



Elections
Prince Edward Island

City of
Summerside

May 29, 2023

Summerside By-Election
Ward 3 Summerside-North

Report of the
Municipal Electoral Officer



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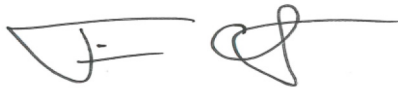
Message from the Municipal Electoral Officer

I am pleased to present the report on the 2023 Summerside Municipal By-Election.

I would like to express my thanks to the election team, Deputy Municipal Electoral Officer - Stephanie Thorpe, Manager of Election Operations and Communications - Paul Alan and our Elections Office Coordinator – Gabrielle Anderson. My appreciation and thanks extend to Bridgett MacCormac as well as the Returning Officer: Eugene Kelly, his Election Clerk: Mary Olscamp, and the workers who worked at the polling location and all voting opportunities. Their dedication and professionalism were all instrumental in the success of the Summerside Municipal By-Election.

The voter turnout continues to be at a lower level in the municipal elections and we want to encourage all eligible electors to vote, as it is your democratic right and an amazing privilege to be able to vote safely in Canada.

I would like to thank all the voters from the City of Summerside – Ward 3. We thank you for your trust in the electoral process as well as in our staff to keep you safe while exercising your democratic right to vote.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim G. Garrity', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tim G. Garrity

Municipal Electoral Officer

Summerside Ward 3 By-Election Summary

Summerside City Council passed a resolution on Monday, April 17, 2023, naming Tim Garrity as Municipal Electoral Officer (MEO) and Stephanie Thorpe as Deputy Municipal Electoral Officer (DMEO).

The Summerside By-election period began on May 3rd, 2023 with the appointment of Eugene Kelly as the Returning Officer and Mary Olscamp as the Election Clerk.

The Returning Office opened in the St Eleanor's Lions Club on Wednesday May 3, 2023 at 9 a.m. to accept candidate registrations. By Nomination Day Friday May 12, 2023, a total of seven residents of Summerside came forward and became officially registered candidates, vying to fill the one vacant councillor seat on Summerside City Council. It was vacated when Councillor Barb Ramsay won a seat as a Member of the Legislative Assembly in the Provincial General Election on April 3, 2023 .

Elections PEI continued a pilot program from the 2023 provincial election. In this pilot project, candidates pictures were posted alongside their names, in the two licensed healthcare facilities for the residents mobile voting opportunity. This helped the residents to place a name to the face. The initiative was well received provincially and used for this by-election at Andrews of Summerside and Wedgewood Manor. This initiative was taken one step further, as Elections PEI posted a page of candidate's names and pictures at the polling station as well. Reports from the polling station say voters appreciated the extra resources like the candidate pictures at the polls.

Three advance polling days were established on Saturday May 20th, Tuesday May 23rd and Friday, May 26th. The Summerside election by-law has the second advance day scheduled for the 6th day before Election Day, but it was moved to Tuesday from Monday due to the Victoria Day Holiday on May 22nd, 2023. A total of 22.92% of registered eligible voted over the course of the three advance days. Election day was Monday May 29th with a further 11.74% registered eligible voters went to the polls to cast their ballot.

Aside from the in person voting days, Elections PEI offered three alternative voting methods for residents of Ward 3. Any eligible voter from Ward 3 that could not make it to an in person voting day, were invited to apply for a Mail In Ballot. A total of 10 applications were received and processed by Elections PEI. There was a 90% return rate of the Mail in Ballot. For Ward 3 residents who were admitted to the Prince County Hospital, they were given the opportunity to vote in their hospital room on Election Day. Ward 3 is home to two licensed healthcare facilities; Andrews of Summerside and Wedgewood Manor. Of all residents of these facilities being given the opportunity to vote, only 31 residents cast their ballots from their respective homes.

When the advance voting ballots were counted there was a total of 371 accepted ballots cast. Election Day saw 168 ballots cast with one rejected ballot in Poll 3 for a total of 167 accepted ballots.

