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## **Bill Bowles re-appointed as Manitoba's Commissioner of Elections**

Elections Manitoba announced today that Bill Bowles has been re-appointed for a second term as Commissioner of Elections. Mr. Bowles was first appointed as Commissioner in March 2011. His second term will continue until June 14, 2018.

The re-appointment was made by the Deputy Chief Electoral Officer in consultation with the leaders of all political parties represented in the Legislative Assembly.

The role of the Commissioner of Elections is to ensure compliance with and enforcement of election law. The Commissioner has the authority to conduct investigations, prosecute offences, apply to the court for injunctions (during an election), enter into compliance agreements and, where a prosecution is not required, issue a formal caution. The Commissioner also responds to complaints relating to government advertising.

Bill Bowles is a lawyer and former partner with Aikins, MacAulay and Thorvaldson, where he practiced for over 20 years, primarily in the areas of general commercial litigation and insurance law. His appointment as Commissioner of Elections is effective June 15, 2013.

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