



June 13, 2023

The Honourable Randy Weekes
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Chair, Board of Internal Economy
Room 129, Legislative Drive
Regina, SK S4S 0B3

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On April 20, 2023, I submitted a series of seven **Directives of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO Directives)** in anticipation of receiving Orders-in-Council for three pending by-elections. Section 5.1 of *The Election Act, 1996* (the Act) section allows the Chief Electoral Officer to direct the use of “alternate procedures, equipment or technology” during the administration of a by-election.

With today’s letter, I am submitting an additional CEO By-Election Directive.

- **Vote Counting Equipment - Ballot Count Confirmation (CEO By-Election Directive 2023-008):** Outlines a process whereby my office will oversee a confirmation of the ballot count performed by vote counting equipment.

It should be clear, as was the case for the previous seven CEO Directives, that the alternate procedures described in the enclosed CEO Directive will only be implemented should my office be instructed to issue a writ of election at least four weeks following today’s date. It will be in effect for any by-election held on or before September 30, 2023, including the Regina Coronation Park by-election (must be held before August 10, 2023), Lumsden-Morse by-election (must be held before September 10, 2023) and the Regina Walsh Acres by-election (must be held before September 28, 2023).

This will be the first time that vote counting equipment — its use is authorized by CEO By-Election Directive 2023-005 — is used during a provincial election event. It is important that we take this opportunity to verify the accuracy of this equipment while learning how vote counting can be improved in advance of our next general election.

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I also want to ensure that there is no confusion between the enclosed CEO By-Election Directive, which relates to our pending by-elections, and the CEO General Directive I submitted to the Board of Internal Economy yesterday. I would have preferred to leave more time between these two submissions, but the need to prepare for the general election and the four-week window between when my by-election directives must be submitted and when they come in effect, meant that both needed to be sent to you as soon as possible. In the interests of clarity, I have designated the enclosed document as a "CEO By-Election Directive," and will use that language when referring to this set of Directives moving forward.

In accordance with subsection 5.1(4) of the Act, I am also providing a copy of the enclosed CEO By-Election Directive to the province's registered political parties and making a copy available on our website. Should you, or members of the Board of Internal Economy, have questions, I would be happy to provide more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Michael D. Boda". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being the most prominent part.

Michael D. Boda, D.Phil., Ph.D.
Chief Electoral Officer
Province of Saskatchewan

cc: Members of the Board of Internal Economy

