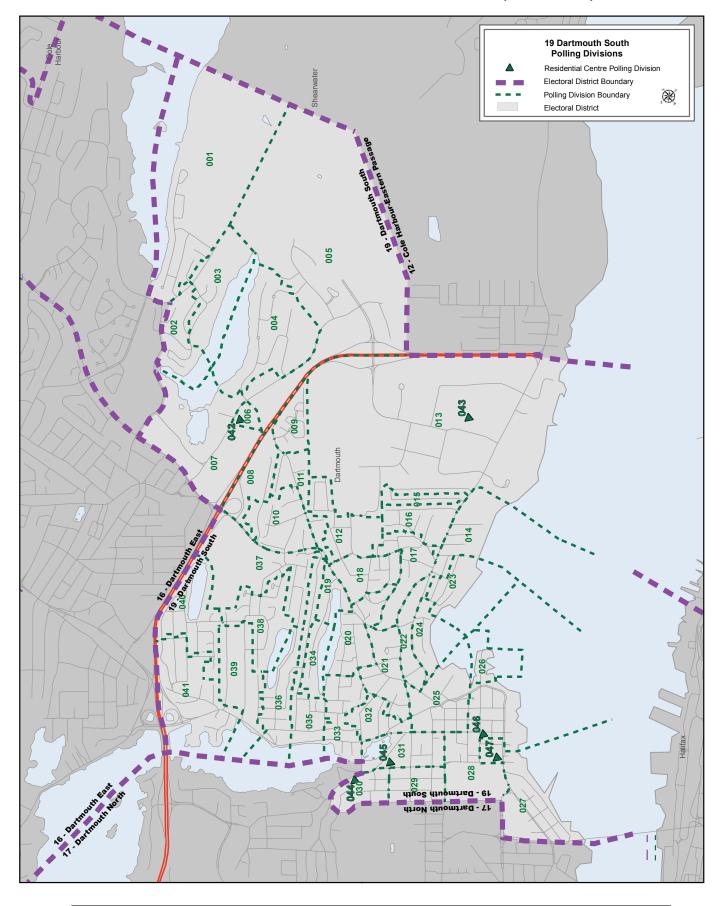




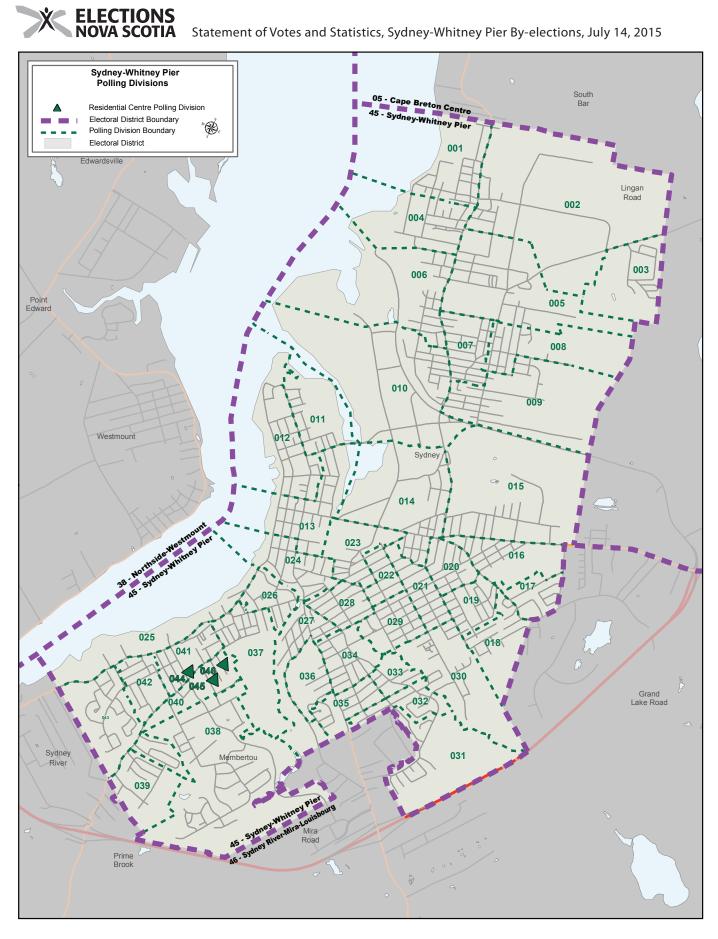












### POLL BY POLL RESULTS

Poll	Polling Location	Electors on Final List*	Total Votes**	Turnout	Edna Lee PC	Tammy Martin NSNDP	David Wilton NSLP	Rejected Ballots
001	Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Grand Lake Road	439	116	26.4%	12	31	73	0
002	Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Grand Lake Road	312	118	37.8%	17	44	57	0
003	Reserve Mines Seniors and Pensioners Club, Reserve Mines	530	174	32.8%	36	53	84	1
004	Reserve Mines Seniors and Pensioners Club, Reserve Mines	306	77	25.2%	20	31	26	0
005	Reserve Mines Seniors and Pensioners Club, Reserve Mines	489	123	25.2%	17	45	61	0
006	Royal Canadian Legion Branch 78, Dominion	425	161	37.9%	21	77	62	1
007	Dominion Volunteer Fire Department, Dominion	449	182	40.5%	28	87	66	1
008	Dominion Volunteer Fire Department, Dominion	421	148	35.2%	19	70	56	3
009	Dominion Volunteer Fire Department, Dominion	394	160	40.6%	12	92	53	3
)10	Gardiner Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club, Gardiner Mines	495	202	40.8%	33	99	66	4
11	Scotchtown Volunteer Fire Department, Scotchtown	453	126	27.8%	11	39	76	0
)12	Scotchtown Volunteer Fire Department, Scotchtown	386	149	38.6%	23	66	60	0
013	Scotchtown Volunteer Fire Department, Scotchtown	412	168	40.8%	25	74	67	2
)14	Lingan Heritage Society (St. Joseph's Parish Hall), Lingan	359	186	51.8%	9	77	100	0
)15	Knights Of Columbus Hall, New Waterford	449	144	32.1%	4	60	79	1
16	Knights Of Columbus Hall, New Waterford	389	133	34.2%	15	41	77	0
17	Knights Of Columbus Hall, New Waterford	565	181	32.0%	12	89	79	1
)18	Knights Of Columbus Hall, New Waterford	341	99	29.0%	10	40	49	0
