



SASKATOON MEEWASIN VOTERS GUIDE

BY-ELECTION IS MARCH 2

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This guide answers questions about the provincial voting process. It provides information such as who can vote, where and when to vote, and what ID to bring.



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ABOUT BY-ELECTIONS

In our *First Past the Post* system, each eligible voter in the constituency of Saskatoon Meewasin is allowed to cast one vote for one of the candidates in the constituency (known in other provinces as electoral districts, electoral divisions or federally as ridings). The candidate with the most votes wins and they then become a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA).



We have an interactive mapping tool on our website to help you find where to vote in the Saskatoon Meewasin by-election. Simply enter your address and your voting location appears. See more at elections.sk.ca.



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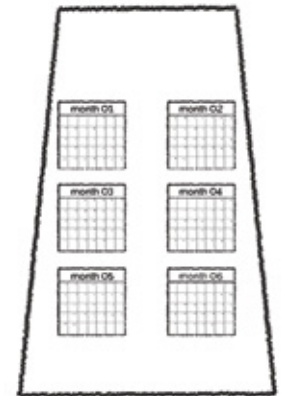
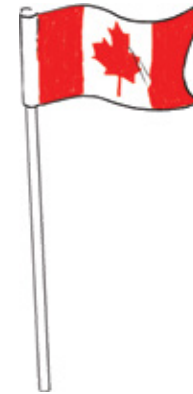
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CAN I VOTE?

To vote in the Saskatoon Meewasin by-election you must:

- Be a Canadian citizen;
- Be at least 18 years old;
- Have lived in Saskatchewan for at least the six months before the day the by-election is called (Aug. 3, 2016);
- Ordinarily be a resident of the constituency of Saskatoon Meewasin.



STUDENTS OR CANADIAN FORCES PERSONNEL VOTING

Saskatoon Meewasin residents who are now studying outside Saskatchewan are eligible to vote, as are students from out of province who are now studying in Saskatchewan and living in the Saskatoon Meewasin constituency.

Active members of the Canadian Forces and their families from the Saskatoon Meewasin constituency and are serving outside the province can vote. Active Canadian Forces members and their families from outside the province currently serving in Saskatchewan and living in the Saskatoon Meewasin constituency are also eligible to vote.

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All eligible voters have the right to:

- Ask for assistance marking your ballot if you are unable to do so;
- Ask your employer for three consecutive hours off work to vote if your work schedule does not provide for three consecutive hours while the polls are open;
- Be registered on the voters list as a voter;
- Decline your ballot and have it recorded as such;
- Have an interpreter assist you;
- Keep your vote secret;
- Request a new ballot if you accidentally damage or spoil the one you have been given;
- Request instruction on how to mark and fold the ballot;
- Request to vote immediately outside the polling place if you are physically unable to enter the polling place;
- Review your own information on the voters list and apply for revisions;
- Vote if you are waiting in line when the polling place closes, and
- Vote privately and free of interference.



REGISTER TO VOTE

Eligible voters in the constituency of Saskatoon Meewasin are reminded to get on the voters list prior to March 2.

If you were registered for last April's general election, and you haven't moved, changed your phone number or any other changes, you are already registered and all set to vote in the Saskatoon Meewasin by-election. However, if your information has changed, or you weren't registered for last April's general election, it's a good idea to get on the voters list. Registering ahead of time ensures you receive a Voter Information Card (VIC) in the mail, and it speeds up your voting experience.

It takes just a minute to register, and can be done over the phone at 1.877.958.8683 or online at www.elections.sk.ca/voterregistration.



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MY VOTER INFORMATION CARD (VIC)

Soon after the by-election is called (also known as dropping of the writ), all registered voters in the constituency of Saskatoon Meewasin will receive a Voter Information Card (VIC) in the mail. A VIC includes key information such as where to vote, when to vote, and what ID to bring when you vote.

If you do not receive a VIC, you are likely not on the voters list.

If everything is correct, you are registered to vote. There is nothing else for you to do. No other action to take (except vote!)

If there is an error on your VIC, or don't receive a VIC before March 2, call us at 1.877.958.8683.

Watch for your VIC in the mail.



