

# 2024 BY-ELECTION REPORT

LETHBRIDGE-WEST DECEMBER 18, 2024

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

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November 12, 2025

Mr. Brandon Lunty, Chair Standing Committee on Legislative Offices 3rd Floor, Federal Building 9820 – 107 Street Edmonton, Alberta T5K 1E7

Dear Mr. Lunty,

I have the privilege to submit the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer concerning the by-election held December 18, 2024, in the electoral division of Lethbridge-West in accordance with the provisions of section 4(5) of the *Election Act*.

Should you require additional information on any aspect of this Report, I would be pleased to respond.

Sincerely,

[Original signed by Gordon McClure] Chief Electoral Officer

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#### **COMPARATIVE STATISTICS**

BY-ELECTIONS FROM 1979 – 2024

By-Election Date	Electoral Division	Valid Ballots	Rejected Ballots	Declined Ballots	Ballots Cast	Names on List	Voter Turnout
December 18, 2024	Lethbridge-West	13,568	46	1	13,615	37,828	36.0%
November 8, 2022	Brooks- Medicine Hat	12,692	45	0	12,737	35,872	35.5%
March 15, 2022	Fort McMurray- Lac La Biche	5,841	21	0	5,862	24,501	23.9%
July 12, 2018	Fort McMurray- Conklin	4,012	15	0	4,027	12,370	32.6%
July 12, 2018	Innisfail- Sylvan Lake	9,831	21	3	9,855	31,604	31.2%
December 14, 2017	Calgary- Lougheed	10,852	28	3	10,883	31,067	35.0%
March 22, 2016	Calgary- Greenway	8,270	60	2	8,332	29,230	28.5%
September 3, 2015	Calgary-Foothills	12,737	26	2	12,765	33,407	38.2%
October 27, 2014	Calgary-Elbow	12,670	23	2	12,695	34,163	37.2%
October 27, 2014	Calgary-Foothills	11,842	14	19	11,875	32,743	36.3%
October 27, 2014	Calgary-West	10,894	17	1	10,912	30,541	35.7%
October 27, 2014	Edmonton- Whitemud	14,163	14	17	14,194	35,795	39.7%
September 14, 2009	Calgary-Glenmore	10,991	29	1	11,021	28,164	39.1%
June 12, 2007	Calgary-Elbow	10,538	13	3	10,554	30,538	34.6%
June 12, 2007	Drumheller-Stettler	7,251	14	2	7,267	22,509	32.3%
April 8, 2002	Wainwright	6,552	12	0	6,564	19,563	33.6%

#### BY-ELECTIONS FROM 1979 - 2024 CON'T

By-Election Date	Electoral Division	Valid Ballots	Rejected Ballots	Declined Ballots	Ballots Cast	Names on List	Voter Turnout
September 25, 2000	Red Deer-North	4,150	5	2	4,157	20,409	20.4%
June 12, 2000	Edmonton- Highlands	8,237	27	1	8,265	19,714	41.9%
June 17, 1998	Edmonton- McClung	9,406	10	0	9,416	23,094	40.8%
May 21, 1996	Redwater	8,680	18	2	8,700	19,130	45.5%
April 20, 1995	Calgary-McCall	5,720	17	2	5,739	20,514	28.0%
October 26, 1992	Three Hills	10,337	34	-	10,371	17,736	58.5%
July 21, 1992	Calgary-Buffalo	8,602	47	-	8,649	26,029	33.2%
March 5, 1992	Little Bow	5,585	18	-	5,603	9,158	61.2%
December 17, 1990	Edmonton- Strathcona	9,339	24	-	9,363	19,252	48.6%
May 9, 1989	Stettler	7,789	15	-	7,804	11,618	67.2%
November 23, 1987	Chinook	5,441	9	-	5,450	10,149	53.7%
December 11, 1985	Edmonton- Whitemud	9,900	10	-	9,910	30,082	32.9%
February 21, 1985	Spirit River- Fairview	6,839	11	-	6,850	10,545	65.0%
February 17, 1982	Olds-Didsbury	9,523	10	-	9,533	13,798	69.1%
November 21, 1979	Barrhead	6,342	29	-	6,371	11,409	55.8%

Note: Declined ballots were not tracked or reported until 1995 for By-Elections. Declined ballots were first reported in Alberta for the 1993 General Election.



#### INTRODUCTION

On July 1, 2024, a vacancy was created in the electoral division of Lethbridge-West with the resignation of Member of Legislative Assembly Shannon Phillips.

In accordance with sections 39 and 40 of the *Election Act*, by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, a Writ of Election was issued by the Chief Electoral Officer on November 20, 2024, and transmitted to the Returning Officer for Lethbridge-West. The Writ of Election indicated an election date of Wednesday, December 18, 2024, in the electoral division.

The electoral division boundaries described in the *Electoral Divisions Act* (in force as of March 19, 2019) were used during the by-election.

#### APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER

The Chief Electoral Officer appointed **Stella Lukinski** the Returning Officer for the Lethbridge-West by-election, pursuant to section 9(1.1) of the *Election Act* (the Act). The appointment came into effect on September 1, 2024.