19	Le Cercle Evangeline (The French Club), New Waterford	420	130	31.0%	12	40	76	2
)20	Le Cercle Evangeline (The French Club), New Waterford	263	97	36.9%	6	39	51	1
)21	New Waterford Volunteer Fire Department, New Waterford	376	140	37.2%	3	51	86	0
)22	New Waterford Volunteer Fire Department, New Waterford	336	123	36.6%	7	55	60	1
)23	New Waterford Volunteer Fire Department, New Waterford	424	164	38.7%	11	83	70	0
)24	New Waterford Volunteer Fire Department, New Waterford	401	143	35.7%	8	67	67	1
)25	Scotchtown Volunteer Fire Department, Scotchtown	406	120	29.6%	7	55	57	1
)26	Scotchtown Volunteer Fire Department, Scotchtown	367	159	43.3%	14	59	85	1
27	Scotchtown Volunteer Fire Department, Scotchtown	359	125	34.8%	21	46	57	1
28	Parish of St. Leonard Hall (St. Agnes Hall), New Waterford	316	94	29.7%	7	28	59	0
29	Parish of St. Leonard Hall (St. Agnes Hall), New Waterford	375	151	40.3%	10	81	60	0
30	New Victoria Volunteer Fire Department, New Victoria	410	157	38.3%	16	66	75	0
31	New Victoria Volunteer Fire Department, New Victoria	426	180	42.3%	10	54	116	0
32	New Victoria Volunteer Fire Department, New Victoria	237	95	40.1%	7	38	50	0
33	South Bar Volunteer Fire Department, South Bar	254	99	39.0%	11	33	54	1
34	South Bar Volunteer Fire Department, South Bar	304	98	32.2%	15	43	40	0
35,036 Aobile 1	Maple Hill Manor, New Waterford/New Waterford Hospital Waterford Heights, New Waterford	101	52	51.5%	12	19	20	1
DV1	Carmel Centre, New Waterford		974		81	353	533	7
VI	Main RO-65 Main St, Reserve Mines		224		24	90	106	4
P	Main RO-65 Main St, Reserve Mines		369		38	123	207	1
	Total	13,389	6,341	47.4%	644	2,538	3,120	39
	Total	13,389		47.4%	10.22%	2,538 40.27%	3,120 49.51%	