This Voter Information Card (VIC) is for:
John Sample
1234 Main Street
Saskatoon, SK

1234567891234

Bring this Voter Information Card and ID with you to vote.

If this information is not correct, update it online at: elections.sk.ca or call: 1-877-958-8683.

Constituency:	Name Goes Here
Polling Division:	Poll Number Goes Here

By-Election Day You vote at: See elections.sk.ca for By-election Day location accessibility

Thursday, March 2, 2017 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. CST	St. Anne School 102 Ravine Court, Saskatoon	
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Advance Voting Days You may vote at any one of the following locations on these dates and times

Friday, February 24, 2017 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.	Ramada Hotel 806 Idylwyld Drive North, Saskatoon
Saturday, February 25, 2017 Noon to 7 p.m.	Saskatoon Kinsmen/Henk Ruys Soccer Centre 219 Primrose Drive, Saskatoon
Sunday, February 26, 2017 Noon to 7 p.m.	
Monday, February 27, 2017 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.	
Tuesday, February 28, 2017 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.	

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WAYS YOU CAN VOTE

Voting on March 2 is just one way to cast a ballot. If you are away from home or busy on by-election day, there are other ways to vote:

VOTE IN ADVANCE

Advance voting is:

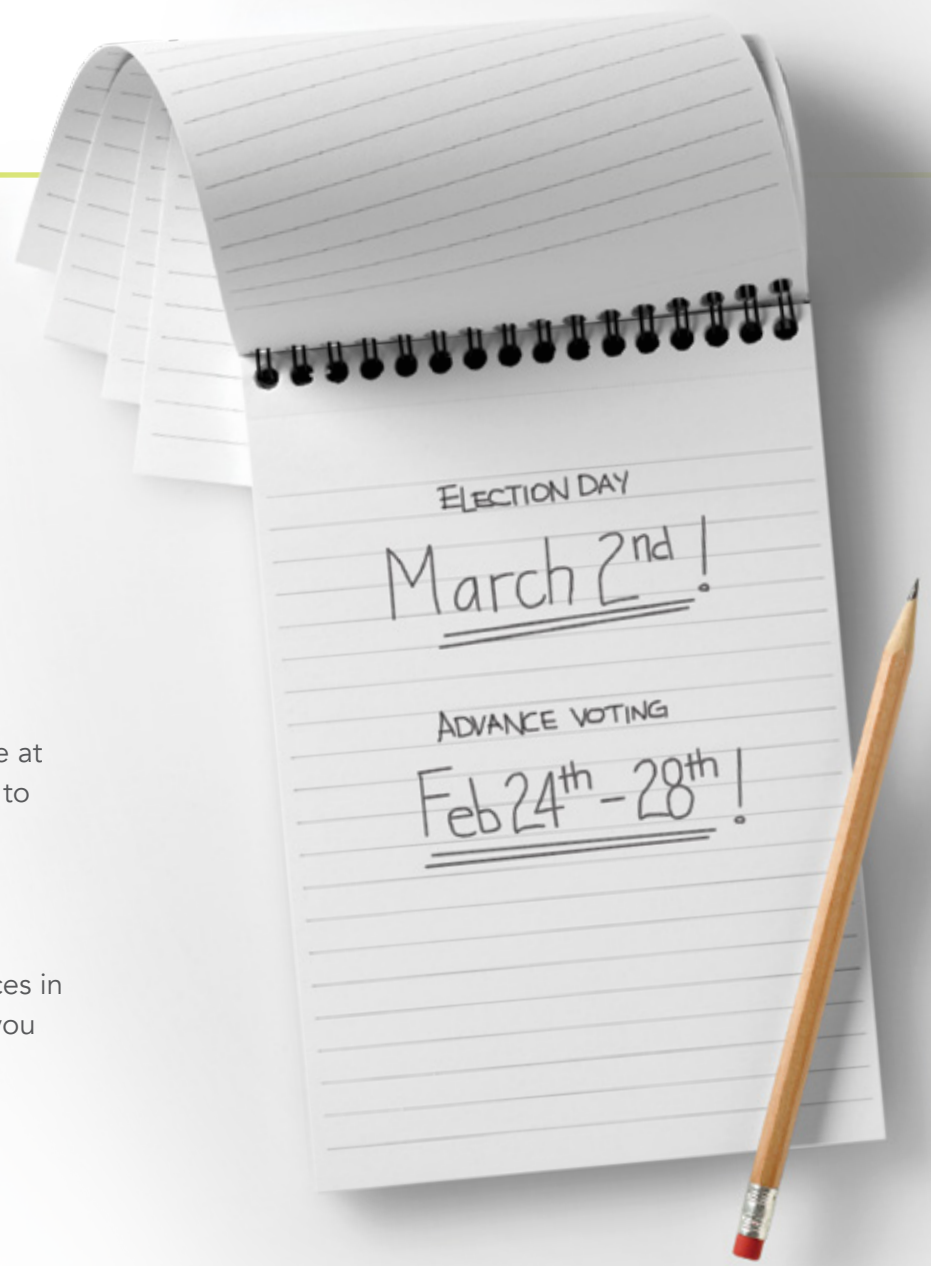
Feb. 24, 27 and 28
3 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Feb. 25 and 26
Noon to 7 p.m.

