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The Honourable P. Myron Kowalsky Speaker of the Legislative Assembly 129 Legislative Building Regina, Saskatchewan S4S 0B3

Honourable Speaker:

Pursuant to section 286 of *The Election Act, 1996*, I am honoured to submit the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for the by-election held on June 28, 1999, in the provincial constituency of Cypress Hills.

The Report presents by-election financial activities by registered political party and candidate. This Report also provides an overview of election administration and official voting results by polling division. Also included is summary data for election related expenditures of Elections Saskatchewan.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice G. Baker

Chief Electoral Officer

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## Call of By-Election

Pursuant to subsection 35(b) of *The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act,* Mr. Jack Goohsen, Progressive Conservative Party of Saskatchewan, vacated his seat in the constituency of Cypress Hills on April 20, 1999. On May 31, 1999, pursuant to an Order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, a Writ of Election was issued by the Chief Electoral Officer to Mr. Kim White, constituency returning officer. The Writ ordered that the by-election be held on Monday, June 28, 1999. An Election Calendar for the Cypress Hills by-election is included on the last page of the Official Report.

Prior to the June 28, 1999 by-election, standing in the Legislative Assembly included: 40 New Democrat, 8 Saskatchewan Party, 5 Liberal, 2 Independent and 3 vacant.

## Constituency Boundaries

The Cypress Hills constituency boundary was enacted in 1994 under *The Representation Act, 1994*, on the recommendation of the Constituency Boundaries Commission, 1993, as established under *The Constituency Boundaries Act, 1993*. Polling divisions for purposes of the Cypress Hills by-election included forty-eight (48) regular polls and five (5) personal care facilities. The Cypress Hills constituency polling subdivision map and Directory of Communities are set out in Appendices I and V, respectively.

## Registered Political Party and Candidate Nomination

At the time of the Cypress Hills by-election, the Office recognized the existence of six (6) political parties in the Register of Political Parties, as maintained pursuant to section 231 of *The Election Act, 1996* (the "Act"). On June 12, 1999, nomination of candidates concluded. At close of nomination, only three (3) of the Province's registered political parties nominated candidates, as follows:

Candidate	Registered Political Party <sup>1</sup>	Abbreviation
Keith Murch Barry Thienes Wayne Elhard	New Democratic Party, Sask. Section Saskatchewan Liberal Association The Saskatchewan Party	New Democratic Party (N.D.P.) Liberal The Saskatchewan Party
wayne Emaru	The Saskatchewan Party	The Saskatchewan Farty

Each of the registered political parties' chief official agents and candidate business managers for the by-election were as follows:

Registered Political Party	Chief Official Agent
New Democratic Party, Sask. Section	Steven Bobiash
Saskatchewan Liberal Association	F. William Johnson
The Saskatchewan Party	Donald Morgan

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The following Cypress Hills By-Election Appendices abbreviate the names of the Province's registered political parties as follows: New Democratic Party, Sask. Section - N.D.P.; Saskatchewan Liberal Association - L.; The Saskatchewan Party - Sask.

### Candidate

Keith Murch (N.D.P.) Barry Thienes (L.) Wayne Elhard (Sask.)

## **Business Manager**

Evelyn McCuaig Shirley Helmerson Gwen Basso

## Enumeration

From the 31st of May through to the 9th of June, enumeration of eligible electors was conducted for the constituency's fifty-three (53) polling divisions. Pursuant to section 26 of the Act, constituency enumerators sat on June 24, 1999 to make necessary revisions to the voters' lists. As a result of these efforts, 10,778 Cypress Hills residents were declared eligible to vote, as established on the revised voters' list. In addition, pursuant to section 68 of the Act, eligible electors not included on the revised voters' list were entitled to vote by declaration.

## Polling

On the 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th days of June, five (5) advance polls were conducted in the Cypress Hills constituency. To facilitate electorate participation, special polling stations were established in two (2) hospitals. Regular polling stations were open from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. CST on June 28, 1999, enabling the constituency's 10,778 eligible voters the opportunity to exercise their democratic franchise. Eligible voters unable to attend either a regular, special or advance poll were entitled to vote by absentee ballot.

## **Electoral Results**

Unofficial electoral results were announced on the evening of June 28, 1999, resulting in Mr. Wayne Elhard, Saskatchewan Party, being declared member elect. The New Democratic Party candidate forfeited his deposit, pursuant to section 47 of the Act, for not obtaining at least one half of the total number of valid votes cast for the candidate elected.

