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Elections PEI was very saddened to learn about the passing of Josh Underhay and his son. We offer our thoughts and prayers to their family, friends and colleagues.

Taking this tragic situation into consideration, there are provisions in the *Election Act* to amend the timing of the election within the district in question.

Due to this very tragic circumstance, Elections PEI is required to enact Section 45. of the *Election Act*.

45. (2) If a candidate, officially nominated, dies between the close of nominations and of the poll, the Chief Electoral Officer shall issue his or her certificate, in the manner set forth in section 8, upon which certificate the Lieutenant Governor in Council shall then

(a) order the withdrawal of the grant of poll;

(b) fix the date of a new ordinary polling day which shall be not more than three months from the date of the death of the candidate,

and the writ shall be deemed to have been amended accordingly.

Therefore, Elections PEI sent a letter to the Clerk of Executive Council requesting this action take place and has received the formal Order with approval from the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

There will be an announcement in the coming weeks about the date of the by-election.

Tim G. Garrity

Chief Electoral Officer

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