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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 the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer concerning the Three Hills By-election that was held on Monday, October 26, 1992. Information on the Special Enumeration conducted in preparation for the By-election is included.

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

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

Yours respectfully,

Patrick D. Ledgerwood Chief Electoral Officer

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Three Hills By-election Report

Introduction

A vacancy in the Electoral Division of Three Hills was created by the resignation of Mrs. Connie Osterman, on May 5, 1992.

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

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 Three Hills during the period May 21 through May 30, 1992.

Accordingly, the electoral map was revised prior to the enumeration. 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 Crossfield/Irricana Rocky View Five Village Weekly, the Airdrie Echo and the Three Hills Capital newspapers during the period May 12 to May 21, 1992.

The Special Enumeration resulted in 16,866 electors placing their names on the List of Electors.

The total cost to conduct this Special Enumeration was \$33,583, a summary is on page 9.

By order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, a Writ of Election, dated September 28, 1992, was issued by the Chief Electoral Officer to the Returning Officer, Mrs. Shirley Shea, pursuant to Sections 36 and 37 of the Election Act.

Nomination Day was October 12, 1992 and Polling Day was October 26, 1992. Eight candidates, each registered under the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, were nominated. Three Advance Polls were held on October 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Three Treatment Centre Polls were conducted on Polling Day.

The Returning Officer announced the Official Results on November 5, 1992. Mr. Don MacDonald, representing the Alberta Liberal Party, was declared duly elected. The Writ of Election and the Returning Officer's Certificate and Return, certifying Mr. MacDonald's election, were returned to the Chief Electoral Officer on November 6, 1992. 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 has arranged for the publication of the By-election Return in the November 30, 1992 issue of the Alberta Gazette.

Nomination deposits were forfeited by 7 of the 8 candidates. The forfeited deposits, totalling \$700.00, were paid through the Chief Electoral Officer to the Provincial Treasurer for deposit to the General Revenue Fund.

An overview of results indicating the total votes obtained by each candidate and a statement of results by poll are on pages 3 and 4. Maps of the Electoral Division of Three Hills, which display numbered polling subdivisions, are included on pages 5, 6, 7 and 8.

The total cost of the By-election was \$40,342, a summary is on page 10.

Registered candidates are required to file By-election Campaign Period Financial Statements with the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, not later than January 26, 1993. The information, which pertains to candidates' election expenses, will be published in the Crossfield/Irricana Rocky View Five Village Weekly, the Airdrie Echo and the Three Hills Capital newspapers in accordance with Section 3(1)(d) of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act.

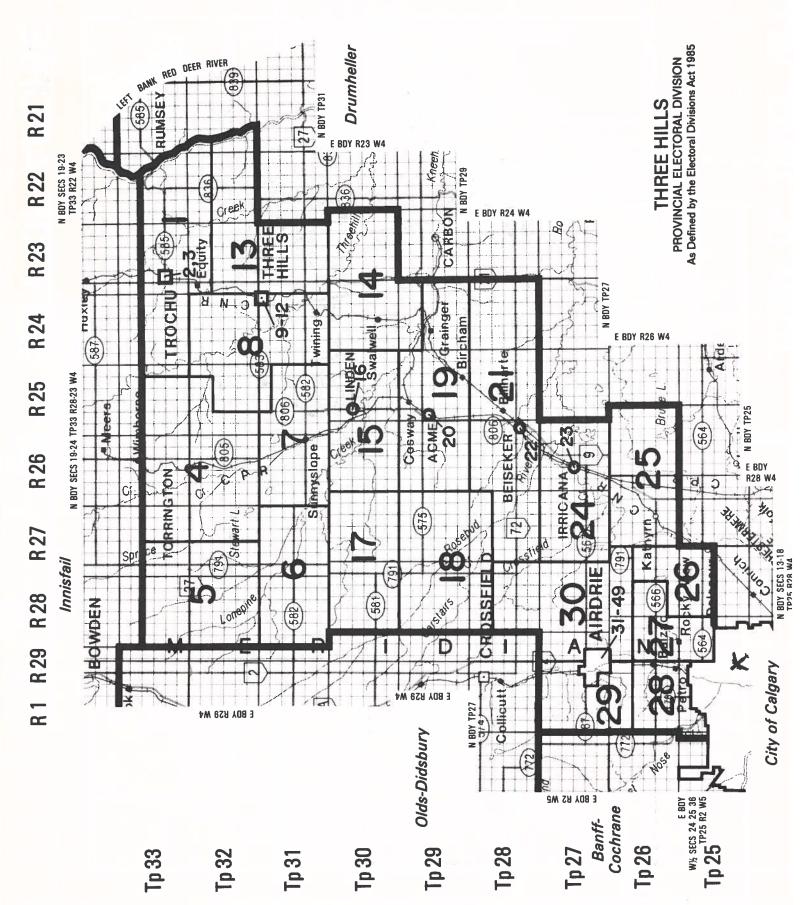
Registered political parties, who participated, must file audited financial statements, not later than April 26, 1993. These financial statements will list contributions, receipts, transfers of funds/materials and expenditures concerning the campaigns. In accordance with Section 10 of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, all financial statements will be available for inspection in the public files maintained by the Chief Electoral Officer and pertinent data from each will be published in the 16th Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer in August 1993.