On July 10, 1999, the constituency returning officer tabulated the results of votes cast in the advance polls, special provision polls and by absentee ballot. These figures were then reflected in the constituency results concluding the final count. Upon completion of the final count, on July 21, 1999, the constituency returning officer made a Return to the Writ of Election. On August 6, 1999, the Office published in *The Saskatchewan Gazette* (Vol. 95, No. 31) notice of receipt of the Return to the Writ and the name of the candidate elected.

Registered Political Party and Candidate Financial Reporting

Pursuant to section 251 of the Act, audited Registered Political Party's Return of Election Expenses, Form E-524, were required to be filed with the Chief Electoral Officer within six (6) months of polling day (December 29, 1999).

Under section 261 of the Act, candidates were required to file an audited Candidate's Return of Election Expenses, Form E-412, with the constituency returning officer, for subsequent forwarding to the Chief Electoral Officer, within three (3) months of the candidate returned being declared elected (October 11, 1999). Pursuant to the Act, the constituency returning officer published, in prescribed form, a summary of all returns respecting candidate election expenses prior to November 10, 1999.

## i) Registered Political Parties

As a southern constituency, the maximum amount of money that could be spent by a registered political party in the Cypress Hills by-election, as set out in section 243 of the Act, was, (a) the sum of \$33,435.00 or (b) the sum obtained by multiplying the number of voters in the constituency (10,778) by \$2.67, whichever sum was larger. A registered political party that endorsed a candidate who obtained fifteen (15) per cent or more of all valid votes cast in the by-election and whose chief official agent filed a Registered Political Party's Return of Election Expenses, pursuant to section 264 of the Act, was entitled to receive a reimbursement of a portion of its election expenses from the Province's General Revenue Fund. The amount reimbursed to a qualifying political party was the lesser of either (a) \$11,145.00 or (b) one third of its election expenses.

All participating parties in the Cypress Hills by-election filed their duly audited Registered Political Party's Return of Election Expenses on or before December 29, 1999. Contributions made to political parties are not listed in the Registered Political Party's Return of Election Expenses but are set out in each party's fiscal period return, filed in accordance with section 250 of the Act. Appendix II sets out a summary of eligible expenses incurred by the registered political parties in Cypress Hills and the amounts paid in respect of each party who qualified for reimbursement.

### ii) Candidates

Candidates seeking election in Cypress Hills were limited in the amount of money that they could expend. Again, as a southern constituency, a candidate seeking election was entitled to spend, pursuant to section 252 of the Act, either (a) the sum of \$40,122.00 or (b) the sum obtained by multiplying the number of eligible voters in the constituency by \$2.67, whichever sum was larger. A candidate who obtained fifteen (15) per cent or more of all valid votes cast in Cypress Hills and whose business manager filed with the constituency returning officer a Candidate's Return of Election Expenses,<sup>3</sup> pursuant to section 265 of the Act, was entitled to reimbursement of a portion of their eligible election expenses. The amount reimbursed to a qualifying candidate was an amount equal to one half of the candidate's election expenses to a maximum of \$20,061.00.

All candidates filed their returns respecting contributions received and election expenses incurred in the course of the by-election, duly audited, on or before October 11, 1999. On the 11th of February, 2000, the Office published in *The Saskatchewan Gazette* (Vol. 96, No. 6) a summary of candidate contributions received and expenditures incurred in Cypress Hills, as well as the amounts paid in respect of each candidate who qualified for reimbursement. Such contributions, expenditures and reimbursements are reported in Appendix III.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Pursuant to subsection 267(3) of the Act, auditing services rendered in respect of preparation of a report pertaining to a Registered Political Party's Return of Election Expenses is eligible for a maximum reimbursable allowance of \$2,054.00.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Pursuant to subsection 267(6) of the Act, auditing services rendered in respect of preparation of a report pertaining to a Candidate's Return of Election Expenses is eligible for a maximum reimbursable allowance of \$667.00.



## Elections Saskatchewan Expenditures

The total cost of conducting the June 28, 1999 by-election in Cypress Hills was \$122,047.46. This figure is inclusive of, and reported by, administrative and constituency expenditure. See Appendix IV for an itemization of particular expenditures incurred in each of these two categories. Should further constituency expenditure specifics be required, refer to the Detail of Expenditures *The Election Act*, 1996 Provincial Constituencies Fiscal Year 1999-2000, tabled in the Legislative Assembly on October 26, 2000.