- 1. Elections Alberta, Safe Software, FME
- 2. Elections Alberta (December 18, 2024 Official Results)
- 3. Elections Alberta (December 18, 2024 Official Results)



#### **KEY DATES**

#### Saturday, November 30, 2024

Candidate nominations closed (2:00 PM)

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#### Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Writ of Election is issued by the Chief Electoral Officer and is transmitted to the Returning Officer for Lethbridge-West Tuesday, December 10, 2024

First day of advance voting

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Thursday, November 21, 2024

Revisions period commences, allowing electors to have their names added to the List of Electors

Saturday, December 7, 2024

Revisions to the Lists of Electors closed (4:00 PM)

#### Saturday, December 28, 2024

Announcement of the Official Results

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Final day of advance voting

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

Candidate campaign period financial statement filing deadline

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

**Election Day!** 

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

Party campaign period financial statement filing deadline

Third party election advertising return filing deadline

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Campaign period ends

# POSTAL DISRUPTION IMPACT ON THE BY-ELECTION

For several months, Elections Alberta had been on alert of a potential Canada Post strike. During this time, Elections Alberta created contingency plans needed to conduct a by-election in the event of a strike. Other electoral management bodies in Canada were similarly affected, and were consulted on their contingency plans should an electoral event occur during a strike.

On November 12, 2024, the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) issued strike notice to Canada Post, and went on strike November 15, 2024. The strike continued through to December 17, after which a significant backlog of mail required delivery. This action and timeline eliminated use of the postal service during the by-election, and presented unique challenges to overcome.

Where to Vote cards, which normally inform electors where advance voting and their assigned Election Day voting locations are, could not be delivered to residents. Special ballots could not be applied for, sent, or received using Canada Post. Election supplies normally sent from Elections Alberta's Edmonton office to the Lethbridge returning office via Canada Post, using Canada Post containers, required delivery by alternate means within the by-election timelines. Alternative carriers and delivery methods were also strained by increased demands, particularly due to the holiday season.

Contingency plans were developed and executed to address these challenges.

#### COMMUNICATIONS AND ADVERTISING

Elections Alberta used several mediums and methods to ensure electors received important by-election information, including voting locations and options. Even though Where to Vote cards could not be distributed, the media mix used provided extensive coverage across all elector demographics in the electoral division. This included print, radio, digital advertising, news releases, and media interviews.

#### Print advertising:

- Two full-page newspaper advertisements containing the electoral division map, voting locations, voting areas, and contact information.
   These were published in the Lethbridge Herald on the first day of advance voting (December 10) and Election Day (December 18).
- One flyer directing electors to several resources with voting location information. This flyer was distributed directly to households by the Lethbridge Herald during the week of December 2. Distribution was tied as closely as possible to electoral division boundaries but could not be exact.

#### Radio advertising:

 Radio ads directed electors to online, email, and telephone resources to find their voting locations.
 A total of 40 thirty-second spots ran on each of six local radio stations from December 2 to 18.

#### Digital advertising and messaging:

- Multiple social media posts across all platforms encouraged advance voting and provided advance voting locations through the advance voting period.
- Multiple social media posts across all platforms directed electors to online, email, and telephone resources they could use to determine their Election Day voting location. These ran throughout the writ period.
- Google search advertising directed users to Elections Alberta's website and tools for voting location information and voting options. These ran throughout the writ period.

#### Local media interviews:

 Elections Alberta engaged with local media to provide information, answer questions, and give on-air and printed interviews. The content focused on advance and Election Day voting locations; applying for, receiving, and returning special ballots; voter registration; and other key by-election information.

#### SPECIAL BALLOTS

Normally during a by-election, electors may apply for special ballots and receive them by mail during the writ period. The special ballot package contains a postage paid envelope to return their ballots using Canada Post.

During this by-election, special ballots could not be delivered to electors via Canada Post. Elections Alberta made arrangements with an alternate carrier to deliver special ballots.

Within the special ballot packages, electors were provided with the usual pre-paid Canada Post envelope (for use in the event the postal disruption ended before Election Day), as well as a list of alternative options they could use to return their special ballot prior to the close of voting on Election Day.

More information about electors voting by special ballots may be found on page 18.



#### THE BY-ELECTION

One or more voting options were available on all 28 days of the election period, from Tuesday, November 21, to Wednesday, December 18. Voting options included special ballot voting, mobile voting, advance voting, and Election Day voting.

There were 13,615 ballots cast in the by-election; 13,568 were counted as valid ballots and 46 were rejected. One ballot was declined.

Voter turnout is traditionally lower in by-elections compared to Provincial General Elections and this by-election continued that trend. During the Lethbridge-West by-election, 36.0% of eligible electors cast a ballot.

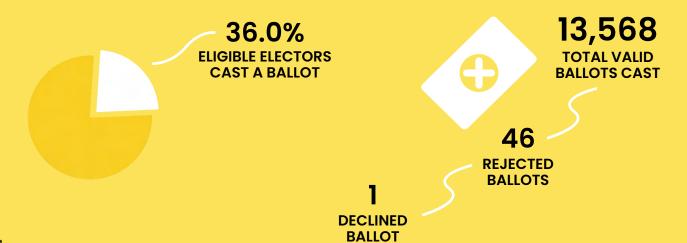


# WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18





**CANDIDATES** 



#### **CANDIDATES**

Becoming a candidate is a two-step process involving both registration and nomination. Only candidates who completed both steps were listed on the Lethbridge-West by-election ballot.

#### STEP 1: REGISTER

All candidates must complete the registration process under the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*. This process provides Elections Alberta with information on the potential candidate, their Chief Financial Officer, location of records, and their financial institution for their campaign bank accounts.

This process starts the financial component of the candidate's campaign. Registration and financial disclosures details for candidates can be found starting on page 22 and at **efpublic.elections.ab.ca**.