Overview of Results

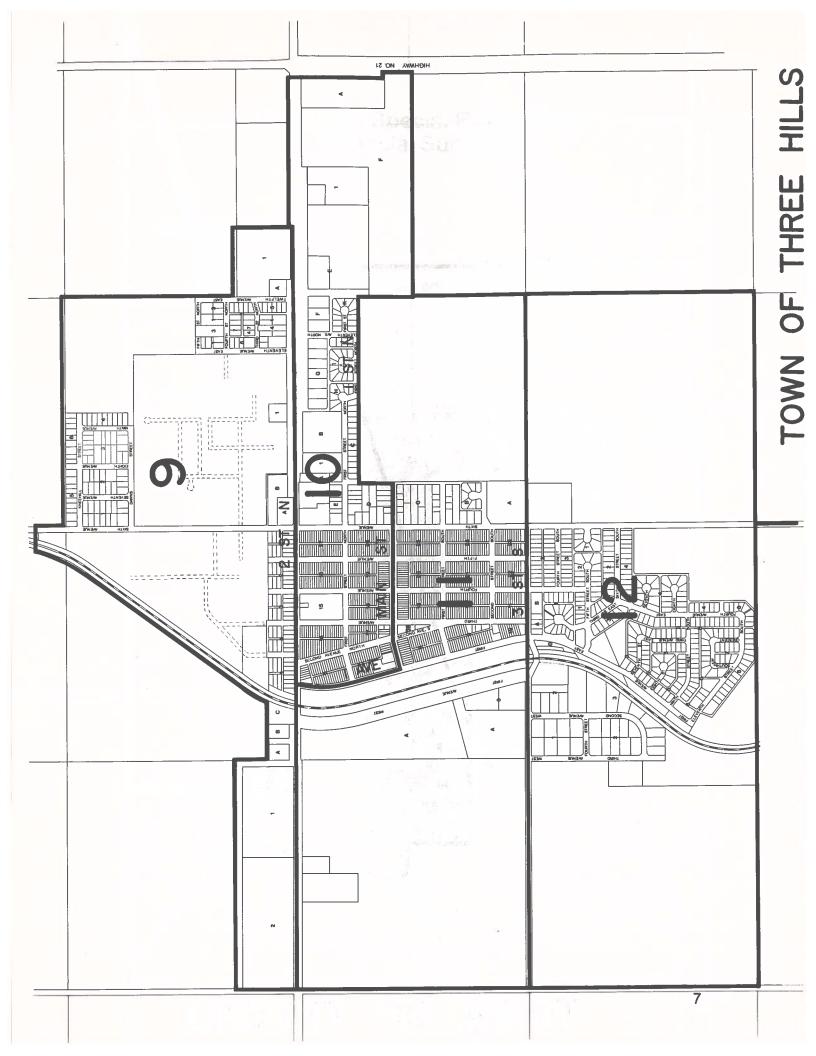
Candidate Political Affiliation *(Elected)	Valid Ballots Received	Percentage of Valid Ballots
DENNIS CLARK Independent (IND)	244	2.36
*Don MacDONALD Alberta Liberal Party (LIB)	4,790	46.34
Danny O'CONNOR Alberta Greens (AG)	103	1.00
Brad ONEIL Alberta Progressive Conservative (PC)	2,314	22.39
George A. SHENTON Alliance (APA)	566	5.47
Peter SMITS Alberta Social Credit Party (SC)	583	5.64
Gordon G. TWIGG Alberta New Democrats (NDP)	1,270	12.28
Ray YOUNG C.O.R. Party of Alberta (COR)	467	4.52
Total Valid Ballots Counted	10,337	
Total Names on List of Electors	17,736	
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 Total Ballots Rejected 	34	
 Total Ballots Cast 	10,371	
 Percent Voter Turnout 	58.5	

