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Mr. Bob Bogle, Chairman Standing Committee on Legislative Offices Legislature Building Edmonton, Alberta

Dear Mr. Bogle:

I have the privilege to enclose herewith the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer concerning the Edmonton-Strathcona By-election, which was held on Monday, December 17, 1990, inclusive of data pertaining to the Special Enumeration that was required in preparation for the By-election.

This Report is submitted pursuant to the provisions of Section 4(3) of the Election Act.

Should you require clarification on anything contained in this Report, or additional information, I would be pleased to respond.

Yours respectfully,

Patrick D. Ledgerwood Chief Electoral Officer

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Edmonton-Strathcona By-election Report

Introduction

A vacancy in the Electoral Division of Edmonton-Strathcona was created by the death of the MLA, Mr. Gordon Wright, on October 18, 1990.

The resulting By-election was held pursuant to the provisions of the Election Act, Chapter E-2 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1980, with amendments up to and including August 18, 1989. The electoral division boundary as described in the Schedule to the Electoral Divisions Amendment Act, proclaimed April 10, 1986, was used at this By-election.

Special Enumeration

A comparison of the existing List of Electors for this Electoral Division, being the list that evolved from the Provincial General Election of March 20, 1989, in consideration of a City of Edmonton census conducted in April 1990, established that there appeared to be a significant increase in potential electors over the period. Coupled with normal in-and-out movements and relocations within the Electoral Division, the existing List of Electors was considered as potentially in error by as much as 5,000 electors; such an error would not provide a usable basis for either the administrative or the political need during the By-election. Therefore, in accordance with the provisions of Section 35 of the Election Act, the Chief Electoral Officer directed that a Special Enumeration be held in the Electoral Division of Edmonton-Strathcona in the period November 22 through November 30, 1990.

Accordingly, the electoral map was revised prior to the enumeration, relative to the 1989 General Election experience. The normal period of Enumeration Revisions was deferred in favour of the Revisions Period associated with the election process.

Information concerning the Special Enumeration was published twice in the two Edmonton daily newspapers and once in two papers with circulation in the Edmonton-Strathcona area, during the period November 15 to 19, 1990.

The Special Enumeration resulted in 18,294 electors voluntarily placing their names on the Lists. While this number was short of the potential number expected, the associated population shift confirmed the essential need for the enumeration.

For the first time in Alberta's electoral history, the Lists of Electors evolving from an enumeration were produced in electronic format (floppy diskette) as well as printed in hard copy.

The total cost to conduct this Special Enumeration was \$49,349., a Summary of which appears on Page 8.

By-election

By order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, a Writ of Election, dated November 19, 1990, was issued by the Chief Electoral Officer to the Returning Officer, Mr. Henry Harder, pursuant to Section 36 of the Election Act.

Nomination Day was December 3, 1990 and Polling Day was December 17, 1990. Five candidates, each registered under the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, were nominated to contest this By-election. Advance Polls were held at two locations in the Electoral Division on December 13th, 14th and 15th. Eight Treatment Centre Polls were conducted at four locations on Polling Day, December 17, 1990.

The Returning Officer announced the Official Results on December 27, 1990. Mr. Barrie Chivers was declared duly elected. The Writ of Election together with the Returning Officer's Certificate and Return, confirming Mr. Chivers' election, were returned to the Chief Electoral Officer on December 27, 1990. No appeal for a judicial recount, or from any decision of the Returning Officer concerning any of the ballots, was applied for pursuant to Section 142 of the Election Act.

The Chief Electoral Officer arranged for the publication of the By-election Return in the January 31, 1991 issue of the Alberta Gazette.

Nomination deposits were forfeited by 4 of the 5 candidates. The forfeited deposits, totalling \$400.00, were paid through the Chief Electoral Officer to the Provincial Treasurer for deposit to the General Revenue Fund.

A Summary of Results indicating the total votes obtained by each candidate and a Statement of Results by Poll are presented on Pages 4 and 5. A Map of the Electoral Division of Edmonton-Strathcona which displays numbered polling subdivisions, is included at Pages 6 and 7.

The total cost to conduct this By-election was \$55,201., a Summary of which appears on Page 9.

Registered Candidates are required to file By-election Campaign Period Financial Statements with the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, not later than March 18, 1991. This information, which pertains to candidates' election expenses, will be published in the Edmonton daily newspapers in accordance with Section 3(1)(d) of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act.

