

**STATUTORY
REPORT
OF THE
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER
ON THE
PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE
BY-ELECTION**

SEPTEMBER 30, 1997



March 6, 1998

The Honourable Louise Dacquay
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Room 244 Legislative Building
Winnipeg, Manitoba
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Dear Madame Speaker:

I have the honour of submitting my Statutory Report on the conduct of the September 30, 1997 by-election in the electoral division of Portage la Prairie. This report is submitted pursuant to subsection 10(2) of *The Elections Act*, which states that the Speaker shall cause the report to be laid before the Assembly forthwith if the Assembly is in session and if the Assembly is not in session, within 15 days of the beginning of the next ensuing session.

This report includes detailed election results pursuant to subsection 142(2) of *The Elections Act*, as well as financial administration costs concerning the by-election.

Respectfully yours,

Richard D. Balasko
Chief Electoral Officer

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I. BY-ELECTION SUMMARY

Subsection 142(2) of *The Elections Act* requires that the Chief Electoral Officer shall publish a book containing poll by poll results of the by-election. In this report you will find the poll by poll results for the September 30, 1997 provincial by-election held in the electoral division of Portage la Prairie, as well as other by-election related information as set out in the Table of Contents.

The resignation of Brian Pallister effective April 28, 1997 resulted in a vacancy in the electoral division of Portage la Prairie.

On August 26, 1997, pursuant to an Order-in-Council dated the same day, a Writ of Election for the by-election was issued by the Chief Electoral Officer to Glenn Waldvogel, Returning Officer for the electoral division of Portage la Prairie ordering that the by-election be held on September 30, 1997.

The boundaries of the electoral division of Portage la Prairie were the same as in the 1995 provincial general election (as established in 1988 under *The Electoral Divisions Act*). Maps showing the electoral division boundaries and written descriptions of the polling subdivision boundaries are included in this report.

Prior to polling day, registration of voters took place at enumeration completed September 6, 1997 and at revision September 12 and 13, 1997. Any eligible voter whose name was not on the voters' list was also able to be registered at an advance poll or on polling day by swearing an oath at the poll and producing two pieces of identification. In total, 11,780 voters were registered to vote in the electoral division of Portage la Prairie. The number of voters registered by these means of registration are shown below:

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE ELECTORAL DIVISION		
Method of Registration	Number of Voters	Percent
Enumeration	11,420	96.94
Special Enumeration	32	.27
Revision*	95	.81
Sworn on at Polls	233	1.98
TOTAL	11,780	100.00%

* Net amount of all additions and deletions at Revision

Nominations of candidates closed on September 9, 1997. Five candidates were nominated.

Ballots are cast at advance polls and on polling day. Advance polls were held in the

Portage la Prairie electoral division on September 13, 17, 20, 22, and 25, 1997. As well, there was advance voting in the Portage la Prairie Returning Office on September 15, 16, 18, 19, 23, 24, 26, and 27, 1997.

Polling day was September 30, 1997. In the Portage la Prairie electoral division, 45 regular polls were established, two polls were established at the Manitoba Developmental Centre and one moving poll was established for the Agassiz Youth Centre, the Portage Correctional Institution and the Portage and District General Hospital. Voters who were unable to go in person to the polling place or advance poll because of a physical disability were eligible to vote by mail ballot.

The voter turnout in the electoral division of Portage la Prairie was 55.27% with 6,511 voters having voted. At the count in the Portage la Prairie electoral division, 15 ballots were rejected as invalid and 3 ballots were discarded leaving a total of 6,493 valid ballots counted. In addition, 2 voters appeared at the polls and declined to vote.

The number of voters using the various polling methods are shown in the following table:

VOTING BY TYPE OF POLL		
Portage la Prairie Electoral Division		
Polls	Number	Percent
Regular Advance	206	3.16
Returning Office Advance	220	3.38
Regular Polls	6,009	92.29
Manitoba Developmental Centre	42	.65
Agassiz Centre, Portage Correctional Institution, Portage District and General Hospital	22	.34
Mail	12	.18
Total	6,511	100.00%

This is the third by-election period in which persons who are patients in institutions for the mentally challenged had the right to vote. These persons became enfranchised during the 1990 general election as a result of a decision of the Court of Queen's Bench on August 29, 1990. *The Elections Act* has not been amended since 1990, therefore, the procedures for voting in these institutions are not prescribed in *The Elections Act*. As a result, the Chief Electoral Officer has exercised discretionary power as provided under *The Elections Act* in order to permit voting.

