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**PROVINCIAL BY-ELECTION
CONCORDIA -- Tuesday, March 2
TRAVELLERS AND STUDENTS ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER
AS ABSENTEE VOTERS**

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Manitobans away on holiday or business need not forfeit their right to vote in the Concordia provincial by-election. Eligible voters who are travelling, working, studying or otherwise away from home during the by-election may be able to vote by mail as an absentee voter.

An eligible Concordia resident who will be away during advance voting and on election day can be an absentee voter so long as he or she:

- is a Canadian citizen;
- is 18 years of age on or before election day;
- has resided in Manitoba for at least six months immediately before election day; and
- intends to be away for no more than six months.*

(*This time restriction does not apply to members of the Canadian Forces, students attending school outside Manitoba, individuals working with the Manitoba or Canadian government or anyone living with people who meet these conditions.)

Interested voters are encouraged to apply directly to the returning officer by Thursday, February 18. However, applications will be accepted until Saturday, February 27.

Concordia Returning Office:
480 Chalmers Ave.
948-0608

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For further information:

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