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Message From the Municipal Electoral Officer

Report on the 2023 Local Government By-Elections

I am pleased to present the report on the local government by elections held in various communities throughout the province in February and October 2023.

The report includes information on the following events:

February 13, 2023

An Act Respecting Local Governance Reform, 2022, no. 2, S.N.B. 2022, c.56, received Royal Assent on December 16, 2022. Among other provisions, it changed the number of councillors to elect in Wards 2 and 3 of Valley Waters and required the Municipal Electoral Officer to hold a by-election to fill the newly created vacancy in Ward 2 on February 13, 2023. Given the fact a by-election was now scheduled, the Municipal Electoral Officer decided to also hold a by-election to fill a council vacancy in Ward 3, which was left empty following the election that was held in November 2022.

Polls were held to fill the vacancies. Following the close of nominations, 1,824 electors were eligible to vote in contested elections. Of these, 183 electors cast ballots, equalling a participation rate of 10.03%.

The direct cost for these by-elections was approximately \$59,593.

October 23, 2023

By-elections were scheduled for October 23, 2023, to fill 19 vacancies on 12 local government councils.

At the close of nominations on September 29, 2023, there were a sufficient number of candidates to hold elections in the following local governments:

- Beaurivage (Councillor at large, Councillor Ward 6);
- Fredericton Junction (Mayor);
- Grand Lake (Councillor Ward 4);
- Grand Manan (2 councillors at large);
- Hanwell (Councillor at large, Councillor Ward 4);
- Neguac (Councillor at large);
- Riverview (Councillor at large);
- Southern Victoria (Councillor, Ward 2);
- Sunbury-York South (Councillor, Ward 1); and
- Tracy (2 Councillors at large).

Candidates were elected by acclamation in the following local governments:

- Beaurivage (Councillor Ward 2);
- Hanwell (Councillor, Ward 5); and
- Upper Miramichi (Councillor Ward 1, Councillor Ward 3).

A candidate running for the vacancy in Grand Manan subsequently withdrew after the close of nominations, creating two additional acclamations.

One council vacancy for Campobello Island remained vacant following the close of nominations.

Polls were held to fill all remaining vacancies, with a total of 31,802 eligible electors for all contests province-wide.

Overall voter turnout ranged from a low of 8.27% for the council position in Sunbury-York South, to a high of 53.97% in Grand Lake.

Recount

The contest in Beaurivage, Ward 6, ended with a one vote difference between the winner and the individual who placed second. A recount requested by the runner-up did not result in a change from the results that were reported on election night.

The direct cost for these by-elections was approximately \$527,706.

Additional copies of this report and other election reports and publications on the electoral process are available on our website: (www.electionsnb.ca).