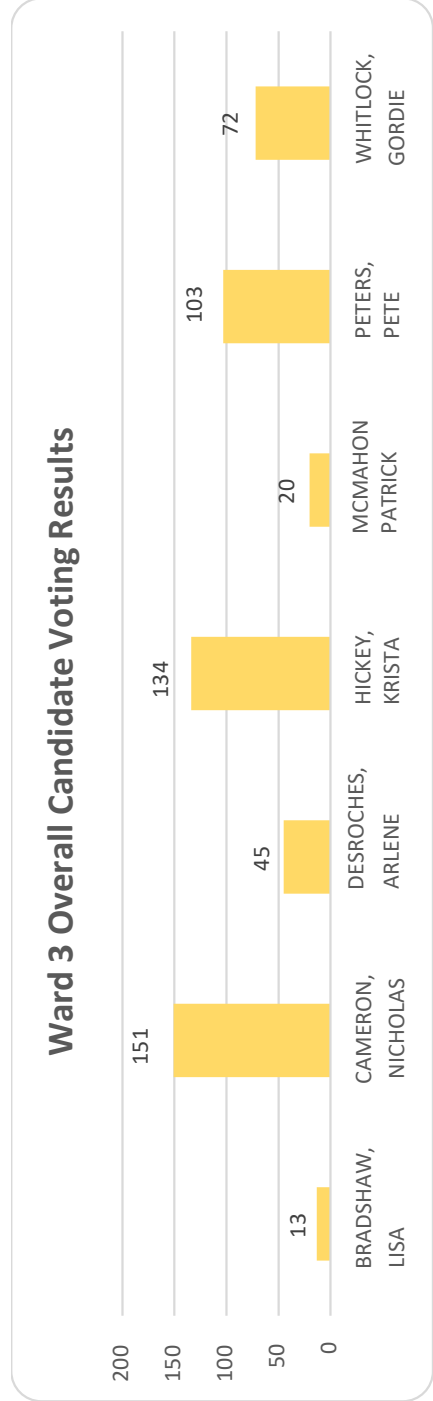
Overall, a total of 539 ballots were accepted by the counting teams, for all in-person voting at the polls, Mail in Ballots, hospital votes and long term care facilities This represented 37.66% of the registered and eligible 1,431 electors in Ward 3.