Enumeration was conducted at the Manitoba Developmental Centre during the

enumeration period. A moving poll was held in the institution on polling day. Polls were set up in a stationary place during part of the day and moved from ward to ward for another part of the day. Registered voters and turnout are shown in the following table:

Institution	Registered Voters	No. Voting	Percent
Manitoba Developmental Centre	508	42	8.3%

On March 12, 1986 and again on August 24, 1990, subsection 31(d) of *The Elections Act* which disqualified prisoners from voting was declared invalid by the Court. Therefore, as in the 1988, 1990, and 1995 provincial general elections, prisoners serving a sentence in the electoral division during the by-election were enfranchised. In the Portage la Prairie electoral division there are two correctional institutions.

The Agassiz Youth Centre had no voters eligible to vote in this by-election. Most of the population of the centre is less than 18 years of age. Those more than 18 years of age resided in an electoral division other than Portage la Prairie before their incarceration and therefore were ineligible to vote in the Portage la Prairie by-election.

The Portage Correctional Institution had only two voters eligible to vote in this by-election. Of the two eligible voters, one exercised the right to vote at the moving poll. A few of the population are less than 18 years of age. The rest of the population, which is more than 18 years of age, had resided in an electoral division other than Portage la Prairie before their incarceration and therefore were ineligible to vote in the Portage la Prairie by-election.

The Chief Electoral Officer published notice of returns from the Portage la Prairie electoral division in the Manitoba Gazette on October 25, 1997. There was no judicial recount.

At the time of the by-election, there were four registered political parties in the province.

**REGISTERED PROVINCIAL POLITICAL PARTIES
AT THE TIME OF THE CALL OF THE PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE BY-ELECTION**

Political Party	Date of Registration
Liberal Party in Manitoba	December 12, 1980
Libertarian Party of Manitoba	March 9, 1988
New Democratic Party of Manitoba	November 17, 1980
The Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba	November 25, 1980

The name and political party endorsement of all candidates in the provincial by-election in the Portage la Prairie electoral division, the number of votes received for each candidate as well as the percentage of votes cast is shown in the table below.

SUMMARY OF VOTES RECEIVED PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE ELECTORAL DIVISION			
Candidate	Party*	Votes Received	Percent of Votes Cast
David Fauschou	PC	2,422	37.20
Warren Goodwin	Ind	1,025	15.74
Connie Gretsinger	NDP	1,340	20.58
Ralph L. Jackson	Ind	49	0.75
Dave Quinn	Lib	1,657	25.45

Legend*

Ind	Independent
Lib.	Liberal Party in Manitoba
NDP	New Democratic Party of Manitoba
PC	The Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba

The Summary of Results for the electoral division of Portage la Prairie as seen below indicates the member elected, the number of registered voters, the number of votes cast, the percentage turnout, the number of votes for each party where the party endorsed a candidate, the number of rejected ballots and the plurality.

PROVINCIAL BY-ELECTION, ELECTORAL DIVISION OF PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE September 30, 1997 Summary of Results											
Member Elected	Registered Voters	Votes Cast	% Turnout	Ind.¹	Ind.²	Lib.	NDP	PC	Dis-carded	Re-jected	Plur-ality
David Fauschou	11,780	6511	55.27	1,025	49	1,657	1,340	2,422	3	15	765

Legend

Ind. ¹	Warren Goodwin
Ind. ²	Ralph L. Jackson
Lib.	Liberal Party in Manitoba
NDP	New Democratic Party of Manitoba
PC	The Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba

The poll by poll results, the polling subdivision maps, and the polling subdivision

descriptions are contained in Section IV of this report.

The Standing of Parties at the call of (August 26, 1997) and after (September 30, 1997) the Portage la Prairie by-election are as follows:

	As at August 26, 1997	After September 30, 1997
The Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba	30	31
New Democratic Party of Manitoba	23	23
Liberal Party in Manitoba	3	3
Independent	0	0
Vacant	1	0

II. INNOVATIONS IN ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

There were a number of new policies and projects that were implemented or piloted during the by-election.

Personal Security Policies

This was the first provincial election in which the personal security provisions which were passed by the Legislature in June 1995 were in force. Newspaper and radio advertisements contained information on the new personal security provisions as per the new legislation. Information on personal security provisions was also provided on the Internet site and in the information left at each household. For the first time voters' lists were not posted. Voters who were concerned with their personal security were able to vote without having their name or personal information appear on election records. During the by-election two individuals applied under the personal security provisions, and one individual cast a ballot.