Kimberly A. Poffenroth
Municipal Electoral Officer

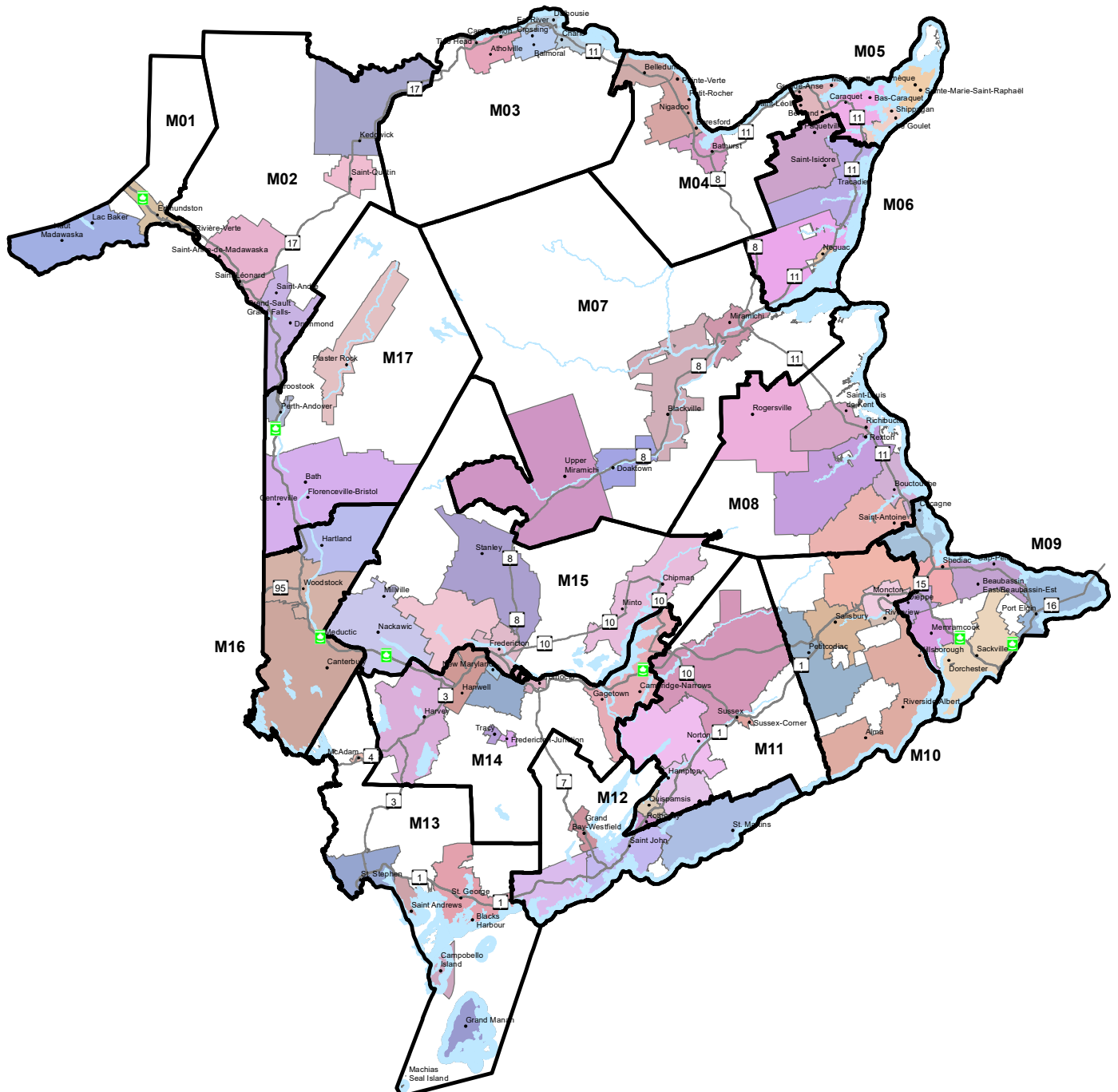
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Abbreviations Used in the Report

Municipal Returning Officer	MRO
Returning Office	RO
Elected	E
Elected by acclamation	accl.
Female	F
Male	M
Another gender	X
Incumbent	inc.
Not applicable	N/A
Advance Poll	ADV
Special Ballot	SB

Municipal Regions Map



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Valley Waters

Municipal Returning Officer

FEBRUARY 13, 2023

MRO	ADDRESS	COMMUNITIES
Terri Mason (M11)	Sussex Lions Club 58 cour Willow Crt Sussex, NB	Valley Waters

Election Schedule

DATE	DAY	DAYS BEFORE ELECTION	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	SECTION / ACT OR REGULATION*
6-Jan-23	Friday	38	Publish Notice of By-Elections	15(3)
9-Jan-23	Monday	35	Applications for Special Ballots Accepted	39.1(2)
9-Jan-23	Monday	35	Beginning of Nominations	17(1)
20-Jan-23	Friday	24	Nominations Close (2 p.m.)	15(1)(b)
23-Jan-23	Monday	21	Deadline - Candidate Withdrawals - (5 p.m.)	17(4)
28-Jan-23	Saturday	16	Publish Notice of Grant of Poll	20(1), (2)
30-Jan-23	Monday	14	Delivery of Voter Information Cards	11(3)
30-Jan-23	Monday	14	Special Ballots May be Issued	39.2
4-Feb-23	Saturday	9	Advance Poll - (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.)	28(3)
9-Feb-23	Thursday	4	Revision Ends	12(1)
13-Feb-23	Monday	0	Final Return of Special Ballots - (8 p.m.)	39.1(2)
13-Feb-23	Monday	0	ELECTION DAY	51(1), Local Gov. Act
15-Feb-23	Wednesday	2	Declaration Day	41(1), (2)
20-Feb-23	Monday	7	Family Day (offices closed)	
23-Feb-23	Thursday	10	Deadline - Application for Recount	41.1

*Unless otherwise indicated, the Act being referenced is the *Municipal Elections Act*

Recapitulation Summary

Local Government	Region	# VOTERS			NOMINATED CANDIDATES			ELECTED CANDIDATES		# VOTES	% VOTED	Notes
		Preliminary List	Revisions	Net Total	Mayor	Councillors	# Seats	Mayor	Councillors			
Valley Waters (Ward 2)	M05	1,248	-6	1,242	0	2	1	0	1	114	9.18%	
Valley Waters (Ward 3)	M05	577	5	582	0	2	1	0	1	69	11.86%	
Subtract electors in municipalities with no contested election				0								
TOTAL ELIGIBLE VOTERS				1,824						183	10.03%	

General Results

Results per candidate by polling division in each local government are available for download in spreadsheet format at www.electionsnb.ca under the resources tab.