#### STEP 2: NOMINATION

All candidates must be nominated for election by 25 electors in the electoral division and provide a \$500 deposit. All nomination signatures must be collected in person and be accompanied by the elector's name and physical address.

Nomination papers needed to be submitted to the Returning Officer by November 30, 2024, at 2:00pm for review and acceptance.

The following three candidates successfully completed both steps and were listed on the Lethbridge-West by-election ballot.

Candidate	Political Party Affiliation (Ballot Name)
John Middleton-Hope	United Conservative Party
Rob Miyashiro	Alberta NDP
Layton Veverka	Alberta Party

Note: The candidate names shown above are listed in the order by which they appeared on the by-election ballots.

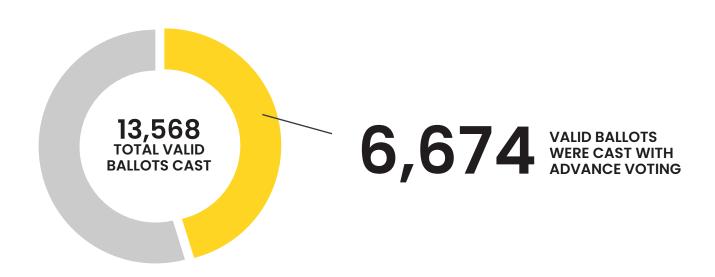
#### ADVANCE VOTING

As required by legislation, advance voting was held in the electoral division from Tuesday, December 10, to Saturday, December 14, 2024. Two advance voting locations were open on all advance voting days from 9:00am to 8:00pm daily. These locations included University Drive Alliance Church and Melcor Centre (Returning Office).

Electors could vote at either of the advance voting locations established in the electoral division.

Seventeen election officers were recruited, hired, and trained for advance voting, including Site Supervisors, Record Clerks, Voting Officers, Ballot Box Clerks, and Information Officers.

A total of 6,674 valid ballots were cast over the five-day advance voting period, representing 49.2% of all valid ballots cast in the by-election.





#### MOBILE VOTING

Mobile voting is held during advance voting, on Election Day, or both, in supportive living facilities, treatment centres, emergency shelters, and community support centres with ten or more residents, in-patients, or individuals receiving services, where consultation with facility staff determines service to be appropriate.

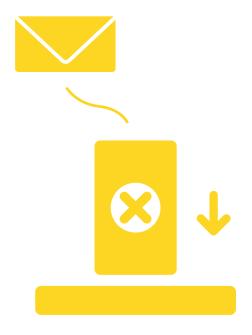
A Voting Officer and Record Clerk, along with a facility representative, either set up a stationary poll in a fixed location, move from bed-to-bed, or both, depending on the situation.

Age-Care Columbia Assisted Living, Black Rock Terrace, Buffalo Grace Manor, Edith Cavell Care Centre, Garden View Lodge, Good Samaritan West Highland Centre, Good Samaritan West Highland Estates, Heritage Lodge, Legion Terrace, Pemmican Lodge, Seasons Lethbridge Gardens, Streets Alive Mission, The View at Lethbridge, and YWCA-Harbour House were each visited by two mobile voting teams during the advance voting period between December 10 to December 14.

A total of 341 valid ballots were cast during mobile voting.



A TOTAL
OF **341 VALID**BALLOTS
WERE CAST
USING MOBILE
VOTING THIS
BY-ELECTION.



## 96.6% OF ALL SPECIAL BALLOTS APPLIED FOR WERE RETURNED

#### SPECIAL BALLOTS

Special ballots offer an alternate voting option for electors who are not able to vote during advance voting or on Election Day.

All special ballots could be picked up from, or completed in person, at the returning office or from Elections Alberta's head office in Edmonton. All requests for mail-out special ballots were distributed from Elections Alberta.

A total of 1,051 special ballot applications were received. Of these, 999 were completed in person, 22 were mailed, and 30 were picked up.

A total of 1,015 valid special ballots were cast. The remaining 36 special ballots that were applied for were not returned prior to the close of voting on Election Day and were subsequently rejected.

#### **ELECTION DAY**

Election Day was held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024. There were 50 voting stations in nine locations within the electoral division.

145 election officers were recruited, hired, and trained for Election Day voting, including Site Supervisors, Voting Officers, Record Clerks, Registration Officers, and Information Officers.

A total of **5,538 valid ballots** were cast on Election Day, representing 40.8% of all valid ballots cast in the by-election.

A total of 732 electors were not on the List of Electors and had to register to vote by completing a Declaration of Elector. Based on the total number of names on the List after declarations were added (37,828), 1.9% of electors who voted were not already registered.

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RECEIVED
FROM EACH
VOTING PLACE.
ALL RESULTS
WERE REPORTED
BY 11:13PM.





# THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER ANNOUNCED THE **OFFICIAL RESULTS** OF THE BY-ELECTION ON **SATURDAY**, **DECEMBER 28**, **2024**. **MR. ROB MIYASHIRO**, REPRESENTING THE **ALBERTA NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY**, WAS DULY ELECTED.

#### POST-ELECTION DAY

The Chief Electoral Officer announced the official results of the by-election on Saturday, December 28, 2024. Mr. Rob Miyashiro, representing the Alberta New Democratic Party, was duly elected.

Following the election, the Writ of Election and the Returning Officer's Certificate and Return certifying the candidate's election were returned to the Chief Electoral Officer on December 23, 2024.

The by-election return was published in the January 31, 2025 issue of the Alberta Gazette.