Voters' List Automation

The piloting of software to automate the voters' list compiled by enumeration was an important focus in this by-election. An enumeration template was developed on diskette to allow enumerators to data enter voters' list information and produce a printed copy of the voters' list, rather than producing a typewritten list. This template allowed for the creation of a data base of voter information as well as printed lists for use by the candidates, and for the sharing of information with other electoral agencies as provided for in *The Elections Act*.

Enumerators were very enthusiastic about the prospect of using the computer to create the voters' list even though many had little previous computer knowledge or experience. The enumeration template was piloted in three different ways. Twelve enumerators took the template home, loaded the program and entered the data there; fifteen enumerators (who did not have access to a home computer) used computers provided in the returning office; fifteen enumerators turned in their enumeration records to the returning office where data entry was performed by office data entry operators. Several enumerators typed their lists which were subsequently data entered. The voters' list was then printed at the returning office, and diskettes of the data prepared for the candidates.

The revised voters' list and accompanying diskette were also prepared in the returning office using revision software. Following polling day, the voters' list was completed by data entering all voters who swore onto the polls during the period of advance poll voting and on polling day. Quality assurance tests are being run on this list using the federal voters' list for Portage la Prairie from the June 2, 1997 federal general election.

From this experience, specifications and resource requirements for the possible automation of the voters' list for a general election can be determined, along with

operational practices to streamline the process. The data base for Portage la Prairie will also facilitate the effective reuse of the list for provincial purposes within one year and use by other authorized electoral authorities both as provided for in *The Elections Act*. An automated list in this format will facilitate considerable efficiencies in the event of reuse.

Internet Information

This is the first by-election where the Internet was used extensively as a public information tool. Throughout the by-election, information was posted on an Internet site through the Elections Manitoba web page. Information on the returning office, key election dates and general voter information was available, as well as press releases. The unofficial election results were posted in the Internet on polling day, with official results available following the announcement by the returning officer.

Communications Initiatives

A household information pamphlet with key election information and dates was distributed to each household by the enumerators. This “householder” was a new piece of public communication designed to supplement current advertising to ensure that each household was left with the important election information.

Community Presentations

Local literacy groups and the local colleges were contacted to inform them of the availability of an Elections Manitoba staff member to give a presentation on basic facts about the voting process. (Similar to the Schools Program presentations which have been functioning for many years). Four groups requested and received a presentation as well as a simulation kit and photo stories on the electoral process among other materials. A favourable response was received from the instructors and students. Other groups noted the information and may use it for future literacy classes or request a presentation at the time of a general election.

III. CAMPAIGN FINANCES

Official Agent Information Session

An information session was held in Portage la Prairie during the second week of the by-election. The purpose of the session was to outline the requirements and responsibilities of an Official Agent under *The Elections Finances Act*. Three of five Official Agents attended. The session consisted of a presentation, distribution of materials and information, and a question period. Information sessions, telephone inquiry support and mailings for Official Agents are very important ways to provide necessary information and support especially for those whose only involvement with *The Elections Finances Act* occurs when an election is called.

Financial Statements

The filing deadline is January 2, 1998 for candidates and registered political parties to file election financial statements unless an extension to the deadline is requested and granted. Financial statements are reviewed to ensure that they comply with *The Elections Finances Act* in particular that spending does not exceed the advertising and the overall spending limits. Candidates and registered political parties that received 10% or more of the valid votes cast are eligible to receive a reimbursement of 50% of actual election expenses. Financial statements may be inspected by the public at Elections Manitoba after the statements have been filed. After the final review, the financial statements will be available in summary form on our Web site at www.mbnet.mb.ca/elections and in the 1997 statutory report under *The Elections Finances Act*.