CANDIDATE	VOTES RECEIVED	ELECTED	INCUMBENT
Councillor Ward 2			
Carey Beth GILLIS	66	E	
Dean RICKETSON	48		
Councillor Ward 3			
Lindsey GANONG	37	E	
Tracey HANLIN	32		

Results by Tabulation Machine

COUNCILLOR WARD 2, VALLEY WATERS (VOTE FOR 1)		
Tabulator	Carey Beth GILLIS	Dean RICKETSON
M11-C11	47	46
M11-C13	0	0
M11-A10	16	1
M11 MRO Special	3	1
TOTAL	66	48

COUNCILLOR WARD 3 VALLEY WATERS (VOTE FOR 1)		
Tabulator	Lindsey GANONG	Tracey HANLIN
M11-C10	24	25
M11-A04	13	7
M11 MRO Special	0	0
TOTAL	37	32

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Beaurivage, Campobello Island, Fredericton Junction, Grand Lake,
Grand Manan, Hanwell, Neguac, Riverview, Southern Victoria,
Sunbury-York South, Tracy and Upper Miramichi

Municipal Returning Officers

OCTOBER 23, 2023

MRO	ADDRESS	COMMUNITIES
Pierre Brideau (M06)	430 rue Principale Neguac, NB	Neguac
Cyril Donahue (M07)	Royal Canadian Legion Branch 23 8 Hamilton Drive Doaktown, NB	Upper Miramichi
Bernice Williams (M08)	Salle multifonctionnelle 8235 Main St Richibucto, NB	Beaurivage
Tanya Cooper (M10)	720 Coverdale Rd, Unit 120 Riverview, NB	Riverview
Jim Higgins (M13)	73 Milltown Boulevard, Suite 107 St. Stephen, NB	Campobello Island Grand Manan
Patti Nason (M14)	Saints John & Paul Roman Catholic Church 729 New Maryland Hwy New Maryland, NB	Fredericton Junction Hanwell Sunbury-York South Tracy
Nelda Robbins (M15)	654 Riverside Dr, Unit 2 Fredericton, NB	Grand Lake
Lori Ann Tweedie (M17)	Perth-Andover Motor Inn 560 Route 190 Carlingford, NB	Southern Victoria

Election Schedule

DATE	DAY	DAYS BEFORE ELECTION	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	SECTION / ACT OR REGULATION*
8-Sep-23	Friday	45	Final Date for Councillors to Resign to Offer for Other Council Office	55(3), Local Gov. Act
15-Sep-23	Friday	38	Publish Notice of By-Elections	15(3)
18-Sep-23	Monday	35	Applications for Special Ballots Accepted	39.1(2)
18-Sep-23	Monday	35	Beginning of Nominations	17(1)
29-Sep-23	Friday	24	Nominations Close (2 p.m.)	15(1)(b)
2-Oct-23	Monday	21	Deadline - Candidate Withdrawals - (5 p.m.)	17(4)
7-Oct-23	Saturday	16	Publish Notice of Grant of Poll	20(1), (2)
9-Oct-23	Monday	14	Thanksgiving (offices closed)	
10-Oct-23	Tuesday	13	Delivery of Voter Information Cards	11(3)
10-Oct-23	Tuesday	13	Special Ballots May be Issued	39.2
14-Oct-23	Saturday	9	Advance Poll - (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.)	28(3)
19-Oct-23	Thursday	4	Revision Ends	12(1)
23-Oct-23	Monday	0	Final Return of Special Ballots - (8 p.m.)	39.1(2)
23-Oct-23	Monday	0	ELECTION DAY	51(1), Local Gov. Act
25-Oct-23	Wednesday	2	Declaration Day	41(1), (2)
2-Nov-23	Thursday	10	Deadline - Application for Recount	41.1

