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ENUMERATION CONTINUES FOR 41st GENERAL ELECTION

Enumerators are continuing to go door-to-door throughout the province, identifying eligible voters for the April 19th provincial election and adding their names to the voters list. They will continue their visits until March 7.

Enumerators can be identified by their yellow Elections Manitoba vest and photo ID.

Manitoba residents are eligible to vote if they:

- are Canadian citizens;
- are at least 18 years of age or older on election day; and
- have resided in Manitoba for at least six months immediately before election day.

Under *The Elections Act*, the voter's name, address and phone number (if the voter provides it) will be given to the candidates in each electoral division and, upon request, to the registered political parties. Voters lists may also be shared with municipal, school board and federal elections authorities.

Enumerators will also request eligible voters' date of birth and gender to help create an accurate and reliable permanent voters list for Manitoba, for use in future elections. This information will be treated as confidential and kept secure – it will not be given to candidates or registered parties. Voters are encouraged to provide this information, but can choose not to.

Voters will receive an enumeration record that indicates where to vote on election day and provides contact information for their returning officer.

Enumerators also carry applications for homebound voting. Voters (and their caregivers) who are unable to go to a voting place due to a disability can apply to vote in their home.

If personal security is a concern, voters can apply to have their name omitted from the voters list through the personal security voting option.

For those eligible voters who are missed during enumeration, revising agents will be going door-to-door from March 10 to April 7. Voters may also visit their returning office during this time to have their name added to the voters list.

For more information, members of the public can contact the returning officer in their electoral division, call Elections Manitoba at 204-945-3225, toll-free at 1-866-628-6837, visit the Elections Manitoba website: www.electionsmanitoba.ca, or download our mobile app, Manitoba Votes 2016.

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