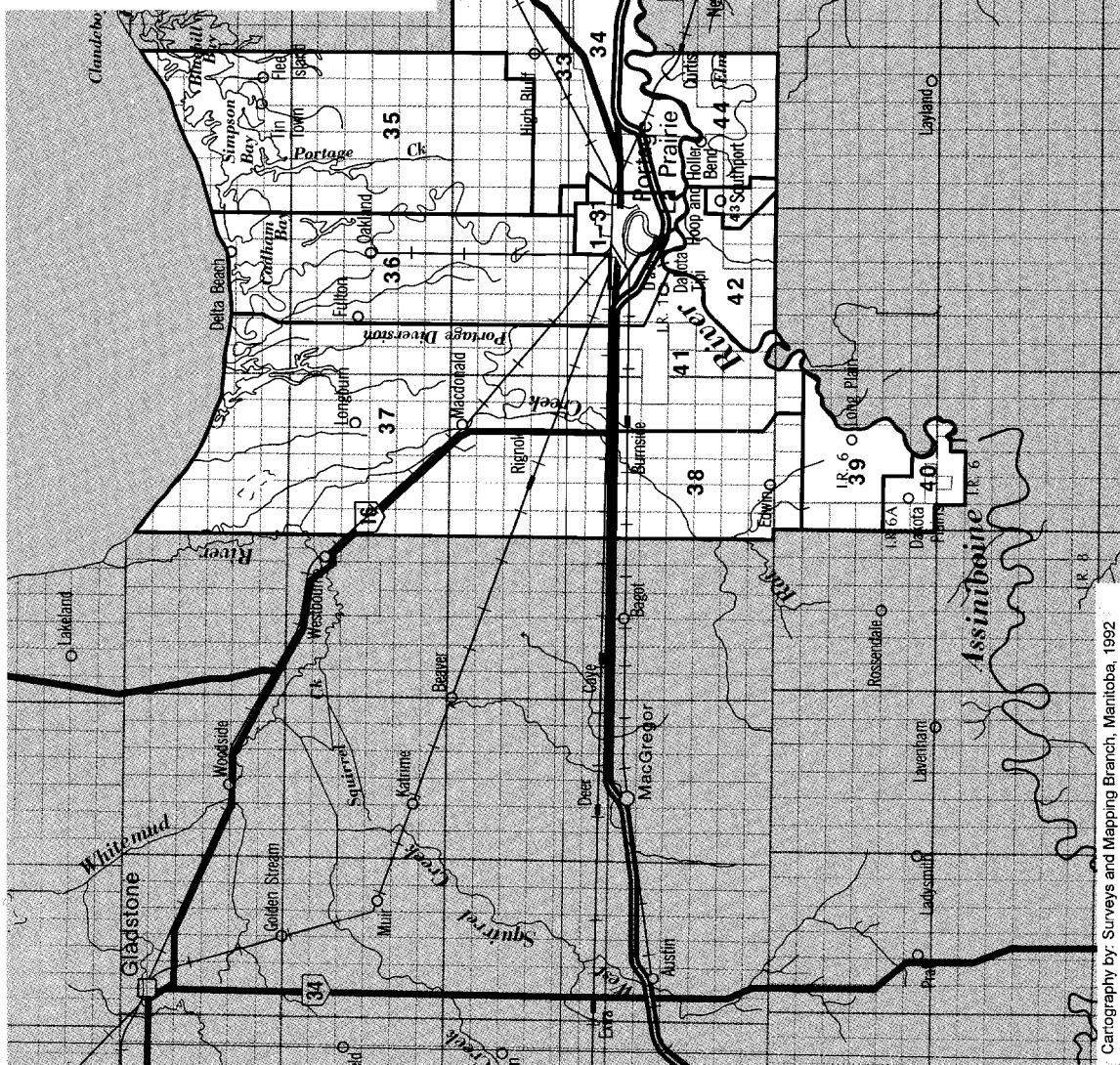
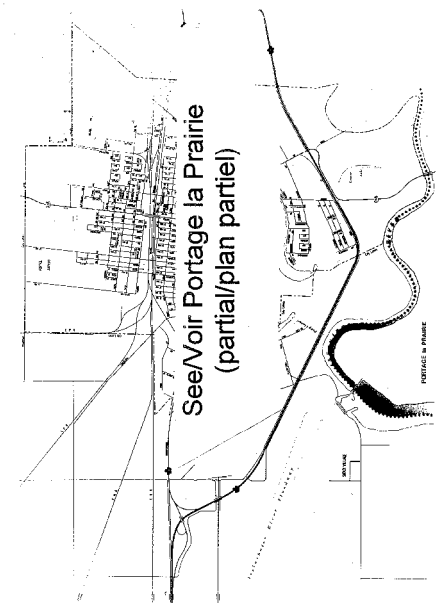
IV.
 ELECTORAL DIVISION OF PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE
 September 30, 1997