## Documentation

Pursuant to section 232 of the Act, the Chief Electoral Officer is obliged to hold, in addition to the information contained in the Register of Political Parties, all original financial particulars concerning registered political parties' fiscal period and election expenses documentation for the purposes of public inspection. Also held are the returns and the original financial documentation regarding individual candidate election expenses, pursuant to section 262 of the Act. Such information is available for public inspection during regular office hours at Elections Saskatchewan.



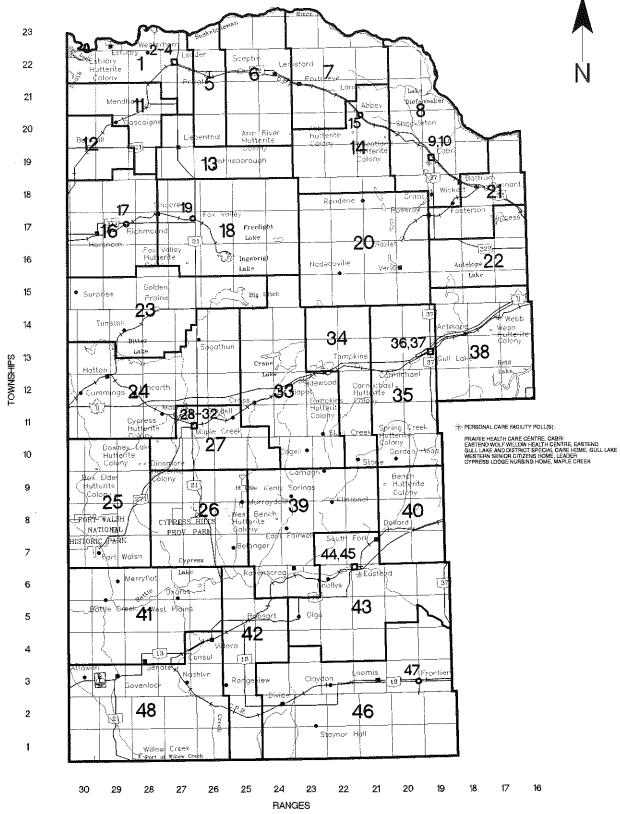
## Election Calendar

Sun	nday		Monday	Tu	esday	Wed	nesday	Th	ursday		Friday	S	aturday
Writ of Elec	ction:		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-34	May 25	-33	May 26	-32	May 27	-31	May 28	-30	May 29
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Maximum W	Writ Period: (3	4 days)	The maximum num (The date fixed for (clause 31(3)(b) an	issuing the V	rit of Election and								
-29	May 30	-28	May 31	-27	Jជne 1	-26	June 2	-25	June 3	-24	June 4	-23	June 5
		Date of is	L. III	eration_		Print election	Proclamation	Eni	meration ———	Begin monit enumerator		Proctamat Returnin	a post election ion g Officer's Office ces in constituency
			s. 31{2}, (3)(b); s. 44										s. 34(3)
-22	June 6	-21	June 7	-20	June 8	-19	June 9	-18	June 10	-17	June 11	-16	June 12
Check complete begin data entry voters' lists				lists (E-200)	econdary voters' to be distributed to tte as available	Enumeration telephone C.E of names enu	O. with number		election of voters to returning officers, d atternates	Voters' Lists Forward 3 c Northern co each polling enumerator; disk copy to 5 copies to		Facsimile/ re: candida • Furnish candidal	to Candidates list of es and enumerators s. 31(3)(b);
-15	June 13	-14	June 14	-13	June 15	-12	June 16	-11	June 17	-10	5(1)(a), (b); s. 139(5) June 18	s. 35(	3); s. 44(1); s. 51(1) June 19
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-8	s. 35; s. 51(2)	-7		-6	s. 25(1)(b)	+5	s. 87(3)	-4	s. 88(3), (5) June 24	-3		-2	1 00
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	s. 68(2)(b)		s. 88(2)(a)		s. 132(a)		s. 132(a)		s. 26; s. 132(a)		s. 132(a)		s. 28(3); s. 132(a)
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							s. 31(3)(f); s. 171						