Elected:

David Wilton (NSLP)

 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{^{*}}$  Includes electors added and revised on the official list on election day

### 19 - Dartmouth South

### POLL BY POLL RESULTS

Poll	Polling Location	Electors on Final List*	Total Votes**	Turnout	Charlene M. Gagnon Ind	Gord Gamble PC	Marian Mancini NSNDP	Tim Rissesco NSLP	Rejected Ballots
001	Woodlawn Public Library, Dartmouth	568	230	40.5%	9	94	34	92	1
002	Woodlawn Public Library, Dartmouth	370	129	34.9%	6	50	18	54	1
003	Woodlawn Public Library, Dartmouth	430	170	39.5%	2	61	27	80	0
004	Grace Baptist Church, Dartmouth	622	167	26.8%	7	65	27	68	0
005	Grace Baptist Church, Dartmouth	968	232	24.0%	5	83	49	93	2
006	Shannex-Harris Hall, Dartmouth	206	120	58.3%	2	35	27	55	1
007	Grace Baptist Church, Dartmouth	382	100	26.2%	4	38	13	44	1
008	Saint Clements Catholic Church, Dartmouth	255	56	22.0%	8	6	14	28	0
009	Saint Clements Catholic Church, Dartmouth	377	82	21.8%	7	6	37	31	1
010	Saint Clements Catholic Church, Dartmouth	370	86	23.2%	7	20	25	31	3
011	Saint Clements Catholic Church, Dartmouth	499	78	15.6%	11	22	26	17	2
012	South End Baptist Church, Dartmouth	307	65	21.2%	1	11	39	14	0
013	North Woodside Community Centre, Dartmouth	406	60	14.8%	8	18	25	9	0
014	North Woodside Community Centre, Dartmouth	304	82	27.0%	4	14	37	27	0
015	North Woodside Community Centre, Dartmouth	257	65	25.3%	16	12	30	7	0
016	North Woodside Community Centre, Dartmouth	326	78	23.9%	4	12	36	26	0
017	South End Baptist Church, Dartmouth	393	134	34.1%	6	12	50	64	2
018	South End Baptist Church, Dartmouth	306	71	23.2%	9	9	31	21	1
019	South End Baptist Church, Dartmouth	243	24	9.9%	3	8	12	1	0
020	South End Baptist Church, Dartmouth	400	144	36.0%	12	33	65	34	0
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	Findlay Community Centre, Dartmouth  South End Baptist Church, Dartmouth	513	79	33.7% 19.0%	3	17	83	41	0
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023	North Woodside Community Centre, Dartmouth	374	68	18.2%	10	5	29	24	0
024	South End Baptist Church, Dartmouth	360	80	22.2%	9	12	31	27	1
025	Findlay Community Centre, Dartmouth	521	111	21.3%	22	14	47	28	0
026	Suite 105, Anchorage Building, Dartmouth	194	89	45.9%	5	45	17	22	0
027	Findlay Community Centre, Dartmouth	508	112	22.0%	25	13	44	30	0
028	Findlay Community Centre, Dartmouth	504	141	28.0%	17	32	46	46	0
029	Findlay Community Centre, Dartmouth	427	152	35.6%	15	11	93	32	1
030	Findlay Community Centre, Dartmouth	450	160	35.6%	8	18	80	54	0
031	Findlay Community Centre, Dartmouth	323	111	34.4%	15	0	59	36	1
032	Findlay Community Centre, Dartmouth	232	107	46.1%	12	25	45	24	1
033	Findlay Community Centre, Dartmouth	358	125	34.9%	15	12	64	32	2
034	South End Baptist Church, Dartmouth	357	51	14.3%	5	9	26	10	1
035	Findlay Community Centre, Dartmouth	358	146	40.8%	17	31	60	38	0
036	Findlay Community Centre, Dartmouth	264	110	41.7%	8	26	43	33	0
037	Saint Clements Catholic Church, Dartmouth	446	169	37.9%	13	62	44	50	0
038	Saint Clements Catholic Church, Dartmouth	435	143	32.9%	6	24	39	72	2
039	Findlay Community Centre, Dartmouth	454	142	31.3%	11	34	57	39	1
040	Saint Clements Catholic Church, Dartmouth	498	107	21.5%	9	13	40	45	0
041	Findlay Community Centre, Dartmouth	504	96	19.0%	7	19	28	41	1
042,043 Mobile 1	Shannex-Glasgow Hall, Dartmouth/Oakwood Terrace, Dartmouth	183	37	20.2%	1	14	9	12	1
044,045 Mobile 2	Edgemere Seniors Apartments, Dartmouth/Eastwood Manor, Dartmouth	203	121	59.6%	2	33	53	33	0
046,047 Mobile 3	Nantucket Place, Dartmouth/Alderney Manor, Dartmouth	229	123	53.7%	3	33	43	43	1
ADV1	South End Baptist Church, Dartmouth		638		44	163	211	219	1
WI	Main RO-205 Pleasant St, Dartmouth		46		1	15	18	12	0
CP	Main RO-205 Pleasant St, Dartmouth  Total	17,100	876 <b>6,486</b>	37.9%	46 <b>490</b>	194 <b>1,501</b>	315 <b>2,274</b>	316 <b>2,186</b>	5 <b>35</b>
	lotal	17,100	0,+00	31.3/0	730	1,301	2,214	2,100	

