

ELECTIONS SASKATCHEWAN



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Below are a few pertinent messages to pass along to your teams.

Combining of Polls – Constituency of Cumberland

I want to provide you with information on several locations in the Constituency of Cumberland: These locations are:

- Jonas Roberts Memorial Community Centre, Lac La Ronge First Nation
- Stanley Mission Band Hall, Stanley Mission
- Denare Plex, Denare Beach
- Veterans Hall, Cumberland House
- Gary Morin Memorial Hall, Sandy Bay
- Deschambault Lake Band Office, Deschambault Lake

These locations all had several polls assigned to them but the voters were not distributed equally. To correct this, all polls were combined and then split into separate polls after the final voters list was produced and distributed.

Because the voters lists were ordered by address and not alphabetically, the original voters lists were combined, new sequence numbers were assigned to all voters and then the lists were split by last name. New bingo sheets and a new voters list has been produced and provided to scrutineers. A new data extract is available and can be provided via our FTP site or on a USB drive. If you are interested, please contact Jordan Arendt at Jordan.Arendt@elections.sk.ca.

Use of Section 7 Powers – Extension of Poll Hours

Three out of a total of 2,945 polling stations operating across Saskatchewan today did not open on time at 9 a.m.:

- Constituency of Carrot River Valley, Shoal Lake Wacihk Education Complex on Shoal Lake First Nation opened at 10 a.m.;
- Constituency of Cumberland, Pelican Narrows LCA Hall in Pelican Narrows opened at 10 a.m.;

- Constituency of Saskatoon Centre, St. Edward School, Saskatoon opened at 9:30 a.m.

I am of the opinion that these circumstances could result in a substantial number of voters being unable to vote. Given the circumstances, I am authorizing that the locations in Shoal Lake and Pelican Narrows remain open for an additional hour and that the location in Saskatoon remain open for an additional 30 minutes. This will ensure these voters assigned to these locations are provided the same opportunity and service that every other voter in the province has been provided.

I am authorizing these extensions under the powers found in Section 7(2)(b) of *The Election Act, 1996*. Please accept this as my formal notice to you under Section 7(3) of the Act. I would ask you to provide this information to your candidates in those constituencies as well. In accordance with the Act, I will issue a formal report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly within 60 days.

The extension of time in these three locations will not affect the close of other polls across the province at 8 p.m. nor the process for the counting of votes and reporting of results.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. Should any other issues emerge, I will be in contact through a Communique.



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