

News release

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FORT WHYTE BYELECTION IS CALLED VOTERS ENCOURAGED TO UPDATE OR REGISTER ONLINE

A provincial byelection has been called for voters in the Fort Whyte electoral division to choose a new MLA. Election day is **Tuesday, March 22**. Advance voting will be held **from Thursday, March 10 until Thursday, March 17**. For this byelection, vote by mail is also available.

VOTER INFORMATION CARD

All registered voters in Fort Whyte will receive a voter information card in the mail. This card confirms that the voter is registered and tells them when and where they vote on election day and during advance voting.

REGISTRATION AND UPDATES

Eligible voters who did not receive a voter information card or whose card was incorrect can visit www.electionsmanitoba.ca/en/Voting/Register_Of_Voters to register or update their information **by Thursday, March 3**.

Voters can also contact the Fort Whyte returning office, open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. except Sunday, when it is open from noon until 6:00 p.m. The office is located at:

1-104 Scurfield Boulevard, Winnipeg
Telephone: 204-809-1073, toll-free: 1-833-755-2431.
Email: ROFortWhyte@elections.mb.ca

REGISTRATION AT THE POLLING PLACE

Eligible voters who have not registered can still vote if they show their ID and take an oath at the polling place, either during advance voting or on election day.

WHO CAN VOTE?

Residents of the Fort Whyte electoral division who:

- Are Canadian citizens;
- Are at least 18 years old on election day; and
- Have lived in Manitoba for at least six months immediately before election day.

ID REQUIRED

All voters must show ID to register or to vote, and there are many options. For a complete list of acceptable ID, visit www.electionsmanitoba.ca/downloads/Acceptable_ID_En.pdf

VOTE BY MAIL

All eligible voters in the Fort Whyte electoral division can apply to vote by mail. This service is being made available due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Voters can apply at <https://electionsmanitoba.ca/en/Voting/VoteByMail>.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

COVID precautions will be followed at polling places, including:

- Voters will be required to wear masks (*until end of day Monday, March 14*) and we will have extra masks on hand.
- Election workers will be required to wear masks (*until end of day Monday, March 14*).
- All election workers in returning offices or those working with vulnerable populations (residents of care homes or seniors' housing, homebound voters), must be fully vaccinated.
- There will be signs and floor markings to control the flow of traffic and promote physical distancing.
- There will be shields at every poll table.
- Hand sanitizer will be available and its use encouraged.
- Workers will be assigned to clean and sanitize all polls.
- Pencils will be single use, or you can bring your own.

For more information on COVID health and safety protocols, visit <https://electionsmanitoba.ca/en/Voting/HealthSafety/FortWhyte>.

CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS

Candidates can now file nomination papers. They must submit their nomination forms to the Fort Whyte returning office **no later than 1:00 pm, Monday, March 7**.

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