No application was made to the Courts for a judicial recount pursuant to section 144 of the *Election Act*. No controverted election petition was filed for the by-election in Lethbridge-West.

The total cost of the by-election was \$415,180. A cost summary is included on the following page.



Expense Category	Amount CAD\$
Employer Contributions	4,584
Travel	8,718
Advertising	15,881
Freight and Postage	16,817
Rentals - Returning Officer's Office	20,610
Rentals -Voting Places	8,163
Telephones and Communications	3,810
Contract Services - Printing	25,658
Contract Services - Returning Officer's Office Staff	51,044
Contract Services - Voting Staff	77,309
Contract Services – Other	41,118
Technology Services	138,250
Hosting	2,600
Election Materials and Supplies	618
Total Expenses	415,180



# ENTITIES FINANCIAL REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE

Elections Alberta regulates the registration and financial activities of nomination contestants, candidates, parties, and third party advertisers who participate in by-elections. All by-election political participants were required to be on record with Elections Alberta and to comply with political fundraising and spending rules under the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act* (EFCDA).

Following the submission of financial returns, Elections Alberta examined the financial statements and associated reports to ensure compliance with the EFCDA.

Any Compliance and Enforcement complaints received during this by-election are reported within our 2024-25 Annual Report.



#### NOMINATION CONTESTANTS AND CANDIDATES

Six individuals ran as nomination contestants to seek endorsement as their party's official candidate for the by-election, and three of the individuals were endorsed across three parties. The parties that ran candidates were:

- Alberta New Democratic Party (NDP)
- Alberta Party (AP)
- United Conservative Party (UCP)

All three candidates filed candidate nomination papers with the returning officer and appeared on the election ballot. There were no independent candidates.

The following table lists the nomination contestants and candidates, chief financial officers (CFOs), party affiliations, and effective/registration dates.

Nomination Contestant / Candidate Name	Nomination Contestant Registration Date	Candidate Registration Date
AP - LAYTON VEVERKA CFO - LINDSAY AMANTEA	November 20, 2024	November 26, 2024
NDP - BRIDGET MEARNS CFO - KIRK MEARNS	August 7, 2024	N/A
NDP - ROB MIYASHIRO CFO - HABIBA ADIL	August 7, 2024	September 12, 2024
UCP - ERIN LECLERC CFO - GERRIANE TIMMERMAN	August 23, 2024	N/A
UCP - JOHN MIDDLETON-HOPE CFO - WILLIAM MALCOLM	August 23, 2024	October 9, 2024
UCP - SHAUNA GRUNINGER CFO - JESS MASON	August 23, 2024	N/A

#### NOMINATION CONTESTANT CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	F	Revenues			Expenses		
Nomination Contestant (Endorsed in bold)	Contributions	Other Revenue	Transfers Received	Election Expenses	Other Expenses	Transfers Issued	Surplus (Deficit)
AP - LAYTON VEVERKA	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
NDP - BRIDGET MEARNS	\$876	\$0	N/A	\$876	\$0	\$0	\$0
NDP - ROB MIYASHIRO	\$1,139	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$1,139	\$0	\$0
UCP - ERIN LECLERC	\$754	\$0	N/A	\$754	\$0	\$0	\$0
UCP - JOHN MIDDLETON-HOPE	\$1,489	\$1,000	N/A	\$1,489	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
UCP -SHAUNA GRUNINGER	\$328	\$0	N/A	\$328	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$4,586	\$1,000	N/A	\$3,447	\$2,139	\$0	\$0

The by-election nomination contestant campaign financial returns were due within four months after the date set for the selection of the successful contestant, as determined by the parties. The table above summarizes the nomination contestants' campaign financial return data. Some amounts may change as final audit queries are resolved.

#### **Political Party Affiliation Abbreviations:**

NDP Alberta New Democratic Party

AP Alberta Party

UCP The United Conservative Party of Alberta

#### **Revenues**

The Contributions column in the table represents the total money and valued (in-kind) contributions received from contributors. Contributions to the by-election nomination contestants were limited to \$4,600 per contributor, and were not eligible to be claimed for income tax credits by the contributors.

Amounts in the Other Revenue column may be made up of nomination campaign fundraisers and miscellaneous nomination campaign income.

#### **Expenses**

The by-election nomination contestants were subject to an Election Expense limit of \$15,200 during the contest period. The contest period ran from the date of the official call until the date set for the nomination contestant selection, as determined by the parties.

Amounts in the Other Expenses column may include campaign expenses not subject to the spending limit and any contest fees and/or deposits paid.

#### **Transfers**

The Transfers Received column is not applicable (N/A) as nomination contestants cannot accept funds transfers from other contestants or from other political participants. The Transfers Issued column may include nomination campaign funds paid over to the contestant's party or the contestant's constituency association.

### CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	Revenues						
Candidate (Elected in bold)	Contributions	Other Revenue	Transfers Received	Election Expenses	Other Expenses	Transfers Issued	Surplus (Deficit)
AP - LAYTON VEVERKA	\$0	\$0	\$5,300	\$3,488	\$500	\$0	\$1,312
NDP - ROB MIYASHIRO	\$0	\$33,333	\$27,010	\$57,261	\$2,531	\$551	\$0
UCP - JOHN MIDDLETON-HOPE	\$10,445	\$708	\$30,500	\$36,408	\$1,932	\$0	\$3,313
TOTAL	\$10,445	\$34,041	\$62,810	\$97,157	\$4,963	\$551	\$4,625

The by-election candidates were required to file campaign financial returns by April 22, 2025, to disclose all revenues and expenses for their by-election campaigns. The table above summarizes the candidates' campaign financial return data, showing all candidates were helped by their parties and/or constituency association(s) via goods or services and funds transfers. Some amounts may change as audit queries are resolved.

