



Elections

Prince Edward Island

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Report of the Chief Electoral Officer
of Prince Edward Island

La Commission scolaire de langue française



June 1, 2018

Hon. Jordan Brown,
Minister of Education, Early Learning and Culture
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Main Floor

Dear Minister Brown,

Elections P.E.I is submitting its report on the May 28, 2018 French School Board Trustee Elections.

There were three zones who had acclamations and three zones who held elections. Please see the attached report with the details of the election process.

Respectfully,

Tim G. Garrity
Chief Electoral Officer
Province of Prince Edward Island

French School Board Elections 2018

Elections PEI worked very closely with the French Language School Board in the preparation for the election. Elections PEI hired on a full time election administrative assistant who was fully bilingual and available to answer any questions that arose as a result of the electoral process.

In advance of the election and in cooperation with the French Language School Board Elections PEI created and produced a brochure was sent home with every student enrolled in a French school in both English and French. The brochure was to both encourage people to run for a position and to inform them that the election was forthcoming.

The process for advanced voting opportunities was given to the electorate through the Mail-in Ballot process. There were no mail-in ballot applications received prior to the deadline.

There were a few complaints about the Returning Officers not being fully bilingual. This is not a requirement and in every zone the requirement for the Poll Clerk to be fully bilingual is mandatory.

There were questions raised on who was considered an eligible parent in the election and the definition is very broad in the *Education Act Election Regulations*. It states that if you are an eligible parent or would be an eligible parent if you had a child, then you are able to vote.

All notifications, social media posts and advertisements were made in both English and French. Elections PEI utilized Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn Social Media Platforms.

Voting Statistics

2018	2014
Zone 1 = 220 voters	Zone 3 = 70 voters
Zone 4 = 71 voters	Zone 4 = 68 voters
Zone 5 = 143 voters	
Total of 434 voters	Total of 138 voters
Difference of 215% increase in voter turnout	

Number of Candidates

2014 - of the 9 trustees seats available, 6 were acclaimed (10 candidates total came forward to participate, with 1 trustee needing to be appointed by the Minister)

2018 - of the 9 trustees seats available, 4 were acclaimed (12 candidates total came forward to participate)

Calendar of Events

April 30, 2018 – Writ of Election issued and advertisements are made that the nomination process is open.

May 1 – May 15, 2018 – Mail-in Ballot Application process open for registration.

May 11, 2018 – Final day for nominations.

May 14, 2018 – Publish the list of candidates and poll locations for Election Day.

May 25, 2018 – Deadline to receive Mail-in Ballots.

May 28, 2018 – Election Day (polls are open from noon until 8:00PM)

May 30, 2018 – Final day to request a recount.

ZONE 1	Candidates / Candidats	VOTES	Results / Résultats
Trustees	ARSENAULT, Darlene - Richmond	130	<i>Elected / Élu</i>
Nombre de commissaires (2)	GALLANT, Bonnie - Wellington	122	
	GALLANT, Janine - Abram-Village	127	<i>Elected / Élu</i>
ZONE 2	Candidates / Candidats	VOTES	Results / Résultats
Trustees	SHIELDS, Tammy - St Louis		<i>Acclaimed</i>
Nombre de commissaires (1)			
ZONE 3	Candidates / Candidats	VOTES	Results / Résultats
Trustees	BENOIT, Gilles - Summerside		<i>Acclaimed</i>
Nombre de commissaires (2)	SHORTT, Diane - Summerside		<i>Acclaimed</i>
ZONE 4	Candidates / Candidats	VOTES	Results / Résultats
Trustees	BLANCHARD, Stéphane - Rustico	55	<i>Elected / Élu</i>
Nombre de commissaires (1)	PINEAU, Michelle - North Rustico	16	
ZONE 5	Candidates / Candidats	VOTES	Results / Résultats
Trustees	GALLANT, Émile - Charlottetown	68	<i>Elected / Élu</i>
Nombre de commissaires (2)	GALLANT, Shawn - Cornwall	65	
	URIER, Greg - Charlottetown	111	<i>Elected / Élu</i>
ZONE 6	Candidates / Candidats	VOTES	Results / Résultats
Trustees	FAUBERT, Lynne - St Peters Bay		<i>Acclaimed</i>
Nombre de commissaires (1)			