

ELECTIONS SASKATCHEWAN



Saskatoon Meewasin By-Election Communique for Chief Official Agents Issue Two: February 3, 2017

A by-election will be held in the Constituency of Saskatoon Meewasin on Thursday, March 2, 2017. You will find important information related to this electoral event below. I hope you will share this information with your candidates and key officials throughout the by-election.

By-Election Called

This morning, I received an order from the Lieutenant Governor in Council instructing me to issue a writ of election to our returning officer in the Constituency of Saskatoon Meewasin. As was the case during the recent general election, my office will email a copy of the writ to the returning officer with the physical document to follow.

An election calendar listing key dates is attached. If you would like hard copies of this calendar, please email Richard Hall, Research Analyst, at Richard.Hall@elections.sk.ca.

Returning Office Contact Information

The Returning Officer for the constituency of Saskatoon Meewasin is Mr. Lloyd Howey. Lloyd was the returning officer for the April 4, 2016 general election and I know that he will offer excellent service to you, your registered political parties and your candidates.

Our returning office is located at 219 Primrose Drive. This is the same returning office that was used in the past two general elections so your candidates and members of the community may be familiar with the location. Full contact information for the office is listed below:

Street Address: 219 Primrose Drive
Saskatoon, SK S7K 5E4

Telephone: 306.956.4923 / 1.844.787.4163

Fax: 306.956.4926

Email: SME@elections.sk.ca

The returning office will be open the following hours throughout the election period:

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Thursday – 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Saturday – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday – closed

Please note that the returning office will be closed on Monday, February 20 for the Family Day holiday.

Nomination Day

The nomination deadline has been set as 2 p.m., Tuesday, February 14, 2017. You will know that this is a legislated deadline and I would encourage you to have your candidates contact the returning officer to set up an appointment to review the package and clarify any issues or questions well in advance of nomination day. Nominations can be filed anytime after the writ drops before the legislated deadline – there is no need to wait until the last day.

Nomination papers are available on our website at <http://www.elections.sk.ca/candidates-political-parties/forms-and-guides/>. A completed nomination package must include:

- Form E-405 – Nomination Paper
- Form E-401 – Appointment/Consent of the Business Manager of a Candidate
- Form E-403 – Appointment/Consent of the Auditor of a Candidate
- Form E-517 – Declaration of a Candidate's Political Affiliation
- \$100 Nomination Deposit (money order or certified cheque made payable to the Minister of Finance)

A guide to completing the nomination package can be found under the Guides section of our website. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Colin, Deputy CEO, at 306.787.4061 or by email at Jennifer.colin@elections.sk.ca

Preliminary Voters List

A preliminary voters list for Saskatoon Meewasin will be available after 12 noon on Tuesday, February 7 in both PDF and CSV format. If you have a user account for our ftp site, the list will be posted for you to download. If you do not have a user account for our ftp site or if you cannot remember your login/password, please contact Son Lu, IT Analyst, at son.lu@elections.sk.ca or 306.533.9982.

Updates to Register of Political Parties

As was the case during the April general election, Section 226 of *The Election Act, 1996* requires registered political parties to update (or confirm) the information contained in the register of political parties within ten days of a writ of election being issued. This statement must be in writing and must be signed by the party leader. The leader can also designate a representative to endorse a candidate. Please ensure your party meets the Monday, February 13 deadline. These statements can be emailed to Jennifer Colin; a hard copy is not necessary.

Throughout the writ period, I will be in routine contact with you, as Chief Official Agent of your party, through these Communiques. Should you have questions, please don't hesitate to be in contact with me or with my office. We are here to assist you and clarify the process for you. I want to wish you, your parties, and your candidates, the very best throughout this by-election.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Michael Boda
Chief Electoral Officer
Province of Saskatchewan