#### **Political Party Affiliation Abbreviations:**

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#### **Revenues**

The Contributions column in the table represents any money and valued (in-kind) contributions received from contributors. Contributions to the by-election candidates were limited to \$5,000 per contributor and are eligible to be claimed for income tax credits by the contributors.

Amounts in the Other Revenue column may be made up of surplus funds from the candidate's nomination contest and/or previous candidacy, income from campaign fundraisers, miscellaneous candidate campaign income, and election goods or services paid by the candidate's party or any of the party's constituency association(s) on their behalf.

#### **Expenses**

The by-election candidates were subject to an Election Expense limit of \$60,800 during the by-election period from the writ of election through the end of election day. Their election expenses can include goods or services paid by the candidate's party or constituency association(s) for the candidate's use during the election.

The Other Expenses column may include campaign expenses not subject to the spending limit and payment of the candidate's deposit.

#### **Transfers**

Amounts in the Transfers Received and Transfers Issued columns may include campaign funds transfers with the candidate's party or constituency association(s).

#### PARTY CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	Revenues				Expenses		
Party Name	Contributions	Other Revenue	Transfers Received	Election Expenses	Other Expenses	Transfers Issued	Surplus (Deficit)
AP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,300	(\$5,300)
NDP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$27,918	\$0	\$0	(\$27,918)
UCP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,984	\$10,949	\$0	(\$22,933)
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$39,902	\$10,949	\$5,300	(\$56,151)

Parties were required to file campaign financial returns by June 18, 2025, to disclose all revenues and expenses for their by-election campaigns. The table above summarizes the parties' campaign financial return data. Some amounts may change as audit queries are resolved.

#### **Political Party Affiliation Abbreviations:**

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UCP The United Conservative Party of Alberta

#### **Revenues**

The Contributions column in the table represents any money and valued (in-kind) campaign contributions received from contributors. Only contributions deemed by a party to be campaign contributions are included on the campaign return. Contributions were limited to \$5,000 per contributor and are eligible to be claimed for income tax credits by the contributors.

Amounts in the Other Revenue column may be made up of income from campaign fundraisers, miscellaneous campaign income, and election goods or services paid by the party's constituency association(s) on their behalf.

#### **Expenses**

The parties were subject to an Election Expense limit of \$28,000 during the by-election period from the writ of election through the end of election day. Election expenses can include goods or services paid by the party's constituency association(s) for the party's use during the election.

The Other Expenses column can include campaign expenses not subject to the spending limit.

#### **Transfers**

Amounts in the Transfers Received and Transfers Issued columns may include campaign funds transfers with the party's candidate(s) or constituency association(s).

### ELECTION THIRD PARTY ADVERTISER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	Revenues						
ETPA	Contributions	Other Revenue	Transfers Received	Advertising Expenses	Other Expenses	Transfers Issued	Surplus (Deficit)
ALBERTA ACCOUNTABILITY ALLIANCE Type: Group	\$55	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$87	\$0	(\$32)
ALBERTA FEDERATION OF LABOUR INC. Type: Union	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
PUBLIC INTEREST ALBERTA SOCIETY Type: Corp.	\$850	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$575	\$0	\$75
TOTAL	\$905	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$662	\$0	\$43

Three out of 15 registered election third party advertisers (ETPAs) confirmed their potential engagement in election advertising for the by-election.

The remaining registered ETPAs all confirmed they were not engaging in election advertising during the by-election. The three ETPAs listed above were required to file election advertising financial returns by June 18, 2025, to disclose all revenues and expenses related to the by-election.

The table above summarizes the ETPAs' election advertising financial return data. Amounts may change as audit queries are resolved.

#### **Revenues**

The Contributions column in the table represents any election advertising contributions received from contributors during the by-election advertising period from the writ of the election through the end of election day. Contributions were limited to \$34,400 per contributor and are not eligible to be claimed for income tax credits by the contributors.

Amounts in the Other Revenue column may be made up of income from ETPA fundraisers, miscellaneous income, and pre-paid election advertising goods or services.

#### **Expenses**

ETPAs were subject to an Election Expense limit of \$3,700 during the by-election advertising period from the writ of election through the end of election day. Election advertising expenses may include pre-paid election advertising goods or services.

The Other Expenses column can include miscellaneous non-advertising expenses which are not subject to the spending limit.

#### **Transfers**

The Transfers Received column may include funds transfers from other registered ETPAs. The Transfers Issued column may include funds issued to other registered ETPAs and to registered political third party advertisers (PTPAs).

# OVERVIEW OF RESULTS AND STATISTICS

The following section provides an overview of the votes received by each candidate, the turnout for the by-election, and a comparison of voter demographics in the by-election to the 2023 Provincial General Election.





#### SUMMARY OF RESULTS BY CANDIDATE

Candidate	Party	Valid votes	% of Votes	Names on list	% Turnout
ROB MIYASHIRO	NDP	7,238	53.3%	-	-
JOHN MIDDLETON-HOPE	UPC	6,093	44.9%	-	-
LAYTON VEVERKA	AP	237	1.7%	-	-
TOTAL		13,568	100.0%	37,828	36.0

Note: Percentage of voter turnout includes rejected and declined ballots, in addition to valid ballots cast, as reflected in the poll-by-poll results commencing on page 41. Names appear in order of number of valid votes received. The name in **bold** print represents the elected candidate. Percentage of votes polled may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Voter turnout is calculated based on the elector count on the post-Election Day List of Electors. The lists include the number of names on the List of Electors, with the additions of elector information from the revision period, online registrations, and voting day declarations.