Elected:

Marian Mancini (NSNDP)

<sup>\*</sup> Includes electors added and revised on the official list on election day

### 45 - Sydney-Whitney Pier

### POLL BY POLL RESULTS

Poll	Polling Location	Electors on Final List*	Total Votes*	Turnout	Madonna Doucette NSNDP	Brian E. MacArthur PC	Derek Mombourquette NSLP	Rejected Ballots
001	St Alban's Church Hall, Sydney	479	167	34.9%	85	24	57	1
002/003	St Alban's Church Hall, Sydney	543	152	28.0%	62	37	53	0
004	St Alban's Church Hall, Sydney	373	100	26.8%	46	15	39	0
005	St Alban's Church Hall, Sydney	431	149	34.6%	71	33	45	0
006	Royal Canadian Legion Br 128, Sydney	412	131	31.8%	63	22	46	0
007	Royal Canadian Legion Br 128, Sydney	492	173	35.2%	96	33	43	1
800	Royal Canadian Legion Br 128, Sydney	436	107	24.5%	53	19	35	0
009	Royal Canadian Legion Br 128, Sydney	468	134	28.6%	75	23	33	3
010	Royal Canadian Legion Br 128, Sydney	257	67	26.1%	34	10	22	1
011	Centre 200, Sydney	422	111	26.3%	40	20	51	0
012	Centre 200, Sydney	381	83	21.8%	28	16	39	0
013	Centre 200, Sydney	454	94	20.7%	26	14	51	3
014	Royal Canadian Legion Br 138, Sydney	361	90	24.9%	38	12	39	1
015	Royal Canadian Legion Br 138, Sydney	305	71	23.3%	30	17	24	0
016	Royal Canadian Legion Br 138, Sydney	378	79	20.9%	19	12	48	0
017	Royal Canadian Legion Br 138, Sydney	421	92	21.9%	25	9	58	0
018	St Theresa's Parish Centre, Sydney	438	144	32.9%	37	29	76	2
019	St Theresa's Parish Centre, Sydney	431	191	44.3%	49	44	97	1
020	Royal Canadian Legion Br 138, Sydney	484	161	33.3%	62	34	63	2
021	St Theresa's Parish Centre, Sydney	488	183	37.5%	60	39	83	1
022	St Theresa's Parish Centre, Sydney	401	141	35.2%	43	34	64	0
023	Cedars Club, Sydney	373	105	28.2%	47	22	36	0
024	Centre 200, Sydney	430	86	20.0%	32	13	41	0
025	Room A-Membertou Trade & Convention Ctr-Glooscap, Membertou 28B	313	73	23.3%	17	19	37	0
026	Centre 200, Sydney	413	100	24.2%	23	18	58	1
027	Cedars Club, Sydney	459	134	29.2%	47	36	51	0
028	Cedars Club, Sydney	514	181	35.2%	67	55	58	1
029	Southend Community Centre, Sydney	479	188	39.2%	57	43	88	0
030	St Theresa's Parish Centre, Sydney	466	165	35.4%	38	42	83	2
031	Southend Community Centre, Sydney	514	155	30.2%	40	36	77	2
032	Southend Community Centre, Sydney	445	147	33.0%	30	33	83	1
033	Southend Community Centre, Sydney	173	72	41.6%	22	23	27	0
034	Cedars Club, Sydney	547	147	26.9%	41	38	67	1
035	Cedars Club, Sydney	445	120	27.0%	41	27	52	0
036	Cedars Club, Sydney	309	54	17.5%	21	8	25	0
037	Room A-Membertou Trade & Convention Ctr-Glooscap, Membertou 28B	406	125	30.8%	37	18	70	0
038	Room A-Membertou Trade & Convention Ctr-Glooscap, Membertou 28B	596	139	23.3%	23	7	109	0
039	Room A-Membertou Trade & Convention Ctr-Glooscap, Membertou 28B	472	127	26.9%	22	27	78	0
040	Room A-Membertou Trade & Convention Ctr-Glooscap, Membertou 28B	498	107	21.5%	31	14	61	1
041	Room A-Membertou Trade & Convention Ctr-Glooscap, Membertou 288	367	116	31.6%	23	26	67	0
042	Room A-Membertou Trade & Convention Ctr-Glooscap, Membertou 288	423	121	28.6%	33	26	62	0
043	Room A-Membertou Trade & Convention Ctr-Glooscap, Membertou 288							
044,045,046 Mobile1	The Cove Guest Home, Sydney/Celtic Court, Sydney/MacGillivary Guest Home, Sydney	462	151	32.7%	27	60	63	1
ADV1	St Alban's Church Hall, Sydney	351	108	30.8%	24	35	49	0
ADV2	Room A-Membertou Trade & Convention Ctr-Glooscap, Membertou		395		156	81	158	0
WI	28B Main RO-216 Charlotte St, Sydney		684		107	145	431	1
CP	Main RO-216 Charlotte St, Sydney		142		48	31	63	0
-	Total	4	1206	45.50	236	230	736	4
		18,310	7,768	42.4%	2,332	1,609	3,796	31