Vote Summary by Constituency Polling Division: Cypress Hills

Appendix I

	Polling Location			Votes Cast For		B	allots
Poli		Eligible Voters	Barry Thienes L.	Keith Murch N.D.P.	Wayne Elhard Sask.	Total Counted	Rejected
NO.	Name		·····	10	22	36	
1	Leader Rural	111 254	4 23	42	61	126	3
	Leader West	219	15	33	47	95	1
3 4	Leader Centre Leader East	208	19	32	37	88	*
5	Prelate	199	38	31	51	120	-
6	Sceptre	219	11	45	72	128	-
7	Lancer	212	32	67	56	155 119	3
8	Cabri Rural	216	28	54 25	37 29	85	3 1
9	Cabrì North	173	21 23	35 28	41	92	
10	Cabri South	181 106	23 9	5	46	60	-
11	Mendham	288	10	31	128	169	-
12 13	Burstall Liebenthal	109	7.	3	32	42	-
14	Abbey Rural	226	21	38	57	116	1
15	Abbey	127	14	51	28	93	-
16	Richmound Rural	147	8	10	34	52	-
17	Richmound	121	17	12	26 47	55 77	1
18	Fox Valley Rural	215	15	15 31	59	115	_
19	Fox Valley	230	25 39	32	73	144	_
20	Hazlet	280 263	27	27	48	102	2
21	Pennant	162	4	28	31	63	-
22	Success Golden Prairie	165	4	13	54	71	-
23 24	Hatton	232	25	6	72	103	-
25	Maple Creek Rural West	191	7	3	58	68	-
26	Maple Creek Rural East	206	13	11	46	70	1
27	Maple Creek Rural North	271	33	.6	73	112	-
28	Maple Creek East	244	45	40	70 77	155 1 <b>86</b>	_
29	Maple Creek South	331	69	60	57 70	153	2
30	Maple Creek South West	331	56 77	27 23	58	158	_
31	Maple Creek North West	239 323	77 53	50	56	159	1
32	Maple Creek North	323 229	31	15	70	116	-
33	Piapot	312	49	22	79	150	1
34 35	Tompkins Carmichael	299	53	10	58	121	-
36	Gull Lake West	375	85	39	78	202	-
37	Guil Lake East	324	89	21	66	176	•
38	Antelope/Webb	312	52	21	59	132 78	1
39	Ravenscrag	180	18	6	54 56	103	3
40	Dollard	197	33	14 10	81	109	
41	Battle Creek	163 85	18 19	. 6	34	59	-
42	Robsart	85 261 °	27	17	125	.169	
43	Eastend Rural	259	34	41	102	177	
44 45	Eastend North Eastend South	179	21	32	77	130	2
46	Frontier Bural	227	45	12	89	146	
47	Frontier	243	37	14	87	138	1
48	Consul	173	22	7	61	90 5	
	Prairie Health Care Centre, Cabri	18	3	1	1 5	8	
	Eastend Wolf Willow Health Centre, Eastend	23	1	2 2	5	7	
	Gull Lake and District Special Care Home, Gull Lake	34 35	5 6	6	1	13	
	Western Senior Citizens Home, Leader Cypress Lodge Nursing Home, Maple Creek	55 51	2	-	5	7	
	Cabri Advance	<b>5</b> 1	7	19	3	29	
	Eastend Advance		6	9	20	35	
	Gull Lake Advance		22	11	24	57	
	Leader Advance		7	13	18	38	
	Maple Creek Advance		21	15	25	61 7	
	Absentee Ballots		1 3	5 1	1 3	7	
	Hospital/Remand Ballots	10.770			2,958	5,737	25
	Totals	10,778	1,509	1,270	2,000	9,101	
	Candidate Elected - Wayne Elhard	1,449					-
	Plurality % Who Voted	53.46%					
	70 F1110 VOIGG	· <del>_</del> · -	26.30%	22.14%	51.56%		



NOTE: SECOND EDITION

CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES ARE DRAWN PURSUANT TO THE REPRESENTATION ACT, 1994 PUBLISHED BY THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER URBAN MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES AS OF JULY 1, 1993

## SASKATCHEWAN

# Summary of Expenses Incurred and Reimbursements Paid: Registered Political Parties

Registered Political Party	Maximum Expenses Allowable	Petty Expenses	Hire of Premises	Advertising
Liberal	33,435.00	_	· _	
New Democratic Party (N.D.P.)	33,435.00	_	_	_
The Saskatchewan Party	33,435.00	_	<u></u>	-
Totals	100,305.00			

<sup>(</sup>a) Unpaid claims, if paid, are included in the total of expenses used for the calculation of reimbursement; disputed claims are not.

