



**From: Dr. Michael Boda
Chief Electoral Officer
Province of Saskatchewan**

Date: Dec. 19, 2014

**To: Chief Official Agents
Registered Political Parties of Saskatchewan**

Re: Lloydminster By-Election Update

I want to pass along my sincere thanks to all of you—as Chief Official Agents—for your contribution to an important democratic process. I have sent a letter to all of your candidates, offering my thanks for their participation while noting the important role of candidates in building and maintaining a strong democracy. I have also passed along my congratulations to the successful candidate, Ms. Colleen Young.

While the public face of the by-election ended on December 6, with the writ being returned to my office, you will know that some important steps remain for those of us working behind the scenes on this electoral event.

At present, I want to highlight the following:

- **Security of the Voters List:** *The Election Act, 1996* requires the Chief Electoral Officer to take all reasonable steps to protect against unauthorized use of a voters' list. When you, or an authorized representative picked up the list, you signed a declaration to protect, secure and/or destroy the list of electors. I want to stress the importance of the commitment that you made and ask that you follow through on this. My office takes very seriously the personal data that is placed under our care.
- **Return to the Writ:** As mentioned, the return to the writ took place on December 6. Upon receiving that, I published the name of the successful candidate in the December 12 issue of the Saskatchewan Gazette. A copy of the relevant page of the Gazette is attached.
- **By-Election Debrief:** I am increasingly convinced that every electoral event is a learning opportunity. At Elections SK, we are working to be more effective at fulfilling our mandate as Saskatchewan's election management body. Our team is in the midst of reviewing the conduct of the Lloydminster By-Election and would appreciate receiving feedback from you as Chief Official Agents. Attached is a formal invitation to a by-election debrief meeting Elections Saskatchewan plans to host on January 14. We would be grateful if you would RSVP by January 9, 2015.

As we enter well into the holiday season, I want to offer my sincere appreciation for the work you all have done over the past year. As Chief Electoral Officer, I know the essential role that each Chief Official Agent has in ensuring the success of our electoral events. I am also very aware that much of your work is behind the scenes and is often unrecognized.

I look forward to working with you all in 2015, in completing the final steps of the Lloydminster By-Election and as we look toward the 28th General Election.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the center of the page.