Recap Sheet

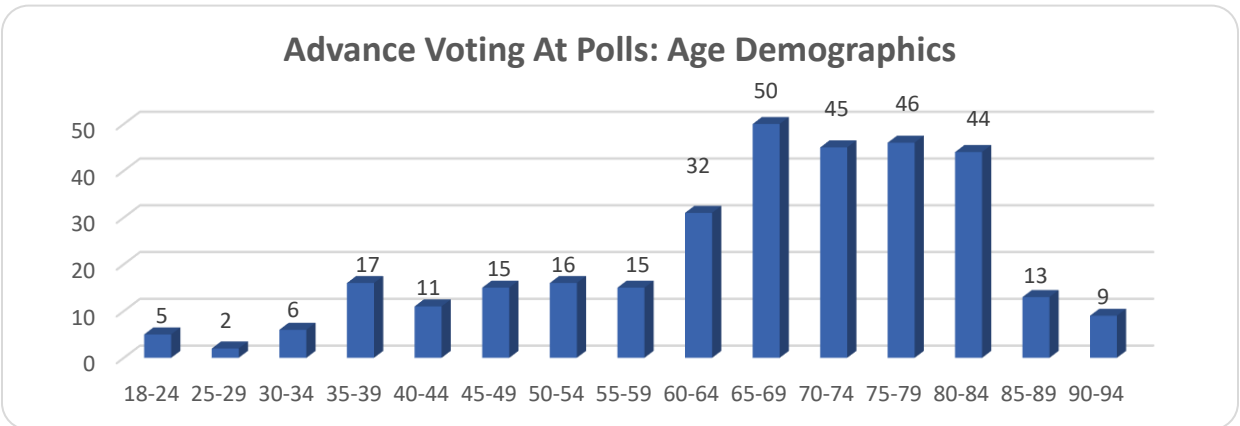
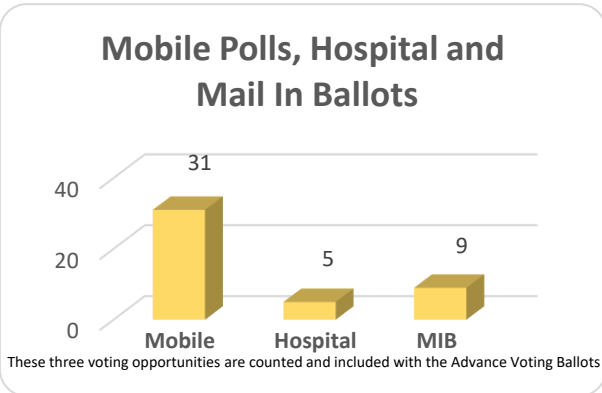
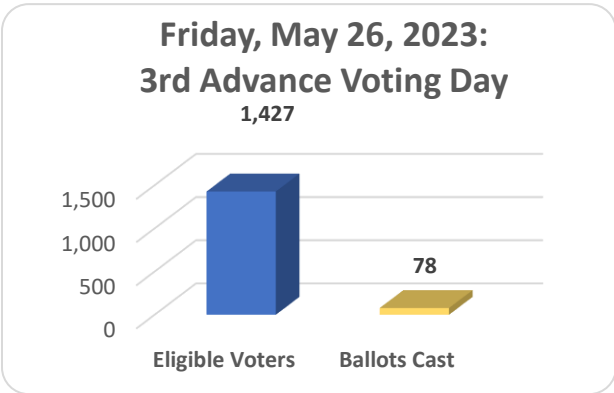
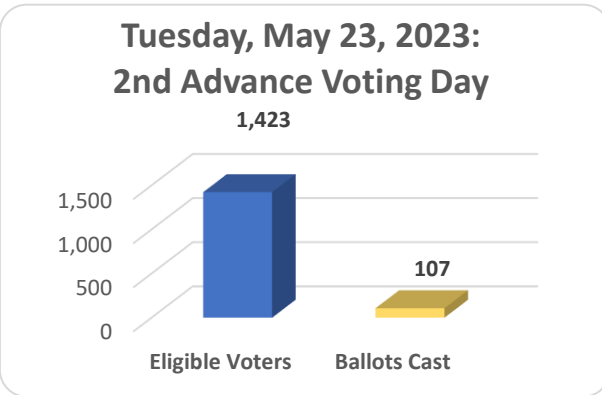
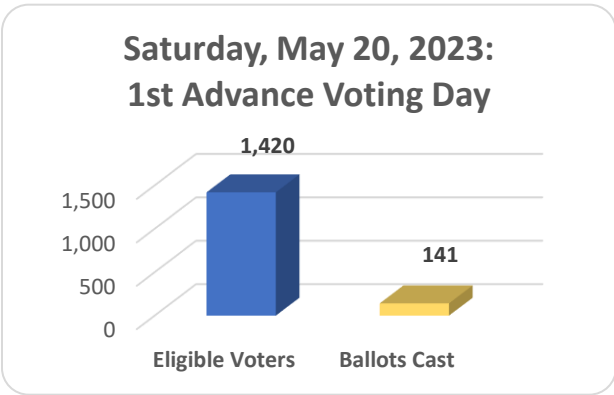
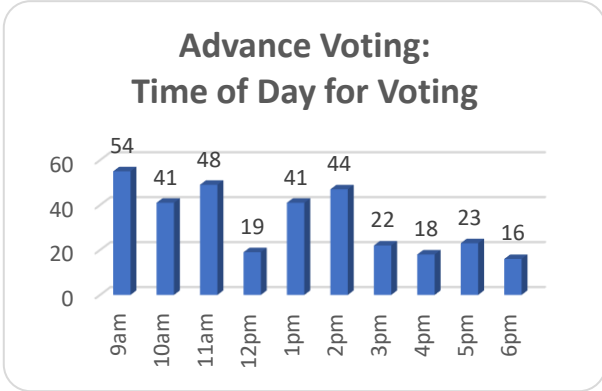
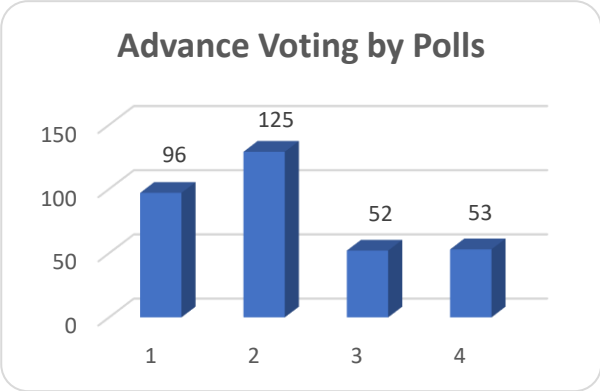
The Recap sheet is completed by the Returning Officer following their examination of the Statement of Poll. The counting teams, comprised of a Deputy Returning Officer and another Election Official, are responsible for examining, adjudicating and keeping score of the amount of votes cast per candidate on a tracking sheet. Once the Returning Officer has reviewed and is satisfied with the Statement of Poll, the Recap sheet is filled out and sent to every candidate. The Advance portion of the Recap Sheet is the total of the three days of advance voting, mail in ballots, hospital voting and mobile polls (licensed healthcare facilities in Ward 3)