You can vote at either Saskatoon Kinsmen/Henk Ruys Soccer Centre (219 Primrose Drive) or Ramada Hotel (806 Idylwyld Drive North). You can vote at either advance voting location on any one of these five days. Remember to bring ID.

VOTE ON ELECTION DAY

March 2 is by-election day, the last day to cast your ballot. All voting places in Saskatoon Meewasin are open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. CST. Your VIC tells you where to vote. Bring your VIC and ID with you to vote.



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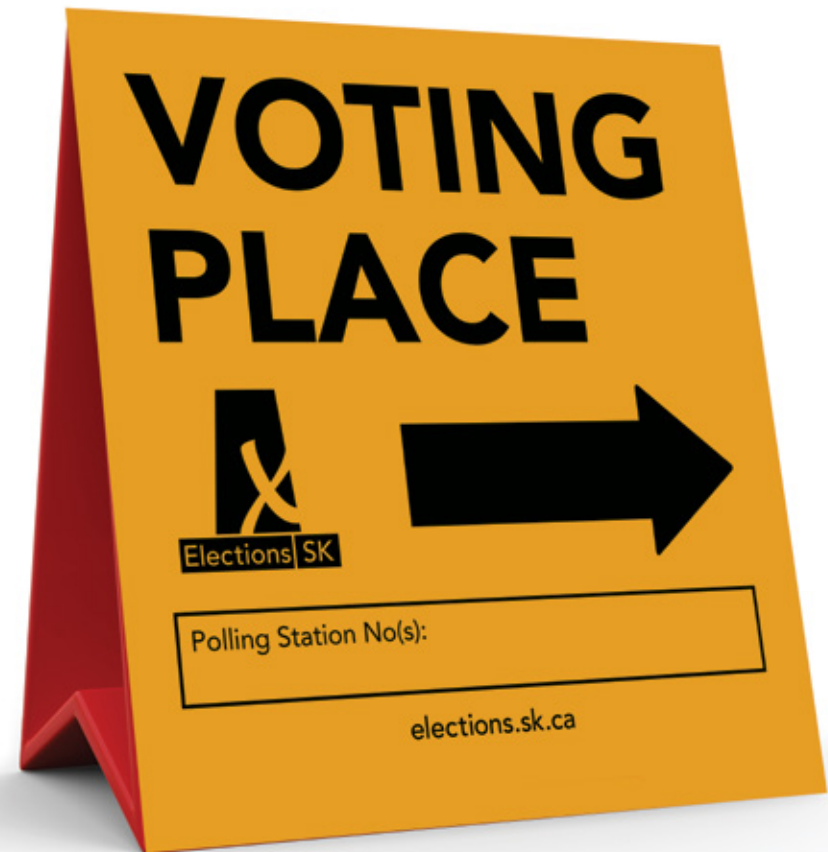
VOTE IN A HOSPITAL

If you are a patient in Saskatoon City Hospital on March 2, and are a resident of the Saskatoon Meewasin constituency, you can vote at the Saskatoon City Hospital poll on March 2.

VOTE IN YOUR HOME

If you are homebound due to a disability, you can complete the application form to have an election worker come to your home so you and your caregiver, if eligible, could both cast a ballot.