#### **Political Party Affiliation Abbreviations:**

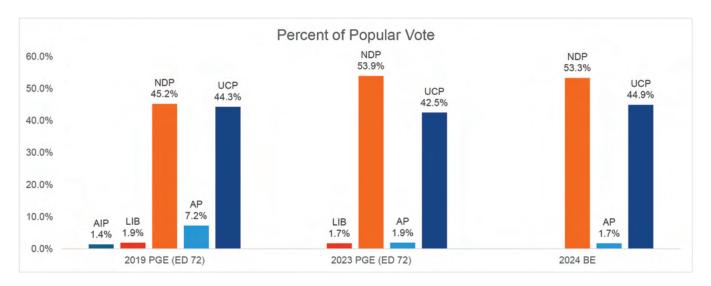
NDP Alberta New Democratic Party

AP Alberta Party

UCP The United Conservative Party of Alberta

#### **DEMOGRAPHICS**

#### PERCENT OF POPULAR VOTE



The Alberta New Democratic Party (NDP) gained votes from the 2019 Provincial General Election to the 2023 Provincial General Election. Results in this by-election were very similar to the 2023 PGE.

#### Legend

AIP Alberta Independence Party

LIB Alberta Liberal Party

NDP Alberta New Democratic Party

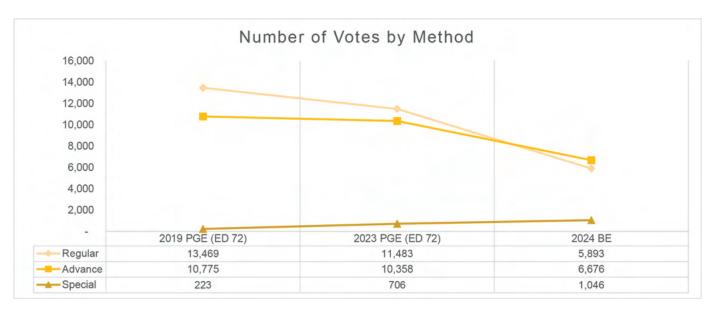
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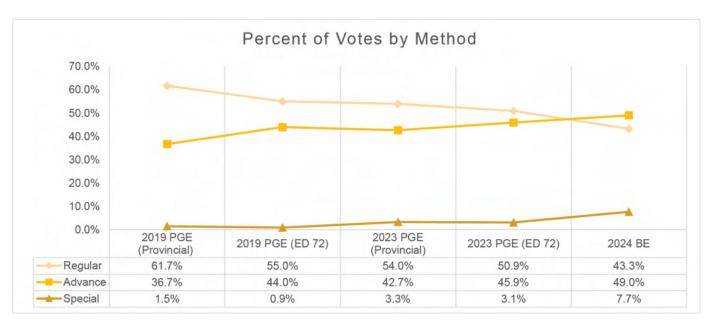
UCP The United Conservative Party of Alberta

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#### **VOTES BY METHOD**





Looking at the data above, 8,932 fewer votes were cast in the 2024 by-election than cast during the 2023 Provincial General Election. 10,852 fewer votes were cast in the 2024 by-election than were cast during the 2019 Provincial General Election.

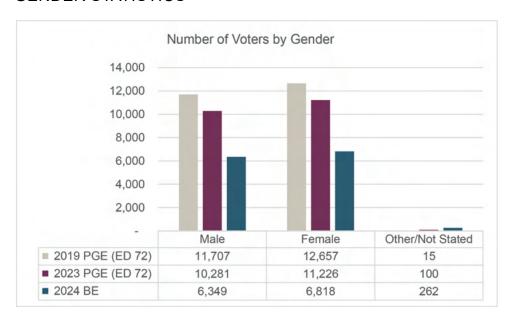
The percentage of votes cast for Regular voting dipped while Advance and Special voting rose.

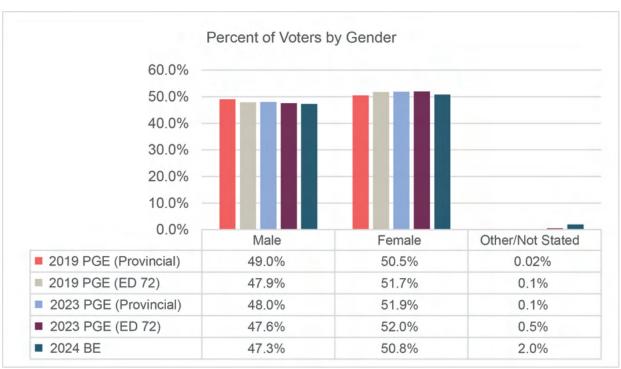
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#### **GENDER STATISTICS**





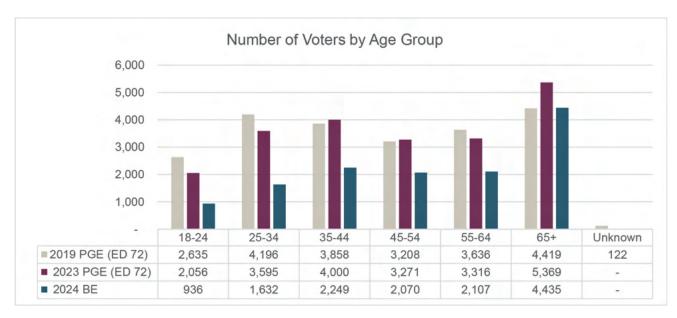
Results from the previous two Provincial General Elections to the 2024 by-election were fairly consistent in percentage of vote between male and female voters with a slight increase seen by electors who did not specify a gender or identify with an alternate gender.

