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<b>ORDER No.</b>	CEO ORDER 2022-011
<b>Date</b>	September 20, 2022
<b>Date Revised</b>	n/app.
<b>Subject</b>	Introducing Extraordinary Voting Measures for Voters in Saskatoon Meewasin By-election
<b>Reference</b>	Sections 89.1 – 89.3 of <i>The Election Act, 1996</i>
<b>Intent</b>	To allow voters who have missed the deadline to apply for Vote by Mail to vote using a modified form of Homebound voting at the discretion of the Chief Electoral Officer

The Chief Electoral Officer has the authority, under section 7 of *The Election Act, 1996* (the *Act*) and section 2 of *The Election Act Regulations* (the *Regulations*) to declare that an emergency exists and that the *Act* does not provide adequate provision to respond to the emergency. These declarations are made through CEO Orders.

There remains a concerning level of COVID-19 infection that requires many individuals to self-isolate in order to prevent further transmission of the disease. The Chief Electoral Officer is therefore of the opinion that an emergency exists and hereby declares that pursuant to section 7 of the *Act* and section 2(2)(c) of the *Regulations*, an emergency exists for which no adequate provision is made by the *Act*. In the opinion of the Chief Electoral Officer, it is necessary and advisable to do the things mentioned in section 7 of the *Act* to safely prepare for and conduct an election.

The Chief Electoral Officer further declares that pursuant to section 7(1)(c) of the *Act* and section 2(2)(a) of the *Regulations*, the current necessity for self-isolation in some circumstances will result in individuals who are in self-isolation after the deadline for applying to vote by mail being unable to attend an advance or election day voting location. This is a circumstance for which no adequate provision is made by the *Act* because the *Act* does not contemplate how individuals may vote when they become unable to attend at a voting location after the September 15, 2022, deadline to apply to vote by mail. The Chief Electoral Officer invokes the emergency powers pursuant to section 7 of the *Act* to respond to the circumstance.

The Chief Electoral Officer hereby orders that sections 89.1 – 89.3 of the *Act*:

- For greater clarity, the definition of “homebound voter” in subsection 89.1(2) will include voters who have missed the September 15, 2022, deadline to apply to vote-by-mail and present evidence satisfactory to the Chief Electoral Officer that they are unable to attend an advance or election day voting location.

- For the purposes of section 89.2 of the *Act*, a person who wishes to be considered a homebound voter for the purpose of Extraordinary Voting shall apply to the Chief Electoral Officer by contacting any Extraordinary Voting Team member at the head office of Elections Saskatchewan.
- The Extraordinary Voting Team member will complete an “Extraordinary Voter Application” form and submit it to the Chief Electoral Officer for approval.
- Before an Extraordinary Voter Application may be approved, it must be confirmed by the Extraordinary Voting Team that the individual is entitled to vote, that the individual is aware they are required to be registered before they will be issued a ballot, the individual has not yet voted, and that the individual will be unable to attend an advance or election day voting location.
- The Extraordinary Voter Application must be made no earlier than 9:00 a.m. on September 16, 2022, and no later than 3:00 p.m. on September 26, 2022.
- Where an Extraordinary Voter Application is approved, the Homebound Voting Team from the Saskatoon Meewasin Returning Office shall schedule an appointment with the voter to deliver and return a homebound voting kit on September 26, 2022, between the hours of 8:00am – 6:00pm. The 6:00pm cut off time has been established so the necessary Poll Book entries (E-160HB) can be completed and used to balance the Ballot Account and Poll Statement (E-168HB) prior to opening the ballot box. Extraordinary votes must not be placed into the same ballot box as the existing Homebound votes.
- The Extraordinary Voting Team shall comply with the voting procedures in section 89.3 of the *Act*, except that voting will occur only on election day, September 26, 2022, and subsections 88.3(2), (3), (5) and (5.1) shall not apply. In addition, ballots marked in accordance with this CEO Order will not be counted with other homebound votes, as stated in section 89.3(10.1) but shall instead be adjudicated and counted on Day+2 in accordance with CEO Order-Piloting Directive 2022-001 Vote by Mail
- The Homebound Voting Team will wear protective face masks when in attendance at a homebound voter’s home and maintain recommended physical distancing. All voting materials, including the voter’s identification will be transmitted to and from the voter using a mailbox or some other mechanism to ensure materials are not passed directly from the voter to the team members.



# CEO Order

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This order is in effect for the Saskatchewan Meewasin by-election, scheduled to be held on September 26, 2022.

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

DR. MICHAEL BODA  
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER  
PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2022