Polling Place	No.	Faurschou, David PC	Goodwin, Warren Independent	Gretsinger, Connie NDP	Jackson, Ralph L. Independent	Quinn, Dave Liberal	Discarded Rejected	Total Ballots Cast	Total Registered Voters
Douglas Campbell Lodge	1	33	24	18	0	17		82	158
Crescentview School	2A	39	15	18	0	70		142	220
Crescentview School	2B	60	16	15	0	47		138	214
Crescentview School	3	115	11	9	0	54		189	263
Crescentview School	4	92	16	22	0	81		211	317
Crescentview School	5A	51	19	33	0	45		148	250
Crescentview School	5B	45	13	16	0	49		123	182
Douglas Campbell Lodge	6	45	20	17	2	21		105	177
Lions Prairie Manor	7	46	19	39	3	37		144	321
Victoria School	8	62	22	37	2	63		186	293
Victoria School	9/10	56	22	35	1	28		142	275
Portage Collegiate Institute	11	49	7	25	0	30	1	112	231
Oaktree Towers	12	75	27	32	1	54		189	288
Oaktree Towers	13	40	17	20	0	23		100	162
ARC Industries	14	32	13	14	0	30		89	125
Yellowquill School	15	70	20	19	0	32		141	217
Highway Tabernacle	16	34	24	26	0	39		123	230
McKenzie United Church	17	41	26	41	0	27		135	263
McKenzie United Church	18	48	32	34	5	27		146	274
McKenzie United Church	19	49	24	30	0	47	1	151	322
Oddfellows Hall	20	42	33	29	1	41	1	147	263
Glesby Centre	21	39	21	69	2	48	1	180	387
Glesby Centre	22	27	17	29	1	53		127	245
North Memorial School	23	24	11	27	1	29		92	228
North Memorial School	24	29	54	37	6	39		165	382
North Memorial School	25	28	19	51	1	45		144	287
Portage Centennial Arena	26	34	16	57	1	40		148	283
LaVerendrye School	27	46	19	29	2	41	1	138	270
LaVerendrye School	28	39	23	28	1	42		133	242

IV.

ELECTORAL DIVISION OF PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE -- continued
September 30, 1997

Polling Place	No.	Faurschou, David PC	Goodwin, Warren Independent	Gretsinger, Connie NDP	Jackson, Ralph L. Independent	Quinn, Dave Liberal	Discarded	Rejected	Total Ballots Cast	Total Registered Voters
LaVerendrye School	29	27	17	20	0	23			87	176
LaVerendrye School	30	69	36	55	0	72	1		233	403
LaVerendrye School	31	30	9	36	0	20	1		96	190
North Memorial School	32	43	22	31	0	26		1	123	218
High Bluff Community Hall	33	107	29	24	1	16			177	286
Portage Christian Ministry (The Gathering Place)	34	56	38	24	0	21			139	258
High Bluff Community Hall	35	41	25	8	2	10			86	152
Oakland Recreation Club	36	82	32	14	5	19		1	153	324
Macdonald Hall	37	122	21	13	1	16			173	296
Edwin Hall	38	41	12	18	0	18			89	146
Long Plain Fire Hall	39	15	1	55	0	3			74	368
Long Plain Fire Hall	40	2	0	10	1	1			14	61
Yellowquill School	41	85	29	45	1	23		2	185	325
Gainsborough Hall	42	32	41	20	0	19			112	278
Curtis Ridge Hall	43	12	17	3	0	13			45	178
Curtis Ridge Hall	44	49	42	30	2	30			153	244
MDC (Activity Centre)	45	5	3	8	2	4		2	24	243
MDC (Activity Centre)	46	5	1	4	4	1		3	18	265
Moving Poll		6	1	9	0	6			22	Nil
RETURNING OFFICER Advance		118	17	31	0	52		2	220	Nil
Regular Advance		82	32	33	0	59			206	Nil
Mail-In		3	0	3	0	6			12	Nil
TOTAL		2422	1025	1340	49	1657	3	15	6511	11780



Moving Polls/Bureaux de scrutin itinérants
 - Portage General Hospital/Hôpital général du district de Portage
 - Portage Correctional Institution/Etablissement de correction de Portage
 - Agassiz Youth Centre/Centre Agassiz pour la jeunesse