POLLING DIVISION	# of Electors	# of Ballots Cast	BRADSHAW, Lisa	CAMERON, Nicholas	DESROCHES, Arlene	HICKEY, Krista	MCMAHON, Patrick	PETERS, Pete	WHITLOCK, Gordie	Rejected Ballots
Advance		371	12	102	32	88	14	72	51	0
1- Clark Street	263	40	0	14	3	10	2	8	3	0
2- Tower Street	544	59	0	13	5	20	3	12	6	0
3- Brophy Street	352	37	1	7	0	10	1	7	10	1
4- Raceway Drive	272	32	0	15	5	6	0	4	2	0
TOTALS	1431	539	13	151	45	134	20	103	72	1

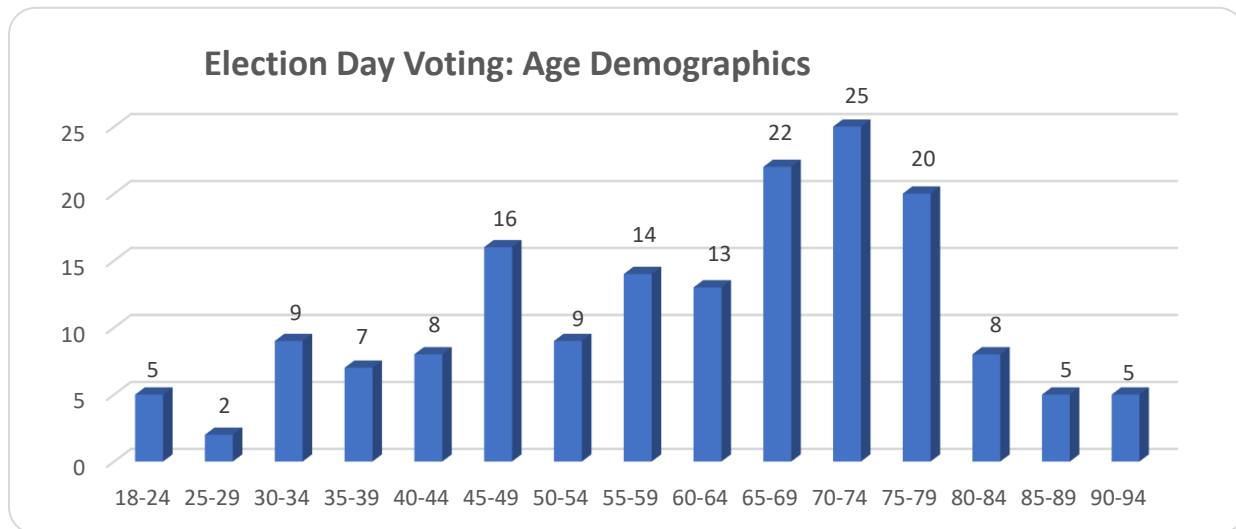
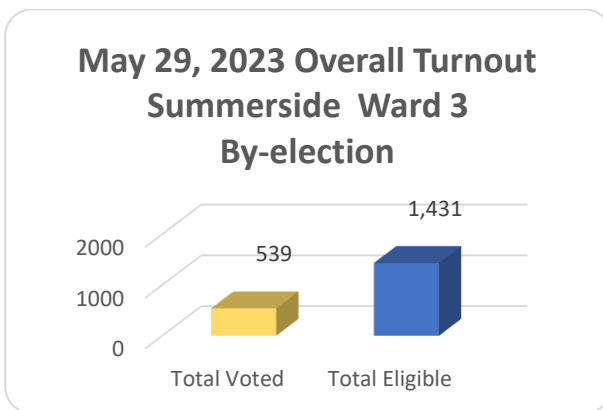
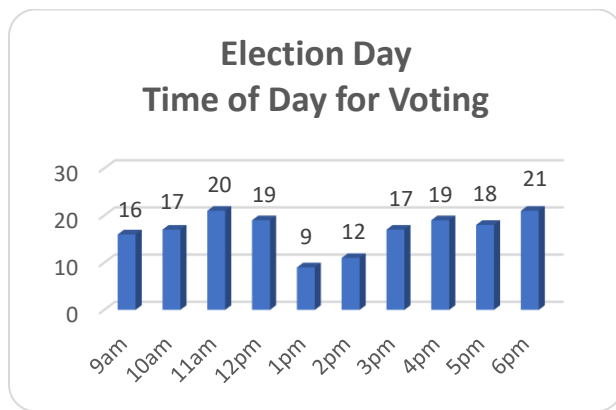
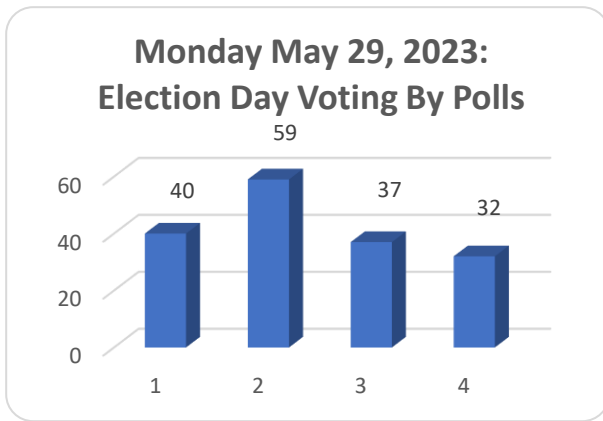
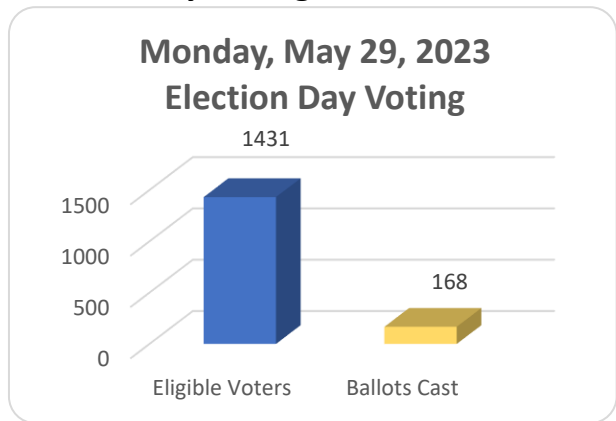
Advance numbers include all ballots from the three day advance polls, all mobile and hospital polls and mail in ballots