Homebound voting is available Feb. 24 to 28. Contact the Saskatoon Meewasin Constituency Office at 306.956.4923 to make an appointment.



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WAYS YOU CAN VOTE

VOTE BY MAIL (ABSENTEE VOTING)

If you are away from your Saskatoon Meewasin home during the by-election you can vote by mail. To vote by mail, you first apply for an absentee ballot. It's important to not wait too long to start this process. You need to allow enough time to:

- download an absentee voter application off our website;
- fill it in (by hand or electronically) and send it to the email address on the application (Saskatoon Meewasin returning officer) along with a copy of your ID;
- wait for a voting kit to arrive to you by mail shortly after the writ drops for the Saskatoon Meewasin by-election; and
- mark your ballot and mail it back to us, postmarked by 8 p.m. on March 2.

As well, if you are still at home, but will be away during advance polls and on by-election day, please visit the Saskatoon Meewasin Returning Office after the writ drops and you can vote by absentee ballot at that time.



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ID YOU NEED

YOU MUST SHOW ID TO VOTE IN THE SASKATOON MEEWASIN BY-ELECTION.

THIS PROVES BOTH YOUR IDENTITY (NAME) AND ADDRESS.

You have three options:

1. A driver's licence, or other government-issued ID that has both your name, photo and address. This must be your civic/residential address, legal land description, lot/block/plan or First Nation reserve.
2. Show two pieces of ID, both must have your name and one must have your address. For example, your health card and a utility bill. There are more than 50 acceptable documents. They are listed on the next page of this guide, on your VIC, and on our website at elections.sk.ca/bringID.
3. At the voting station, you sign a declaration, and a registered voter from the Saskatoon Meewasin constituency, such as a neighbour or roommate, may vouch for you. Each person can only vouch for one other individual.



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ACCEPTABLE ID

Proof of Identity	
Birth Certificate	Hospital Bracelet
Canada Border Services Agency ID	Indian Status Card
Canadian Blood Services Donor Card	Métis Nation Status Card
Canadian Forces ID	Old Age Security (OAS) Card
Canadian Passport	Other ID (Government, Municipality, School Division, Indian Band)
CATSA ID	Parole Card
CIC Citizenship Card	Passport of a Foreign State
CNIB ID Card	Pleasure Craft Operators Licence
Credit Card	Radio Operator Card
Debit Card	Social Insurance Card
Driver's Licence (Saskatchewan)	Student Card from Post-Secondary Institution
Firearms Possession Licence	Union ID
Fishing, Trapping, Hunting Licence	Veterans Affairs Health Card
Government Employee Card	Voter Information Card
Health Card (Saskatchewan)	Wildlife Certificate

Proof of Address	
Admission Form (Shelter, Student, Seniors Residence)	Insurance Policy
Attestation of Residence	Letter of Authorization from a First Nations Band
Bank Statement	Letter of Stay (Shelter, Student, Seniors Residence)
Blank Cheque with the Voter's Name	Mortgage or Lease Statement
Certificate of Title	Pension Statement
Cheque (Government, Municipality, School Division, Indian Band)	Post-Secondary Mail
Credit Card Statement	Property Tax Assessment
Crop Insurance Statement	Public Guardian or Trustee Letter
Court Document	Utility Bill (telephone, power, cable)
Employer Paycheque	Vehicle Registration
Government Benefits Statement (Employment Insurance, OAS, Social Assistance, Disability Support, Child Tax Benefit, Workers' Compensation)	Voter Information Card from a Saskatchewan Municipality
Income Tax Assessment	

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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU GO TO VOTE?

1. When you arrive at your voting location, an election worker greets you and directs you to the right table.
2. Here you show your ID and your name is crossed off the voters list.
3. You are handed a ballot.
4. Go behind a voting screen to vote in private. Mark one candidate with an X. You only vote once. Fold your ballot to keep it secret.
5. Hand it back to an election worker, who will show you what ballot box to put it in.

You're done. Congratulations on casting your ballot! Remember to check the results after 8 p.m. on March 2 on our website.



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HOW DO I MARK MY BALLOT?

