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**April 18, 2019 - Elections PEI busy at Advance Polls**

When the polls closed Thursday April 18, 2019 at 7pm, Elections PEI was proud to announce a nice increase in Advance Poll activity. *“Today’s turnout was the best of the three days of advance voting”* says CEO Tim Garrity. The percentage of eligible electors voting in the third Advance Poll was 13.38% or 13,919 voters. Garrity adds *“overall turnout is impressive with 36.39% of the electorate voting which is 37,865 cast ballots.”*

On the first day of advance voting, Elections PEI saw a turnout of 13.32% or 13,864 voters, on day two, voting was 9.25% or 9,632 votes cast. This is a big increase over the 2015 provincial general election. Garrity mentions *“after three days of advance voting we’ve seen an increase of 7.2% or 8,971 more voters”*.

Reports from the polling stations are encouraging with many voters satisfied with the speed and efficiency of the poll workers, helping the voters to come in and vote, in most cases, in under 5 minutes.

Ordinary Polling Day is after Easter Weekend on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, with polls open from 9am-7pm. Voters unsure of voting locations should check their Voters Information Card in the mail, or by visiting the Elections PEI website at [www.electionspei.ca](http://www.electionspei.ca).

Elections PEI will display the results of the 2019 provincial general election and referendum “LIVE” on their website on Tuesday April 23, 2019.

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