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Recapitulation Summary

		# VOTERS			NOMINATED CANDIDATES			ELECTED CANDIDATES		# VOTES	% VOTED
Local Government	Region	Preliminary List	Revisions	Net Total	Mayor	Councillors	# Seats	Mayor	Councillors		
Beaurivage	M08	4,827	19	4,846	0	7	3	0	3	1,435	29.61%
Campobello Island (Ward 2)	M13	241	0	241	0	0	1	0	0	no candidate	
Fredericton Junction	M14	541	4	545	2	0	1	1	0	196	35.96%
Grand Lake (Ward 4)	M15	1,126	8	1,134	0	2	1	0	1	612	53.97%
Grand Manan	M13	1,813	0	1,813	0	2	2	0	2	elected by acclamation	
Hanwell	M14	5,190	-10	5,180	0	8	3	0	3	681	13.15%
Neguac	M06	1,361	1	1,362	0	2	1	0	1	505	37.08%
Riverview	M10	14,927	51	14,978	0	4	1	0	1	1,992	13.30%
Southern Victoria (Ward 2)	M17	1,263	16	1,279	0	3	1	0	1	350	27.37%
Sunbury-York South (Ward 1)	M14	2,024	-5	2,019	0	2	1	0	1	167	8.27%
Tracy	M14	460	-1	459	0	3	2	0	2	151	32.90%
Upper Miramichi (Wards 1 & 3)	M07	829	0	829	0	2	2	0	2	elected by acclamation	
Subtract electors in municipalities with no contested election				-2,883							
TOTAL ELIGIBLE VOTERS				31,802						6,089	19.15%

General Results

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BEAURIVAGE			
CANDIDATE	VOTES RECEIVED	ELECTED	INCUMBENT
Councillor at Large			
Danielle Andrée Dugas	947	E	
Stéphane Godin	354		
Brian Stevens	113		
Councillor Ward 2			
Argentine Robichaud	accl.	E	
Councillor Ward 6			
Dianne Comeau	136*		
Roger Doiron	137*	E	
Lucie Vautour	98		

**Before October 25, 2023, recount at the municipal returning office*

October 25, 2023, recount at the municipal returning office

BEAURIVAGE			
CANDIDATE	VOTES RECEIVED	ELECTED	INCUMBENT
Councillor Ward 6			
Dianne Comeau	136		
Roger Doiron	137	E	
Lucie Vautour	98		

CAMPOBELLO ISLAND			
CANDIDATE	VOTES RECEIVED	ELECTED	INCUMBENT
Councillor Ward 2			
no candidate			

FREDERICTON JUNCTION			
CANDIDATE	VOTES RECEIVED	ELECTED	INCUMBENT
Mayor			
R. Len Falconer	119	E	
Kyle Mitchell	75		

GRAND LAKE			
CANDIDATE	VOTES RECEIVED	ELECTED	INCUMBENT
Councillor Ward 4			
Murray John Doherty	152		
Shawn Patterson	459	E	

GRAND MANAN			
CANDIDATE	VOTES RECEIVED	ELECTED	INCUMBENT
Councillor at Large			
Susan Ballantyne	accl.	E	
Wayne H. Sturgeon	accl.	E	

HANWELL			
CANDIDATE	VOTES RECEIVED	ELECTED	INCUMBENT
Councillor at Large			
John R. Casey	258		
Candice Lee Dekleva	333	E	
Paul MacIntosh	42		
Diane Reid	42		
Councillor Ward 4			
David Holt	54	E	
Sue-anne McDonald	13		
Shane Walsh	32		
Councillor Ward 5			
Chris Bringloe	accl.	E	

NEGUAC			
CANDIDATE	VOTES RECEIVED	ELECTED	INCUMBENT
Councillor at Large			
Emile Basque	126		
Michael Comeau	377	E	

RIVERVIEW			
CANDIDATE	VOTES RECEIVED	ELECTED	INCUMBENT
Councillor at Large			
Lynda Carey	640		
Stephen Gouzoules	777	E	
Ian Stuart Gunn	189		
Rudy Walters	381		

SOUTHERN VICTORIA			
CANDIDATE	VOTES RECEIVED	ELECTED	INCUMBENT
Councillor Ward 2			
Justin Gray	110		
Paul Legace	211	E	
Sarah Etta (Sally) Nicholson	28		

SUNBURY-YORK SOUTH			
CANDIDATE	VOTES RECEIVED	ELECTED	INCUMBENT
Councillor Ward 1			
Cory Allen	43		
Larry DeLong	124	E	

TRACY			
CANDIDATE	VOTES RECEIVED	ELECTED	INCUMBENT
Councillor at Large			
Danette Fillier-Aubin	77		
Gary (Gi) Jones	110	E	
Shelly M. Nowlan	86	E	

UPPER MIRAMICHI			
CANDIDATE	VOTES RECEIVED	ELECTED	INCUMBENT
Councillor Ward 1			
Wendy Wellwood	accl.	E	
Councillor Ward 3			
Darrell (Frank) McKeil	accl.	E	

Results by Tabulation Machine

Note: Polls are not held for a position where there are no candidates or where all candidates are elected by acclamation.