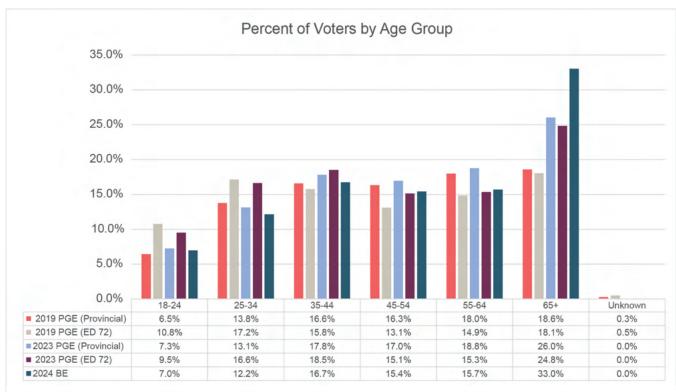
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#### AGE STATISTICS





The difference in proportion of those who voted in the 2024 Lethbridge-West by-election was the most significant between the youngest and the oldest age groups. This can be seen in the past two Provincial General Elections as well. The middle four age groups were more similar in turnout.

#### Legend

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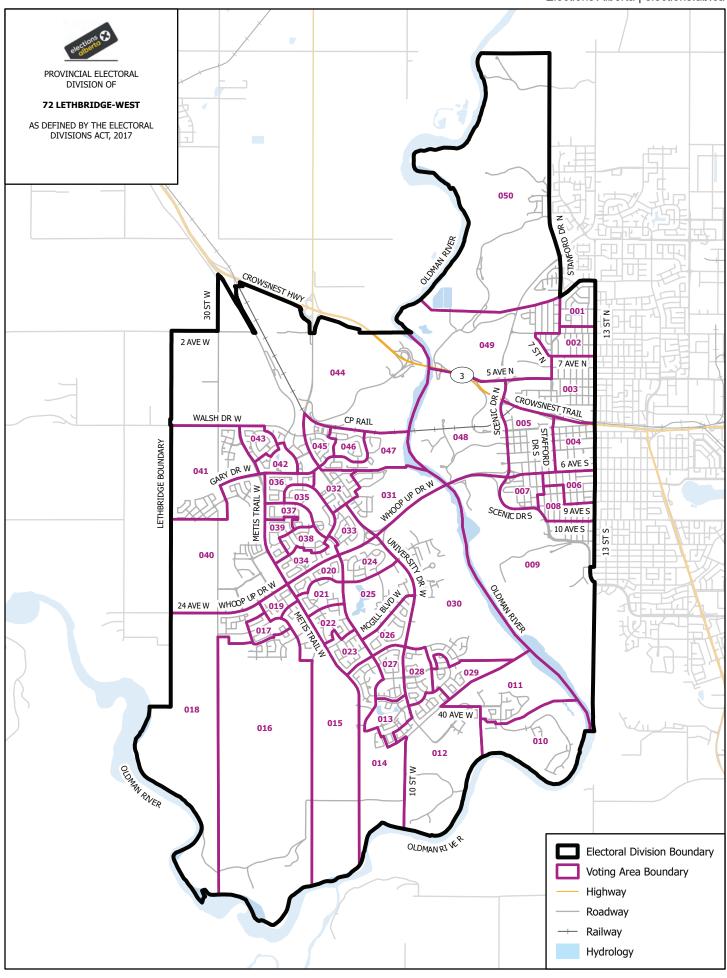
BE By-election



# ELECTORAL DIVISION MAP

This map details the electoral boundaries for Lethbridge-West.

Voting areas are labelled with numbers corresponding with the official results.







## SUMMARY OF RESULTS BY VOTING AREA

The following section provides detailed by-election results by voting area and voting method.

# SUMMARY OF RESULTS BY VOTING AREA

### CANDIDATE VOTE COUNTS

Voting Area	Туре	LAYTON VEVERKA AP	ROB MIYASHIRO NDP	JOHN MIDDLETON-HOPE UCP	Valid Ballots Cast
	Total	237	7,238	6,093	13,568
001	Regular	0	51 83		134
002	Regular	1	42	31	74
003	Regular	5	40	40	85
004	Regular	0	41	13	54
005	Regular	2	24	27	53
006	Regular	1	73	41	115
007	Regular	1	40	20	61
800	Regular	4	78	29	111
009	Regular	1	53	30	84
010	Regular	4	42	59	105
011	Regular	1	45	84	130
012	Regular	1	48	60	109
013	Regular	2	60	32	94
014	Regular	2	68	61	131
015	Regular	4	48	48	100
016	Regular	1	78	67	146
017	Regular	0	52	40	92
018	Regular	1	48	63	112
019	Regular	4	60	31	95
020	Regular	3	74	37	114
021	Regular	1	63	35	99
022	Regular	0	60	54	114
023	Regular	3	46	53	102
024	Regular	0	49	26	75
025	Regular	1	50	38	89
026	Regular	3	46	50	99
027	Regular	4	65	50	119
028	Regular	7	63	62	132
029	Regular	2	67	67	136
030	Regular	2	71	73	146
031	Regular	2	66	82	150
032	Regular	3	67	59	129
033	Regular	6	63	31	100

