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## **Elections Alberta Welcomes New Chief Electoral Officer**

EDMONTON – O. Brian Fjeldheim will lead Elections Alberta in preparing for the next election. Mr. Fjeldheim was appointed as Chief Electoral Officer by the Legislative Assembly via Order in Council 637/2009 on December 9, 2009.

Elections Alberta will benefit from the expertise he brings to his position, from fields varying from education to elections. His knowledge of election administration comes from over twenty years of experience, including two terms as Elections Alberta's Chief Electoral Officer from October 1998 to November 2005. Since 2005, he has served as a consultant in the field of election management and has recently returned from Afghanistan, where he worked with the Election Complaints Commission (ECC) to examine the administration of the presidential election.

Mr. Fjeldheim is a native Albertan with strong roots in the community. He is eager to lead the organization responsible for provincial electoral events in Alberta, and stated recently: "I look forward to working with all political parties, and all stakeholders throughout the province, to identify and achieve better ways to serve Albertans through a fair, transparent and effective electoral process".

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