COUNCILLOR AT LARGE, BEAURIVAGE (VOTE FOR 1)			
Tabulator	Danielle Andrée DUGAS	Stéphane GODIN	Brian STEVENS
M08-C07	343	138	18
M08-C08	108	38	5
M08-C09	216	89	41
M08-A02	186	56	33
M08 MRO Special	94	33	16
SB (Outside regions)	0	0	0
TOTAL	947	354	113

COUNCILLOR WARD 6, BEAURIVAGE (VOTE FOR 1)			
Tabulator	Dianne COMEAU	Roger DOIRON	Lucie VAUTOUR
M08-C09	77	71	56
M08-A02	43	49	33
M08 MRO Special	16	17	9
SB (Outside regions)	0	0	0
TOTAL	136	137	98

MAYOR, FREDERICTON JUNCTION (VOTE FOR 1)		
Tabulator	R. Len FALCONER	Kyle MITCHELL
M14-C13	79	48
M14-A07	34	13
M14 MRO Special	6	14
SB (Outside regions)	0	0
TOTAL	119	75

COUNCILLOR WARD 4, GRAND LAKE (VOTE FOR 1)		
Tabulator	Murray John DOHERTY	Shawn PATTERSON
M15-C33	82	201
M15-A12	61	251
M15 MRO Special	9	7
SB (Outside regions)	0	0
TOTAL	152	459

COUNCILLOR AT LARGE, HANWELL (VOTE FOR 1)				
Tabulator	John R. CASEY	Candice Lee DEKLEVA	Paul MACINTOSH	Diane REID
M14-C04	48	75	10	4
M14-C05	91	93	1	7
M14-C06	36	102	17	8
M14-A02	67	58	11	19
M14 MRO Special	16	5	3	4
SB (Outside regions)	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	258	333	42	42

COUNCILLOR WARD 4, HANWELL (VOTE FOR 1)			
Tabulator	David HOLT	Sue-Anne MCDONALD	Shane WALSH
M14-C06	46	10	23
M14-A02	8	3	9
M14 MRO Special	0	0	0
SB (Outside regions)	0	0	0
TOTAL	54	13	32

COUNCILLOR AT LARGE, NEGUAC (VOTE FOR 1)		
Tabulator	Emile BASQUE	Michael COMEAU
M06-C15	57	185
M06-A06	34	96
M06 MRO Special	35	96
SB (Outside regions)	0	0
TOTAL	126	377

COUNCILLOR AT LARGE, RIVERVIEW (VOTE FOR 1)				
Tabulator	Lynda CAREY	Stephen GOUZOULES	Ian Stuart GUNN	Rudy WALTERS
M10-C15 - Tab 1	70	111	21	54
M10-C15 - Tab 2	74	104	16	38
M10-C15 - Tab 3	75	92	26	46
M10-C15 - Tab 4	65	92	19	36
M10-C15 - Tab 5	61	94	15	47
M10-A11 - Tab 1	53	55	15	22
M10-A11 - Tab 2	50	55	9	21
M10-A11 - Tab 3	100	89	23	45
M10 MRO Special	92	85	45	72
SB (Outside regions)	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	640	777	189	381

COUNCILLOR WARD 2, SOUTHERN VICTORIA (VOTE FOR 1)			
Tabulator	Justin GRAY	Paul LEGACE	Sarah Etta (Sally) NICHOLSON
M17-C06	62	81	8
M17-A04	26	36	8
M17 MRO Special	22	94	12
SB (Outside regions)	0	0	0
TOTAL	110	211	28

COUNCILLOR WARD 1, SUNBURY-YORK SOUTH (VOTE FOR 1)		
Tabulator	Cory ALLEN	Larry DELONG
M14-C08	25	101
M14-A04	18	18
M14 MRO Special	0	5
SB (Outside regions)	0	0
TOTAL	43	124

COUNCILLOR AT LARGE, TRACY (VOTE FOR 2)			
Tabulator	Danette FILLIER-AUBIN	Gary (Gi) JONES	Shelly M. NOWLAN
M14-C10	59	81	55
M14-A06	17	27	30
M14 MRO Special	1	2	1
SB (Outside regions)	0	0	0
TOTAL	77	110	86