Registered Political Parties, who participated, must file audited Financial Statements, not later than June 17, 1991. These Financial Statements will list contributions, receipts, transfers of funds/materials and expenditures concerning the campaigns. In accordance with Section 10 of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, all Financial Statements will be available for inspection in the Public Records maintained by the Chief Electoral Officer and pertinent data from each will be published in the 14th Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer in August 1991.

Overview of Results

Candidate Political Affiliation *(Elected)	Valid Ballots Received	Percentage of Valid Ballots
Robert J. ALFORD Alberta Social Credit Party	224	2.40
* Barrie CHIVERS Alberta New Democrats	4,927	52.76
Betty PASCHEN Alberta Greens	424	4.54
Nadene THOMAS Alberta Liberal Party	2,252	24.11
Eric YOUNG Alberta Progressive Conservative	1,512	16.19
Total Valid Ballots Counted	9,339	
Total Names on Lists of Electors	19,252	
 Total Valid Ballots Counted 	9,339	
 Total Ballots Rejected 	24	
 Total Ballots Cast 	9,363	
 Voter Turnout 	48.6%	

Electoral Division of Edmonton-Strathcona

Statement of Results

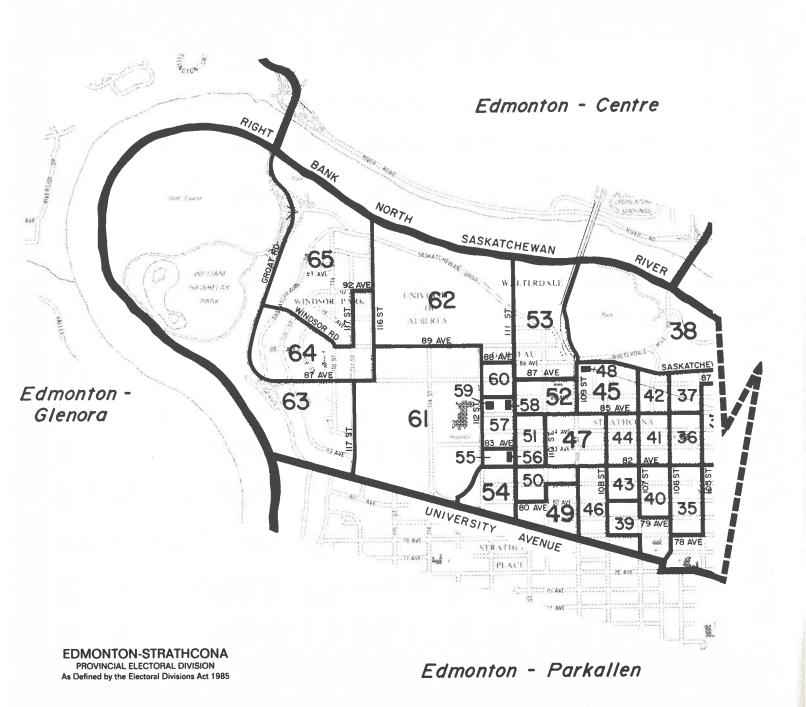
POLL NUMBER	NAME OF POLL	ALFORD Robert J. SC	*CHIVERS Barrie		Nadene	Bric		VALID BALLOTS	REJECTED BALLOTS		% VOTER TURNOUT
1	Rutherford School	7	59	3		19		146	0	146	56.6
2	Rutherford School	5	48	4		15		111	0	111	41.0
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	Rutherford School	6	95	6		24	353	182	1	183	
	Bonnie Doon Community Hall	2	91	5	48	14		160	1		
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11	Strathearn Elem. J.H.S.	3	62					98	0		
	Strathearn Elem. J.H.S.	2	53	4					0		
	Rutherford School	4	82						0		
	Bonnie Doon Community Hall	1 6	65 40						0		
15 16	Bonnie Doon Community Hall Montgomery Legion Place	20	71						0		
	Bonnie Doon Community Hall	3	47						0	117	54.4
	Cloverdale Community Hall	3	99				278	148	0	148	53.2
19	Moravian Church	0	75	16	20	1.5	236	126	0		
20	Moravian Church	2	81	6	12	18			0		
21	Moravian Church	1	75						0		
22	Moravian Church	4	77						1		
23	Moravian Church	0	110								
24	Cloverdale Community Hall	. 7	101						0		
25	Our Lady Queen of Poland Ch		107						0		
26 27	Our Lady Queen of Poland Ch Our Lady Queen of Poland Ch	-	86						ō		
28	Strathcona Community League		90						0	159	49.8
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30	Strathcona Community League	_	67		31	. 17	7 246	120	0		
31	Strathcona Community League		39) 4	30				1		
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33	Old Scona Academic H.S.	0							C		
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43	St. Joseph's Aux. Hospital	5	69	•	7 1) 100	
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45	Garneau Elementary School	3			_		-			17:	
46	St. Joseph's Aux. Hospital	3			7 18					119	
47	St. Joseph's Aux. Hospital	2			5 30 2 3:					0 8	
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56	Garneau Community Hall	0	45	6	24	24	420	99	0	99	23.6
57	Garneau Elementary School	2	24	i	15	4	147	46	Ō	46	31.3
58	Garneau Elementary School	ĩ	43	4	21	19	342	88	í	89	26.0
59	Hub Mall U. of A.	ī	56	0		36	354	113	0	113	31.9
60	Hub Mall U. of A.	2	38	3	16	9	207	68	0	68	32.9
61	Lister Hall U. of A.	11	75	33	94	82	530	295	0	295	55.7
62	Hub Mall U. of A.	1	36	3	31	11	170	82	0	82	48.2
63	Windsor Park Elem. School	2	96	10	26	56	254	190	0	190	74.8
64	Windsor Park Elem. School	3	88	8	24	61	240	184	0	184	76.7
65	Windsor Park Elem. School	2	99	12	48	73	334	234	0	234	70.1
66	AdvSt. Thomas Aguinas Sch.	. 5	83	5	49	9	0	151	0	151	
67	Advance-Garneau Comm. Hall	6	137	8	32	54	0	237	0	237	
68	T.C. St. Josephs Hospital	9	17	0	11	14	0	51	0	51	
69	T.C. Colonel Mewburn Hosp.	3	14	1	13	13	0	44	0	44	
70	T.C. Aberhart/W.W.Cross Hosp	p 1	10	0	8	8	0	27	0	27	
71	T.C. Walter MacKenzie Hosp.	1	3	0	2	2	0	8	0	8	
72	T.C. Walter MacKenzie Hosp.	1	6	0		0	0	11	0		
73	T.C. Walter MacKenzie Hosp.	1	16	2	12	18	0	49	0		
74	T.C. Walter MacKenzie Hosp.	2	. 7	1	. 6	6	0	22	0	22	
75	T.C. Walter MacKenzie Hosp.	3	8	1			0		0		
76	Incapacitated/Absentee	0	57	1	. 28	31	0	117	8	125	
	TOTAL	224	4927	424	2252	1512	19252	9339	24	9363	48.6

