

ELECTIONS SASKATCHEWAN

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer
on the conduct of the Constituency of
Saskatoon Meewasin By-Election

March 2, 2017





May 31, 2018

The Honourable Mark Docherty
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
129-2405 Legislative Drive
Regina, SK S4S 0B3

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to Section 286 of *The Election Act, 1996*, I have the privilege of presenting the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for the by-election held on March 2, 2017 in the Constituency of Saskatoon Meewasin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael D. Boda'.

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Returns and Reports submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer by Registered Political Parties and Candidates

For information required by *The Election Act, 1996* section 286(1)(a), please see Appendix I and II.

The Establishment and Use of Mobile Polls

This reporting requirement originates from a period when the use of mobile polls was limited to special or unusual circumstances such as floods, fires, etc. The Chief Electoral Officer was required to report on the number of polls for issues of security and transparency. Since that time, mobile polls have become an expected and accepted polling option regularly used in personal care homes throughout the province.

On by-election day, mobile poll workers visited five locations in the constituency. 23 valid votes were cast at these mobile polls.

Orders and Authorizations of the Chief Electoral Officer

The Chief Electoral Officer may make exceptions to *The Election Act, 1996*'s financial reporting provisions for election purposes for both registered political parties and candidates. In such instances, the legislation mandates the Chief Electoral Officer report on the situation and events surrounding the order or authorization granted.

Pursuant to subsection 262(7) of *The Election Act, 1996*, the Chief Electoral Officer granted two orders for the extension of time to prepare and file the required candidate's return of election expenses, form E-412. These authorizations are listed below.

| Registered Political Party | Business Manager | Candidate | Number of Extensions Granted |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| New Democratic Party, Sask. Section | Kelly McShane | Ryan Meili | 1 |
| Saskatchewan Party | Lynette Weiler | Brent Penner | 1 |

Reimbursements Paid Pursuant to Part VII to Each Registered Political Party and Candidate

For information required by *The Election Act, 1996* section 286(2), please see Appendix I and II.

Summary of Contributions Received, Expenses Incurred, and Reimbursements Paid: Candidates

APPENDIX I

| Constituency | Contributions Received (\$) | Candidate's Campaign Expenses (\$) | Hire of Premises (\$) | Advertising (\$) | Services (\$) | Goods Supplied (\$) | Travel and Hire of Vehicle (\$) | Total Expenses (\$) (a) | Candidate's Personal Expenses (\$) (c) | Total Reimbursable Expenses (\$) | Amount of Reimbursement (\$) |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Saskatoon Meewasin | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shawn Setyo (SGP) | 975.00 | - | - | - | - | 628.10 | 267.62 | 895.72 | - | - | (b) |
| Darrin Lamoureux (LIB) | 14,800.00 | 3,034.74 | 1,200.00 | - | 5,655.06 | 3,904.48 | - | 13,794.28 | - | - | (b) |
| Ryan Meili (NDP) | 85,459.93 | - | 4,414.12 | 4,472.40 | 32,990.00 | 11,121.08 | - | 52,997.60 | - | 52,599.74 | 31,559.84 |
| Brent Penner (SKP) | 54,074.50 | - | 1,690.00 | 35,036.51 | 5,718.08 | 3,372.78 | 280.00 | 46,097.37 | - | 46,074.87 | 27,644.92 |
| David Prokopchuk (PC) | 18,852.20 | 560.40 | - | 13,006.74 | 4,272.16 | 224.34 | 158.40 | 18,222.04 | 120.00 | - | (b) |
| Totals | 174,161.63 | 3,595.14 | 7,304.12 | 52,515.65 | 48,635.30 | 19,250.78 | 706.02 | 132,007.01 | 120.00 | 98,674.61 | 59,204.76 |

(a) Maximum allowable election expenses for each candidate was \$58,664.

(b) Candidate was not eligible for a reimbursement of their election expenses pursuant to subsection 265(1) of *The Election Act, 1996*.

(c) Candidates' personal expenses are not included in the total expenses.

Summary of Expenses Incurred and Reimbursements Paid: Registered Political Parties

APPENDIX II

| Registered Political Party | Hire of Premises (\$) | Advertising (\$) | Services (\$) | Goods Supplied (\$) | Travel and Hire of Vehicle (\$) | Total Expenses (\$) | Total Reimbursable Expenses (\$) (a) | Amount of Reimbursement (\$) |
|--|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Saskatchewan Green Party | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | (b) |
| New Democratic Party, Sask. Section | - | 30,074.89 | 14,684.45 | 1,430.78 | 1,463.84 | 47,653.96 | 47,604.43 | 23,802.22 |
| Progressive Conservative Party of Saskatchewan | - | - | 80.10 | - | 802.27 | 882.37 | - | (b) |
| Saskatchewan Liberal Association | - | 339.90 | 4,120.08 | - | - | 4,459.98 | - | (b) |
| Saskatchewan Party | - | 16,711.52 | 9,646.60 | 4,520.00 | 8,855.44 | 39,733.56 | 39,360.13 | 19,680.07 |
| Totals | - | 47,126.31 | 28,531.23 | 5,950.78 | 11,121.55 | 92,729.87 | 86,964.56 | 43,482.29 |

(a) Maximum allowable election expenses for each Party is \$48,819

(b) Party was not eligible for a reimbursement of their election expenses pursuant to subsection 264(1) of *The Election Act, 1996*.