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School Board Trustee Elections – Extended

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Elections PEI announced today, they have requested the extension of the Mail In Ballot application period and an extension of the election date for the School Board Elections for the Public Schools Branch (PSB) and La Commission scolaire de langue française (CSLF). Tim Garrity; CEO of Elections PEI explains *“Hurricane Fiona has not only changed the landscape of PEI with her destructive force, but has also compromised the ability for Islanders to apply for the Mail In Ballot due to lack of connectivity.”*

The lack of electricity to homes and internet to homes across the island has allowed Elections PEI to request a regulatory change that will allow for the extension of the Mail In Ballot application deadline as well as the election date itself. More details on the exact timelines for the extension will be released in the coming days.

“The extended time period will allow those islanders having their power slowly restored, the opportunity to apply online as those services become available” says Garrity. He continues *“as soon as people regain their electricity and internet they are invited to visit www.electionspei.ca to apply for their Mail In Ballot for the School Board Elections. Elections PEI will make arrangements to allow applications via phone for those without internet connectivity once the office is open and operational.”*

With the application process extended this will also extend the deadline to return the ballots to Elections PEI, in order to be included in the counting of ballots. Elections PEI will release more information on dates and deadlines in the coming days.

Please stay safe.

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