### CATEGORIZATION OF VOTES CAST

Voting Area	Туре	Names on List	Valid Ballots Cast	Spoiled Ballots	Declined Ballots	Rejected Ballots	Voter Turnout Percentage (%)
		37,828	13,568	27	1	46	36.0%
001	Regular	783	134	1	0	1	17.2%
002	Regular	681	74	0	0	0	10.9%
003	Regular	842	85	0	0	0	10.1%
004	Regular	718	54	0	0	0	7.5%
005	Regular	778	53	0	0	0	6.8%
006	Regular	855	115	0	0	0	13.5%
007	Regular	785	61	0	0	1	7.9%
800	Regular	815	111	0	0	0	13.6%
009	Regular	775	84	1	0	1	11.0%
010	Regular	611	105	1	0	0	17.2%
011	Regular	710	130	0	0	0	18.3%
012	Regular	637	109	0	0	0	17.1%
013	Regular	774	94	0	0	0	12.1%
014	Regular	796	131	0	0	0	16.5%
015	Regular	651	100	0	0	1	15.5%
016	Regular	864	146	0	0	0	16.9%
017	Regular	719	92	0	0	0	12.8%
018	Regular	718	112	1	0	0	15.6%
019	Regular	680	95	0	0	0	14.0%
020	Regular	705	114	1	0	1	16.3%
021	Regular	728	99	0	0	0	13.6%
022	Regular	792	114	0	0	0	14.4%
023	Regular	738	102	0	0	1	14.0%
024	Regular	768	75	0	1	0	9.9%
025	Regular	698	89	1	0	0	12.8%
026	Regular	775	99	1	0	0	12.8%
027	Regular	761	119	0	0	0	15.6%
028	Regular	797	132	0	0	0	16.6%
029	Regular	701	136	0	0	2	19.7%
030	Regular	784	146	1	0	0	18.6%
031	Regular	744	150	3	0	0	20.2%
032	Regular	768	129	0	0	0	16.8%
033	Regular	690	100	0	0	0	14.5%

### CANDIDATE OF VOTE COUNTS

Voting Area	Туре	LAYTON VEVERKA AP	ROB MIYASHIRO NDP	JOHN MIDDLETON-HOPE UCP	Valid Ballots Cast
	Total	237	7,238	6,093	13,568
034	Regular	2	45	35	82
035	Regular	0	58	73	131
036	Regular	3	76	60	139
037	Regular	1	62	58	121
038	Regular	0	77	38	115
039	Regular	1	48	27	76
040	Regular	0	93	113	206
041	Regular	2	100	114	216
042	Regular	1	33	42	76
043	Regular	2	56	57	115
044	Regular	1	45	24	70
045	Regular	3	38	69	110
046	Regular	4	71	74	149
047	Regular	5	74	72	151
048	Regular	2	15	38	55
049	Regular	5	38	54	97
050	Regular	0	44	96	140
	Advance - Melcor Centre (Upper SE entrance)	27	817	529	1,373
	Advance - University Drive Alliance Church	78	2,798	2,425	5,301
	Mobile - Age-Care / Buffalo / Edith Cavell / Garden View / Good Samaritan Centre / Legion Terrace / Pemmican Lodge / YWCA	9	69	59	137
	Mobile - Black Rock / Good Samaritan Estates / Seasons Lethbridge Gardens / Streets Alive Mission	8	64	80	152
	Mobile - Heritage Lodge / The View At Lethbridge	4	18	30	52
	Special ballot - RO	7	654	344	1,005
	Special ballot - EA	0	4	6	10

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		37,828	13,568	27	1	46	36.0%
034	Regular	700	82	0	0	0	11.7%
035	Regular	680	131	0	0	0	19.3%
036	Regular	761	139	0	0	0	18.3%
037	Regular	728	121	5	0	0	16.6%
038	Regular	725	115	0	0	1	16.0%
039	Regular	707	76	0	0	0	10.7%
040	Regular	1,005	206	0	0	0	20.5%
041	Regular	1,294	216	0	0	0	16.7%
042	Regular	648	76	0	0	0	11.7%
043	Regular	703	115	0	0	0	16.4%
044	Regular	701	70	1	0	0	10.0%
045	Regular	699	110	0	0	0	15.7%
046	Regular	740	149	0	0	0	20.1%
047	Regular	740	151	1	0	0	20.4%
048	Regular	854	55	0	0	0	6.4%
049	Regular	694	97	0	0	1	14.1%
050	Regular	808	140	0	0	1	17.5%
	Advance - Melcor Centre (Upper SE entrance)	0	1,373	0	0	0	-
	Advance - University Drive Alliance Church	0	5,301	7	7	2	-
	Mobile - Age-Care / Buffalo / Edith Cavell / Garden View / Good Samaritan Centre / Legion Terrace / Pemmican Lodge / YWCA	0	137	0	0	0	-
	Mobile - Black Rock / Good Samaritan Estates / Seasons Lethbridge Gardens / Streets Alive Mission	0	152	1	1	0	-
	Mobile - Heritage Lodge / The View At Lethbridge	0	52	0	0	2	-
	Special ballot - RO	0	1,005	1	1	19	-
	Special ballot - EA	0	10	0	0	12	-







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