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## **Alberta's Chief Electoral Officer Releases Report on 2008 Provincial General Election**

EDMONTON, September 15, 2008 – Lorne Gibson, Chief Electoral Officer for Alberta, today tabled his report concerning the 2008 Provincial General Election conducted on Monday, March 3, 2008, with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

The report contains a summary of Elections Alberta's activities to prepare for and conduct the 2008 General Election. The report also provides a breakdown of election results and statistics, and a summary of election costs and other financial activities.

In addition, the report addresses several key issues arising in the election and improvements to the election process. The report contains over 180 recommendations for amendments to the *Election Act* and the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act* for the Legislative Assembly's review and consideration.

"We are extremely pleased with the feedback we received from voters following the election regarding the helpfulness of polling day staff, the convenience of voting locations, the time it took to vote and satisfaction with their overall voting experience," said Lorne Gibson, Chief Electoral Officer. "Satisfaction levels with all of these dimensions of the voting experience ranged from 94% to 97% amongst the electorate."

Gibson added, "Returning Officers and their staff also met the myriad of challenges to make the election a success. I also commend the 15,000 Albertans who accepted the challenge of working as election officials on the front lines of the democratic process. I am pleased to see that these ordinary Albertans, who performed so ably, are appreciated by the voters they served. All election workers should be proud of their outstanding performance in the eyes of the voting public."



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A copy of the report can be downloaded from our website at <http://www.elections.ab.ca/Public%20Website/730.htm>.

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