ELECTORAL DIVISION / CIRCONSCRIPTION ÉLECTORALE
PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE
 POLLING SUBDIVISIONS / SECTIONS DE
 VOTE DE LA CIRCONSCRIPTION ÉLECTORALE



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Electoral Division of Portage la Prairie Polling Subdivision Boundaries, August, 1997

Polling Subdivision	Description: All boundaries follow the centre line of the street, unless otherwise specified, comprising an area bounded as follows:	Polling Place
1	North - Dufferin Avenue and its projection East - City Limits South - Assiniboine River West - City Limits, #1 Hwy, River Rd, 9th St. S.E. and its projection	Douglas Campbell Lodge
2	North - Garrioch Creek, Bridge Road, Meighen Ave East - River Road South - #1 Highway West - City Limits	Crescentview School
3	North - Crescent Lake East - Roe St and its projection, Radisson Ave, Armstrong St and its projection South - Garrioch Creek West - Crescent Lake	Crescentview School
4	North - Radisson Avenue East - Roe St and its projection to Garrioch Creek South - Garrioch Creek West - Armstrong St and its projection	Crescentview School
5	North - Crescent Lake East - River Road, Bridge Road South - Meighen Ave, Garrioch Creek West - Roe St and its projection	Crescentview School
6	North - Dufferin Ave E East - 9th St. S.E. and its projection South - Crescent Lake West - 5th St. S.E. and its projection	Douglas Campbell Lodge
7	North - Saskatchewan Ave E East - City Limits (including Lions Prairie Manor) South - Dufferin Ave. E. and its projection West - 5th St. S.E.	Lions Prairie Manor
8	North - Saskatchewan Ave. E. East - 5th St. S.E. and its projection South - Crescent Lake West - 3rd St. S.E. and its projection, Dufferin Ave. E., 4th St. S.E.	Victoria School
9	North - Saskatchewan Ave E East - 4th St. S.E. South - Dufferin Ave. E., 3rd St. S.E., Dufferin Ave. W. West - Royal Road S.E.	Victoria School
10	North - Dufferin Ave. W. East - 3rd St. S.E., Crescent Lake South - City Limits (including Island Park) West - Royal Road S.E., Crescent Lake	Victoria School
11	North - Saskatchewan Ave. W. East - Royal Rd S.E. South - Crescent Lake West - 4th St. S.W. and its projection	Portage Collegiate Institute

Polling Subdivision	Description: All boundaries follow the centre line of the street, unless otherwise specified, comprising an area bounded as follows:	Polling Place
12	North - Saskatchewan Ave. W. East - 4th St. S.W. and its projection South - Crescent Lake West - 9th St. S.W. and its projection	Oaktree Towers
13	North - Saskatchewan Ave. W. East - 9th St. S.W. and its projection South - Crescent Lake West - 13th St. S.W. and its projection	Oaktree Towers
14	North - Saskatchewan Ave. W. East - 13th St. S.W. and its projection South - Crescent Lake West - 18th St. S.W. and its projection	ARC Industries
15	North - Hwy 1A, Saskatchewan Ave. W. East - 18th S.W. and its projection South - Crescent Lake West - City Limits	Yellowquill School
16	North - City Limits, C.N.R. line East - 16th St. N.W. and its projection South - Saskatchewan Ave. W. (Hwy 1A) West - City Limits	Highway Tabernacle
17	North - C.N.R., C.P.R., Main Lines East - 12th St. N.W., and its projection South - Saskatchewan Ave. W. West - 16th St. N.W. and its projection	McKenzie United Church
18	North - C.N.R., C.P.R., Main Lines East - 8th St. N.W. and its projection South - Saskatchewan Ave. W. West - 12th St. N.W. and its projection	McKenzie United Church
19	North - C.N.R., C.P.R., Main Lines East - 3rd St. N.W. and its projection South - Saskatchewan Ave. W. West - 8th St. N.W. and its projection	McKenzie United Church
20	North - C.N.R., C.P.R., Main Lines East - Royal Rd. N.E. and its projection South - Saskatchewan Ave. W. West - 3rd St. N.W. and its projection	Oddfellows Hall
21	North - C.N.R., C.P.R., Main Lines East - 6th St. N.E. and its projection South - Saskatchewan Ave. E. West - Royal Rd. N.E. and its projection	Glesby Centre
22	North - C.N.R., C.P.R., Main Lines East - City Limits South - Saskatchewan Ave E. West - 6th St. N.E. and its projection	Glesby Centre
23	North - 6th Ave. N.E. and its projection East - City Limits South - C.P.R. Rail Line West - 3rd St. N.E.	North Memorial School