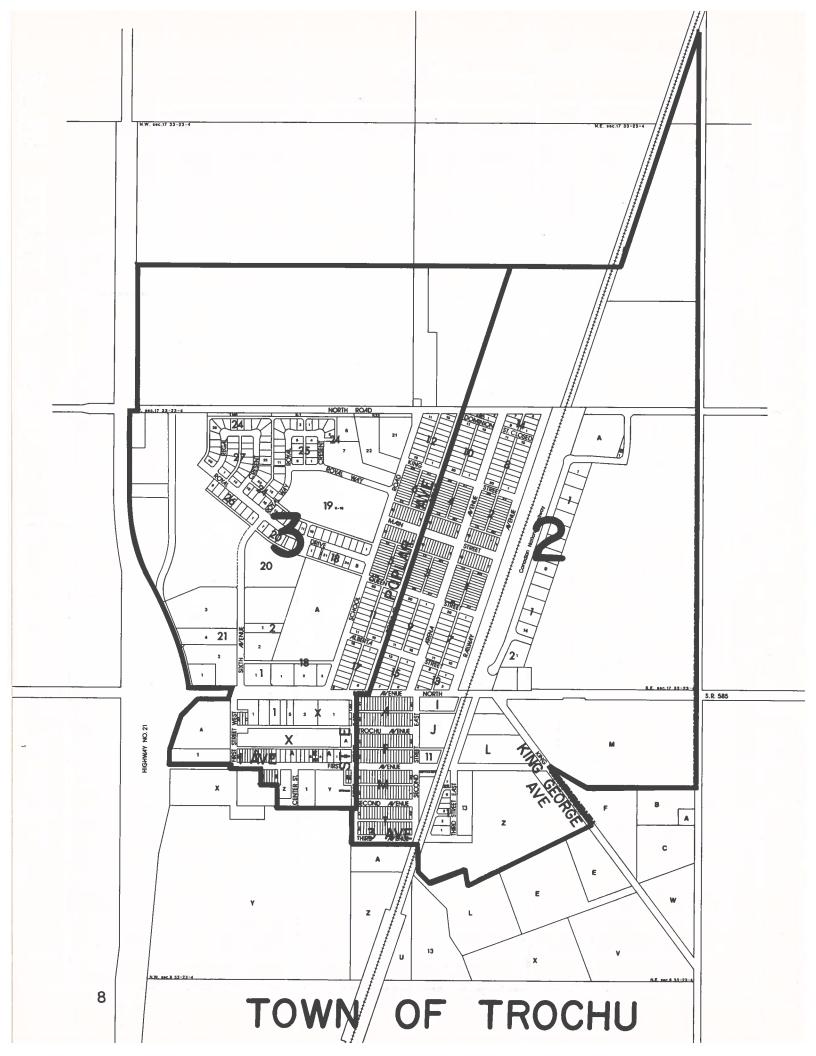
Electoral Division of Three Hills Statement of Results

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Three Hills Special Enumeration Financial Summary

Returning Officer:		
Fees	3,062.	
Travel	197.	
Rentals, Miscellaneous and Telephone	940.	
Publishing	1,371.	
Printing	510.	
Support Staff	414.	6,494.
Enumerators:		
Fees	22,951.	
Travel	<u>2,409</u> .	25,360.
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer(See "Note"):		
Electronic Production of Lists of Electors	1,427.	
Map Reproduction	212.	
Transportation and Travel	<u>90.</u>	1,729.
Total Cost of the Three Hills Special Enumeration	1	\$33,583.

Note: Most 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.

Three Hills By-election Financial Summary

Returning Officer:		
Fees	4,899.	
Travel	271.	
Office Rental, Telephone and Miscellaneous	757.	
Publishing	6,196.	40.400
Printing	1,000.	13,123.
Election Clerk:		
Fees	3,509.	
Travel	327.	3,836.
Supervisory Deputy Returning Officers:		
Fees	1,600.	
Travel	<u>71.</u>	1,671.
Deputy Returning Officers:		
Fees	11,100.	
Travel	<u>171.</u>	11,271.
Poll Clerks:		
Fees		6,400.
Support Staff:		
Wages		235.
Polling Place Rental:		1,830.
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer (See "Note"):		
Travel and Transportation	577.	
Forms and Maps	388.	
Report Cost and Postage	<u>1,011.</u>	1,976.
Total Cost of the Three Hills By-election		<u>\$40,342</u> .

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