## Appendix II

Amount o Reimbursemen	Total of Expenses	Unpaid or Disputed Claims(a)	Travel and Hire of Vehicle	Goods Supplied	Services
166.6	500.00	_	_		500.00
-	_	_	-		_
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166.6	500.00		<u>-</u> -		500.00



#### SASKATCHEWAN

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

Candidate	Contributions Received	Maximum Expenses Allowable	Candidate's Personal Expenses(a)	Candidate's Campaign Expenses	Petty Expenses	Hire of Premises
Cypress Hills						
(Eligible Voters - 10,778)	31,858.50	40,122.00	_	1.890.00	1.034.72	600.00
Barry Thienes (L.) Keith Murch (N.D.P.)	37,051.10	40,122.00	_	2,003.81	_	420.00
Wayne Elhard (Sask.)	20,478.27	40,122.00	_	1,763.76	1,274.90	390.00
Totals	89,387.87	120,366.00	_	5,657.57	2,309.62	1,410.00

<sup>(</sup>a) Candidate's personal expenses are not included in the total of expenses.

<sup>(</sup>b) Unpaid claims, if paid, are included in the total of expenses used for the calculation of reimbursement; disputed claims are not.

## Appendix III

Advertising	Services	Goods Supplied	Travel and Hire of Vehicle	Unpaid or Disputed Claims(b)	Total of Expenses	Amount of Reimbursement
7,246.82	15,108.84	440,000	535.00	_	26,415.38	13,207.69
6,319.83	21,187.02	3,817.21	_	_	33,747.87	16,873.94
6,033.73	5,646.57	2,620.96	568.80	s <sup>man</sup> .	18,298.72	9,149.36
19,600.38	41,942.43	6,438.17	1,103.80		78,461.97	39,230.99



By-Election: Constituency of Cypress Hills

#### Elections Saskatchewan A) Administration \$13,719.13 (i) Advertising 1,216.80 (ii) Information Technology 205.34 (iii) General Contractual Services 21.10 (iv) Postal/Courier/Freight 88.00 (v) Travel/Business B) Registered Political Parties Reimbursement of Registered Political Parties' Election Expenses 166.67 (ii) Reimbursement of Auditors' Fees 856.00 \$16,273.04 Elections Saskatchewan Expenditure II. Constituency A) Election Officials 4,340.00 (i) Returning Officer 3,000.00 (ii) Election Clerk 15,848.79 (iii) Enumerators 27,280.60 (iv) Polls (Officials/Rental of Space) B) Administration 3,466.47 (i) General Contractual Services 833.50 (ii) Rent of Ground/Buildings/Office Space 2,266.07 (iii) Telephones 28.96 (iv) Miscellaneous Materials/Supplies 103.56 (v) Postal/Courier/Freight 1,043.87 (vi) Advertising 4,054.37 (vii) Printing/Duplicating (Ballots/Proclamation/Voters' List) 2,271.46 (viii) Travel/Business

Constituency Expenditure

Reimbursement of Auditors' Fees

Reimbursement of Candidates' Election Expenses

\$105,774.42

39,230,99

2,001.00

4.78

**Total By-Election Expenditures** 

\$122,047.46

Eligible Voters 10,778

C) Candidates

(iii) Interest

Cost Per Voter \$11.32 (11.323757)

## SASKATCHEWAN Directory of Communities

Community		Community	
Abbey	Village	Sceptre	Village
Abbey	vinage	Senate	Hamlet
Battrum	Hamlet	Shackleton	Village
Burstall	Town	Sidewood	Hamlet
Duistan	10411	South Fork	Hamlet
Cabri	Town	Success	Village
Carmichael	Village		Thago
Consul	Village	Tompkins	Village
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Divide	Hamlet	Verlo	Hamlet
Dollard	Village	Vidora	Hamlet
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Eastend	Town	Webb	Village
Estuary	Hamlet		<b>.</b>
Fox Valley	Village		
Frontier	Village		
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Golden Prairie	Village		
Govenlock	Hamlet		
Gull Lake	Town		
Hatton	Hamlet		
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Horsham	Hamlet		
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_inacre	Hamlet		
_oomis	Hamlet		
Maple Creek	Town		
Mendham	Village		
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Pennant	Village		
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Portreeve	Hamlet		
Prelate	Village		
Ravenscrag	Hamlet		
Richmound	Village		
Robsart	Village		
Roseray	Hamlet		