Elected:

Derek Mombourquette (NSLP)

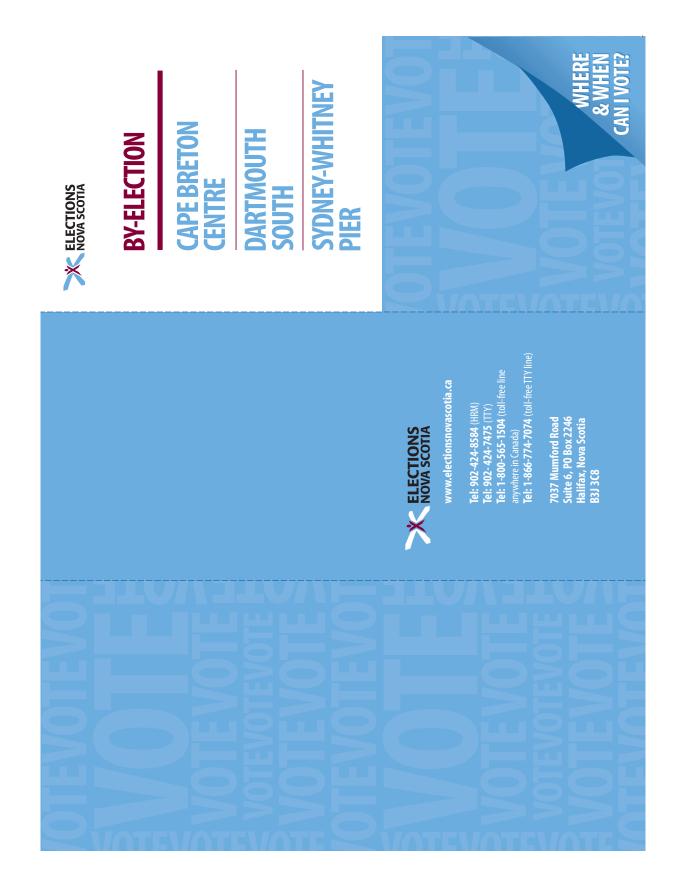
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<sup>\*\*</sup> Total Votes includes rejected ballots





Appendix C By-elections Brochure July 14, 2015



## WHERE DO I VOTE

am to 8 pm. There are three ways to find out where your polling Most voters will vote on election day, on Tuesday, (date) from 8 in the Where Do I Vote? application on Elections Nova Scotia's you receive in the mail, or, enter your postal code or address station is: check the Voter Information Card (VIC) illustration) website, or phone Elections Nova Scotia.