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24	North - City Limits East - City Limits South - 6th Ave. N.E. and its projection West - 3rd St. N.E. and its projection	North Memorial School
25	North - City Limits East - 3rd St. N.W. and its projection South - C.P.R. Main Line West - Royal Rd. N.E. and its projection	North Memorial School
26	North - City Limits East - Royal Rd. N.E. and its projection South - C.P.R. Main Line West - 2nd St. N.W. and its projection	Portage Centennial Arena
27	North - City Limits East - 2nd St. N.W. and its projection South - C.P.R. Main Line West - 4th St. N.W. and its projection, Birchwood Cr.	LaVerendrye School
28	North - City Limits East - 4th St. N.W. and its projection, Birchwood Cr. South - C.P.R. Main Line West - 6th St. N.W. and its projection	LaVerendrye School
29	North - City Limits East - 6th St. N.W. and its projection South - C.P.R. Main Line West - 8th St. N.W. and its projection	LaVerendrye School
30	North - City Limits East - 8th St. N.W. and its projection South - C.P.R. Main Line West - 10th St. N.W. and its projection	LaVerendrye School
31	North - City Limits East - 10th St. N.W. and its projection South - C.P.R. Main Line West - City Limits	LaVerendrye School
32	North - Municipal Rd. between Sections 7 and 18, TWP 12, RGE 6W East - East Road South - Lincoln Ave, McDonald St, Richardson Blvd West - Hwy 240	North Memorial School
33 High Bluff	Sections 13 - 18, 24, and fractional sections 8-12 township 12, range 6W; wood lots in the parish of Portage la Prairie North of Hwy 26 and East of the City Limits; sections 18-20, 29-33, and fractional sections 7, 17, 21, 27, 28, 34, 35, township 12, range 5W, excluding all the parish of Poplar Point.	High Bluff Community Hall
34 Bowes-Millers	All Parish and wood lots East of the city of Portage la Prairie, North of the Assiniboine River and South of Hwy 26 and to the West limit of the River lot 34. Parish of Poplar Point, including fractional sections 7-9, 16-17, 21, township 12, range 5W.	Portage Christian Ministry (The Gathering Place)
35 Gordon	Fractional township 14, range 6W, South of Lake Manitoba; township 13, range 6W; sections 19-23, 25-36, township 12, range 6W	High Bluff Community Hall
36 Oakland	Fractional township 14, range 7W, East of Portage Diversion and South of Lake Manitoba; Sections 1-4, 9-16, 21-28, 33-36, and fractional sections 5, 8, 17, 20, 29, 32 all East of Portage Diversion township 13, range 7W; sections 4, 9, 10, 13-16, 21-28, 33-36, and fractional sections 2, 3, 5, 8, 11, 12, 17, 20, 29, 32, township 12, range 7W.	Oakland Recreation Club

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37 Macdonald	Sections 6-8, fractional 4, 5, 9, 16, 17, 18, township 14, range 7W, south of Lake Manitoba and west of the Portage Diversion; sections 1-12, 15-20, 30 and fractional sections 13, 14, 21, 22, 29, 31, township 14, range 8W; sections 6, 7, 18, 19, 30, 31, and fractional sections 5, 8, 17, 20, 29, 32, township 13, range 7W; townships 12, 13, range 8W; sections 6, 7, 18, 19, 30, 31, and fractional sections 5, 8, 17, 20, 29, 32, township 12, range 7W.	Macdonald Hall
38 Burnside	Sections 3-10, 15-22, 27-34, fractional section 2, township 11, range 8W; sections 31-34 and fractional section 35, township 10, range 8W, south of Hwy #1, west of 305.	Edwin Hall
39 Longplain	Sections 18, 19, 30, township 10, range 8W; all of Indian Reserve #6 west of Hwy 305 and the Assiniboine River.	Long Plain Fire Hall
40 Dakota Plains	All of Dakota Plains Indian Reserve #6A falling in township 10 and township 9, range 8W including sections 6, 7, township 10, range 8W west of the Assiniboine River.	Long Plain Fire Hall
41	Section 36 and fractional 35, township 10, range 8W, and sections 1, 11-14, 23-26, 35-36 and fractional section 2, township 11, range 8W; fractional township 11, range 7W (including sections 18-20, 29-32, fractional section 5-7) and all river lots north and west of the Assiniboine River, west of City Limits; fractional sections 31-32, township 10, range 7W	Yellowquill School
42	All wood lots and river lots lying south and east of the Assiniboine River including sections 1-4, 11, and fractional 5, 12, township 11, range 7W, and wood lots south of the Assiniboine River in fractional township 11, range 6W; fractional section 6, township 11, range 6W north, west, and south of the boundaries of Southport	Gainsborough Hall
43	Fractional section 12, township 11, range 7W; fractional sections 5, 6, 18, and section 7, township 11, range 6W being the area encompassed by the boundaries of Southport	Curtis Ridge Hall
44	Sections 1-4, 8-14, and fractional sections 5, 24, and all wood lots west of city limits, south of the Assiniboine River, and north of Highway 331 west to 338 excluding the area known as Southport and wood lots south of the Assiniboine River in fractional township 11, range 6W, immediately north of Southport.	Curtis Ridge Hall
45	Manitoba Development Centre	MDC (Activity Centre)
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	Portage and District General Hospital/Portage Correctional Institute/Agassiz Centre	Moving Poll

V. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

The cost to conduct the by-election held in the electoral division of Portage la Prairie totalled approximately \$92,500 with \$54,300 expended directly by the Returning Officer and \$38,200 expended directly by Elections Manitoba. Returning Office costs include payments for poll officials and other election workers, rental costs for offices and equipment, polling place rental, utilities, and for the printing of ballots and voters' lists. These expenses are required to fulfill statutory obligations under *The Elections Act*. Funds expended directly by Elections Manitoba most often on behalf of the Returning Office were primarily for statutory advertising, equipment, salaries, travel related expenses, telephone, and operating supplies. These costs are listed in Tables 1 and 2.

VI. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chief Electoral Officer wishes to acknowledge the efforts of all candidates, political parties, constituency associations, Chief Financial Officers, auditors, and the volunteers whose efforts contribute so substantially to the conduct of free and fair elections in Manitoba. The Chief Electoral Officer also acknowledges the continuing commitment and professionalism of field staff, particularly returning officer Glenn Waldvogel in the most recent by-election, and Elections Manitoba staff in carrying out their responsibilities.

Table 1**Summary of Election Administration Expenditures in the Electoral Division of Portage la Prairie for the September 30, 1997 By-Election**

A. Election Official Fees and Travel		B. Returning Officer Expenditures	
1. Fees		1. Office Rental	\$ 3,010.71
a) Returning Officer and Election Clerk	\$ 7,584.47	2. Telephone	\$ 1,145.41
b) Poll Officials	\$ 9,923.07	3. Equipment Rental	\$ 2,917.44
c) Enumerators	\$ 8,318.16	4. Office Supplies	\$ 478.79
d) Other	<u>\$ 6,776.81</u>	5. Postage	\$ 243.17
Subtotal	\$32,602.51	6. Cartage and Messenger	\$ 552.05
2. Training Fees		7. Printing Ballots	\$ 1,796.60
a) Returning Officer and Election Clerk	\$ 600.00	8. Printing Voters' Lists	\$ 4,368.00
b) Poll Officials	\$ 28.84	9. Polling Place Rental	\$ 1,550.00
c) Enumerators	\$ 645.00	10. Other Election Expenses	<u>\$ 324.00</u>
d) Other	<u>\$ 975.00</u>	Subtotal	\$ 16,386.17
Subtotal	\$ 2,248.84	Total Election Expenditures in the Electoral Division of Portage la Prairie	\$ 54,323.12
3. Travel			
a) Returning Officer and Election Clerk	\$ 445.16		
b) Poll Officials	\$ 587.61		
c) Enumerators	\$ 981.04		
d) Other	<u>\$ 1,071.79</u>		
Subtotal	\$ 3,085.60		

Table 2**Summary of Elections Manitoba Office Expenditures**

1. Casual Salaries	\$ 17,982.69
2. Statutory Advertising	\$ 6,706.43
3. Office Supplies	\$ 1,654.06
4. Telephone	\$ 1,191.20
5. Travel	\$ 3,016.84
6. Cartage and Messenger	\$ 1,952.51
7. Equipment	\$ 4,961.33
8. Other Election Expenses	<u>\$ 783.29</u>
Total Expenditures Elections Manitoba	\$ 38,248.35
Grand Total By-Election Expenditures	\$ 92,571.47