Electoral Division of Edmonton-Strathcona





Edmonton-Strathcona Special Enumeration Financial Summary

Returning Of	fice	r:
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Fees	3,404.	
Travel	15.	
Office Rental, Miscellaneous and Transportation	769.	
Publishing	4,163.	
Printing	415.	
Map Reproduction	104.	8,870.

Enumerators:

Fees 37,292.

Support Staff:

Wages 232.

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer (See "Note"):

Electronic Production of Lists of Electors 2,955.

Total Cost of the Edmonton-Strathcona Special Enumeration

\$49,349.

Note: All enumeration supplies were acquired from warehouse inventory on hand at the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer. These supplies were originally stocked for the 1988 General Enumeration; therefore, no costs have been allocated to this Special Enumeration.

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Returning Officer: Fees Travel Office Rental, Telephone and Transportation Publishing Printing	3,925. 46. 1,689. 13,102. 3,026.	21,788.
Election Clerk:		
Fees Travel	3,540. 66.	3,606.
Supervisory Deputy Returning Officers: Fees		3,200.
Deputy Returning Officers: Fees		13,950.
Poll Clerks: Fees		8,000.
Support Staff: Wages		453.
Polling Place Rental:		3,145.
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer (See "Note"): Report Cost and Postage		1,059.
Total Cost of the Edmonton-Strathcona By-elect	tion	\$55,201.

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