



MEMORANDUM

Office of the
Chief Electoral Officer

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

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Date: Feb. 13, 2018

To: Candidates and Candidate Representatives
Melfort By-Election

Re: Electronic Poll Clerks at Advance Polls

Candidate representatives may notice a difference at advance polls in the Melfort by-election. An additional election officer, the “electronic poll clerk” (EPC), has been added to test an “e-poll book application” in real-time using a computer. Here are a few key points on this work:

- This process is being tested in parallel to the traditional method of maintaining the poll book by hand.
- **The official record of the election will be the physical poll book maintained by the traditional poll clerk.** You can ask to view the poll book when voters are not being served – access is at the discretion of the Deputy Returning Officer.
- Elections Saskatchewan staff may be on hand to provide technical support to the EPC – I have authorized them (per *The Election Act, 1996* section 190(6)) to use cell phones and other communication devices as needed; however, the general ban on the use of cell phones and other portable devices remains in effect.
- Because the use of an e-poll book application is a “proof of concept” process, Elections Saskatchewan will not be sharing the electronic data entered by the EPC with candidates, candidate representatives or registered political parties. Candidate representatives will not be permitted to view the electronic poll book. The work of the electronic poll clerk will be used after the election to study the system to that I might make recommendation on its use in future elections.
- The directions found in the “E-418 Guidelines for Candidates’ Representatives” continue to apply.
- Questions should be directed to the returning office at 306.7526180.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.