voting, check with your returning office ahead of time to make arrangements. In the rare event that your assigned polling location does not have the facilities you need, they will transfer tools and services to assist those who have vision or hearing Polling locations will have level access for wheelchairs, and difficulties. If you have a disability and need assistance in vou to one that does

## **ADVANCE POLLS**

aside seven days of advance polls. The advance polls are open on For those who wish to vote early, Elections Nova Scotia sets Saturday, (date and time),

Monday, (date) to Wednesday (date and time),

Friday (date and time) and Thursday (date and

Saturday, (date and time).

To find out where your advance poll is in your electoral district, check the Voter Information Card you receive in the mail or visit the Elections Nova Scotia website or contact us by phone.

# **VOTING AT THE RETURNING OFFICE**

You can vote at the returning office in your electoral district from 9 am to 6 pm every day except Sundays up to and including the Thursday before election day.

### HOME OR HOSPITAL **/OTING FROM**

If you cannot get to your polling station or your returning office you may vote by write-in ballot by obtaining and completing an application. Once your application is approved, you will be Nova Scotia for assistance. If you feel you need help applying for a write-in ballot, there are two options open to you: ask a neighbour, family member, care giver or friend to act as your given a write-in ballot. Call your returning office or Elections

ballot team to visit your home and assist you with voting by writeagent in applying for and voting by write-in ballot; or, make an appointment through your local returning office for a write-in in ballot.

# **VOTING IN RESIDENTIAL CENTRES**

for a Write-In Ballot team to visit the facility to assist you to vote by returning officer will make arrangements with the administrator Returning officers make arrangements for mobile poll visits on election day to seniors' residences, long-term care facilities and other institutions with ten or more resident electors. If you live in a residential centre with fewer than ten residents, your local Write-in Ballot before election day.

Contact the administrator of your facility for more information on the date and time.

# **ELECTORS LIVING IN A SHELTER**

the assistance of a write-In ballot coordinator team and your name and If you are temporarily staying in shelter and need the protection of office for assistance. You will be able to vote by write-in ballot with anonymity, contact Elections Nova Scotia or your local returning ocation will be held in confidence.

## **ABSENTEE ELECTORS**

Nova Scotia website or contact us by phone for an application to Eligible Nova Scotia electors and resident in one of the electoral vote by write-in ballot. Don't wait to initiate this process. To be outside Nova Scotia, are able to vote by mail from outside the counted, your completed ballot must be received at your local province. After an election has been called, visit the Elections districts having a by-election, who are living temporarily returning office by close of polls (8 pm) on election day.

electoral districts in which a by-election is being held, and who are away on duty aboard ship, at a Canadian Forces base in Canada, or serving out of country, or incarcerated when a provincial election is called, may vote by write-in ballot. The time lines for voting are Qualified Nova Scotia electors who are resident in one of the

Friends and relatives are asked to advise these eligible electors to apply for a write-in ballot, and to alert them to the key dates for applying and returning their ballot.

# **THIRD PARTY ADVERTISING**

third party can be a corporation, a trade union or another group. registered political party, or electoral district party association. A third party is not directly involved in an election. For example, a A third party is an individual or group that is not a candidate,

A third party must register with Elections Nova Scotia after it spends more than \$500 on election advertising.

candidates in a given electoral district and election, including by naming them; showing their likeness; identifying them by their party or candidate also can be types of third party advertising. television, newspaper, the Internet or any other type of media. with which they are particularly associated. It can be for radio, respective political affiliation; or taking a position on an issue Campaign buttons, clothing, or other things that identify the a position to promote or oppose the election of one or more users as supporters or opponents of any recognized political A third party election advertisement is a message that takes

election and rules about who may contribute and how much. For more information and to register, visit the Elections Nova Scotia Fhere are limits to the amount a third party may spend in a bywebsite or call our office.

## **RETURNING OFFICES:**

CAPE BRETON CENTRE Address # E

**JARTMOUTH SOUTH** Address #e SYDNEY-WHITNEY PIER Address





902-424-8584 1-800-565-1504 Toll-free in Nova Scotia 902-424-7475 TTY for the hearing impaired