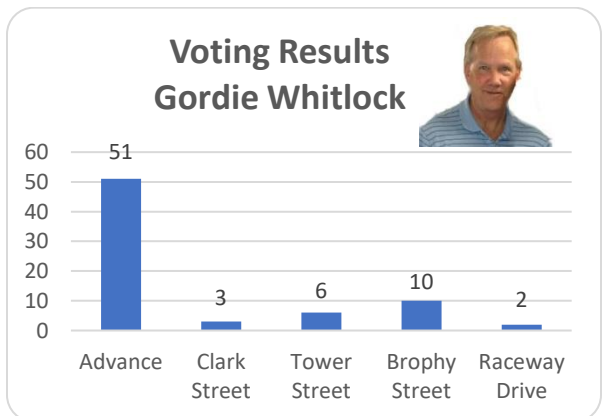
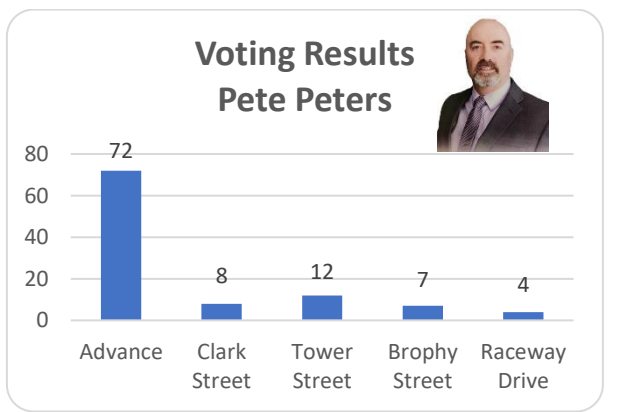
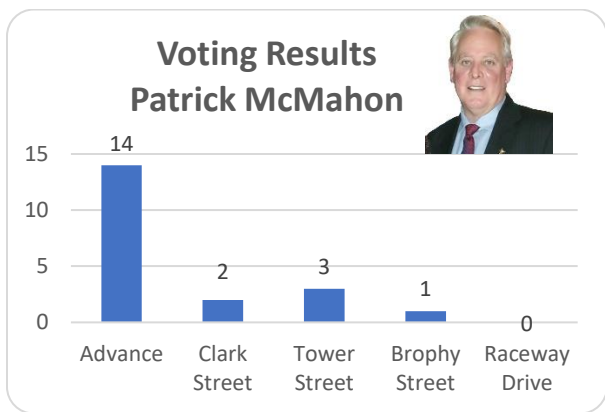
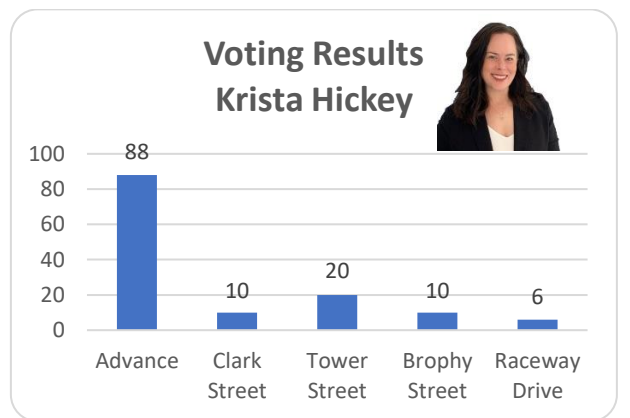
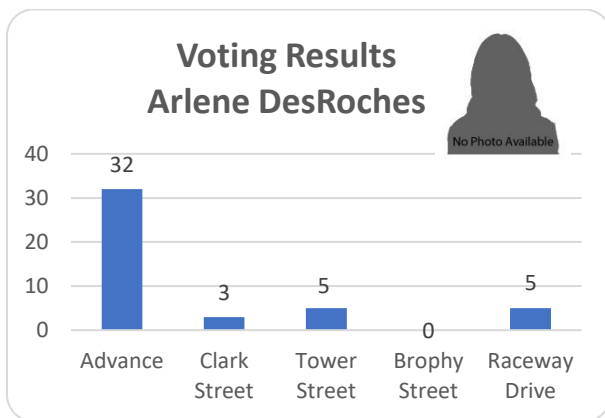
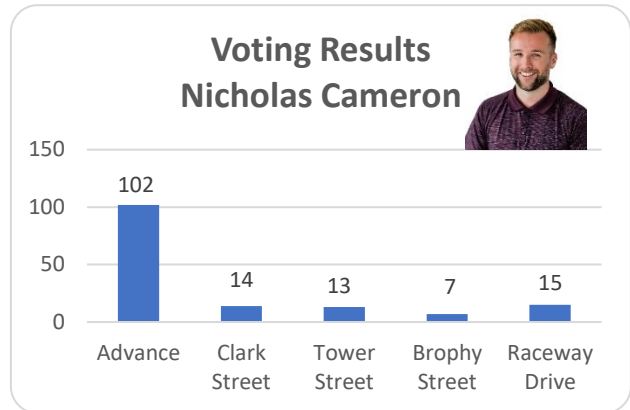
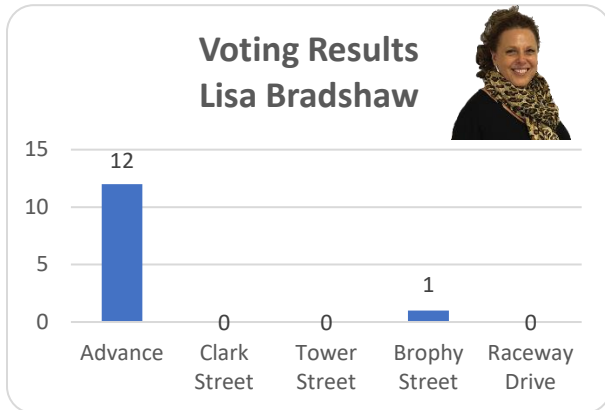
Advance Day at the Polls Statistics



Election Day Voting at the Polls Statistics



Candidate Voting Results



Expenses

2023 Summerside Municipal By-Election: Elections PEI Expenses

Advertising _____	\$769.00
Election Materials and Supplies _____	\$6845.33
Postage _____	\$1,388.52
Travel _____	\$89.67
Payroll _____	\$17,518.80
Total _____	\$26,611.32

Total number of registered voters on Ordinary Polling Day _____	1,431
Cost per Voter _____	\$18.59

