

# Newsletter Winter 2020

## CEO Report 2019



April 23, 2019 Report of the Chief Electoral Officer of PEI

2019 Provincial General Election



The CEO of **Elections** PEI released the **Report on the April Provincial** 2019 General 23, Election, during the fall sitting of the Legislative Assembly of PEI. The report captures the results from every district in PEI. It features a summary of the election with charts and graphs of demographics, percentage of votes and election financing. The CEO has also outlined significant areas of the Election Act with explanations and suggestions for changes to legislation.

## **Election Financing**

Have you ever wondered how a candidate or a political party pays for an election? How are your political donation dollars spent? There are many expenses in running an election from headquarter rentals and office expenses to political signs and supplies. Check out the Candidate Expenses and Expenditures on page 107 of the CEO's report.



# CEO Recommendations

The 2019 CEO report features new and revised recommendations for legislative changes. While there are a number of housekeeping changes required, there are some significant changes needed in order to maintain the integrity of the electoral process. The CEO 's report outlines the challenges and recommendations for legislative changes. These changes are featured on 17 - 34 of the report.

# Did You Know???

The 27 district Returning Officers are appointed for life and are not permitted to vote. The Office of the CEO recommends these positions be competitive and merit based and to reinstate the Returning Officers right to vote.

Voter Enumeration is Mandatory. Current legislation makes it mandatory for Elections PEI workers to knock on every residential door on PEI to enumerate (confirm) all eligible voters within a five day period when the Writ is dropped. The CEO recommends the enumeration process be used only when needed, and at the discretion of the CEO.

# **Checking Your Registration**

Every year you update your vehicle registration, and we encourage you to keep your voter registration up-to-date as well. Stay in touch with our office if you move or have a change in names. Help us keep your voter information up-to-date. Call us at 1-888-234-8683 or check in to our <u>On-line Registration Portal</u> to add or update your information for the next electoral event.

# Keeping up with Technology



In a 2019 Election Survey, 76% of respondents were in favour of election modernization and the further use of technology at the polls. While we may be years away from any form of online voting in a provincial election, a section of the CEO report discusses online voting, digital voting and digital counting methods for results. The recommendation is to create a provision in the Election Act to allow Elections PEI to explore various forms of technology. They could be evaluated, tested and introduced as a pilot project during a smaller electoral event such as a by-election.

## Political Contributions

As of January 1, 2020 contribution limits to a political party has increased to \$3,050 and only individuals are allowed to contribute.

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