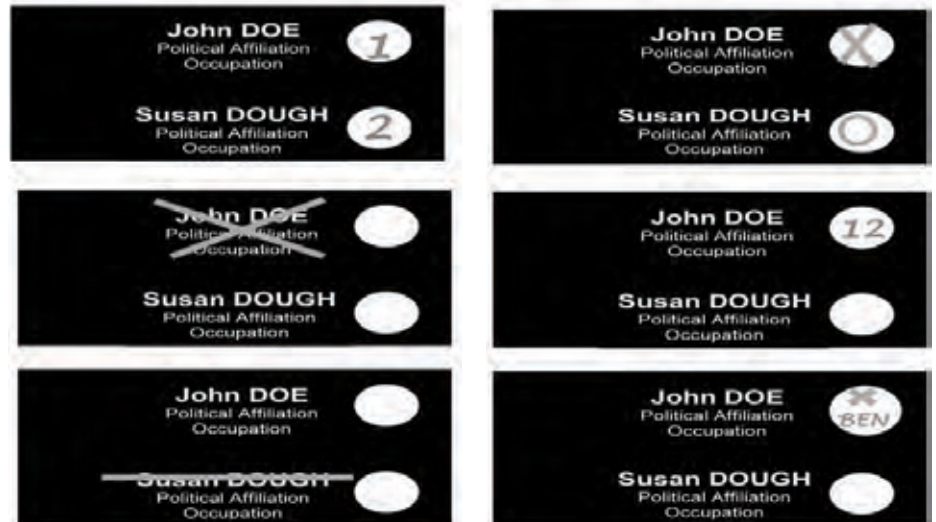
Counting the ballots is an important part of by-election day. Ballots must clearly show who you voted for. Use the pencil provided to make only one mark on your ballot. Keep your mark inside the white circle just to the right of the candidate's name. An X is best, but any mark will be accepted as long as there is only one mark in the circle, and in no way can the mark identify the voter.



Examples of **ACCEPTED** ballots include the following:



Examples of **REJECTED** ballots include:



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ASSISTANCE IN VOTING

We are committed to including all Saskatoon Meewasin residents in the voting process. All election workers are able to provide voters with assistance when voting. All voting places in this by-election meet our mandatory accessibility criteria.

Here are some of the tools and services we offer on March 2 at your voting place:

- wheelchair access
- parking near entrances for voters with disabilities
- adequate lighting, or additional lighting behind the voting screens
- pencil grips
- magnifiers
- a tactile and Braille voting template that fits on top of a ballot
- assistance marking the ballot and depositing it

If voting in advance or on by-election day does not work for you, there are other voting options listed in this guide under Ways to Vote on page 7 of this guide. These include voting at home, voting by mail and voting at a hospital.



For more information on your voting options, contact your constituency returning office.

Watch or listen to our video on our YouTube channel for how we make voting accessible.

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WORKING BY-ELECTION DAY

Saskatchewan citizens play a key role in supporting democracy by offering their time to work on elections. Working on election day is a great way to build your network (and your resume), reconnect with friends, and get paid while doing so!

We need about 200 workers to help run the Saskatoon Meewasin by-election. There are many different jobs during a by-election, such as an information officer, deputy returning officer, poll clerk and registration officer. See our website for the duties of all these jobs.

To see what jobs may still be available, **call 1.877.958.8683.**



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A VOTER'S CHECKLIST



- Check ahead of time if you're registered at **elections.sk.ca** or by calling 1.877.958.8683. (see page 4)
- Watch for your Voter Information Card (VIC) in the mail. (see page 5)
If you do not receive your card, call 1.877.958.8683.
- Find the candidates in your constituency on our website.
- Choose one of the voting options. (see pages 6-8)
- Bring ID to vote. Check the list of acceptable ID on our website. (see page 10)

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on voting in the Saskatoon Meewasin by-election:

- Visit **elections.sk.ca**
- Call 1.877.958.8683
- Follow us on Twitter @ElectionsSask and #SKVOTES
- See our YouTube channel for videos on voting in Saskatchewan
- Visit your constituency returning office and speak to an election worker

"Saskatchewan's tradition of democracy is essential to everything we do. Whether you are a voter, by-election day worker or candidate, I look forward to your participation in the constituency of Saskatoon Meewasin by-election."



Dr. Michael Boda
Chief Electoral Officer
Province of Saskatchewan



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