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The Hon. Francine Landry
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of
New Brunswick
P.O. Box 6000
Fredericton, NB
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Dear Madame Speaker:

Pursuant to subsection 97(1) of the *Elections Act*, it is my honour to present the report of the by-election held in the electoral district of Miramichi West held on October 6, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly A. Poffenroth
Chief Electoral Officer

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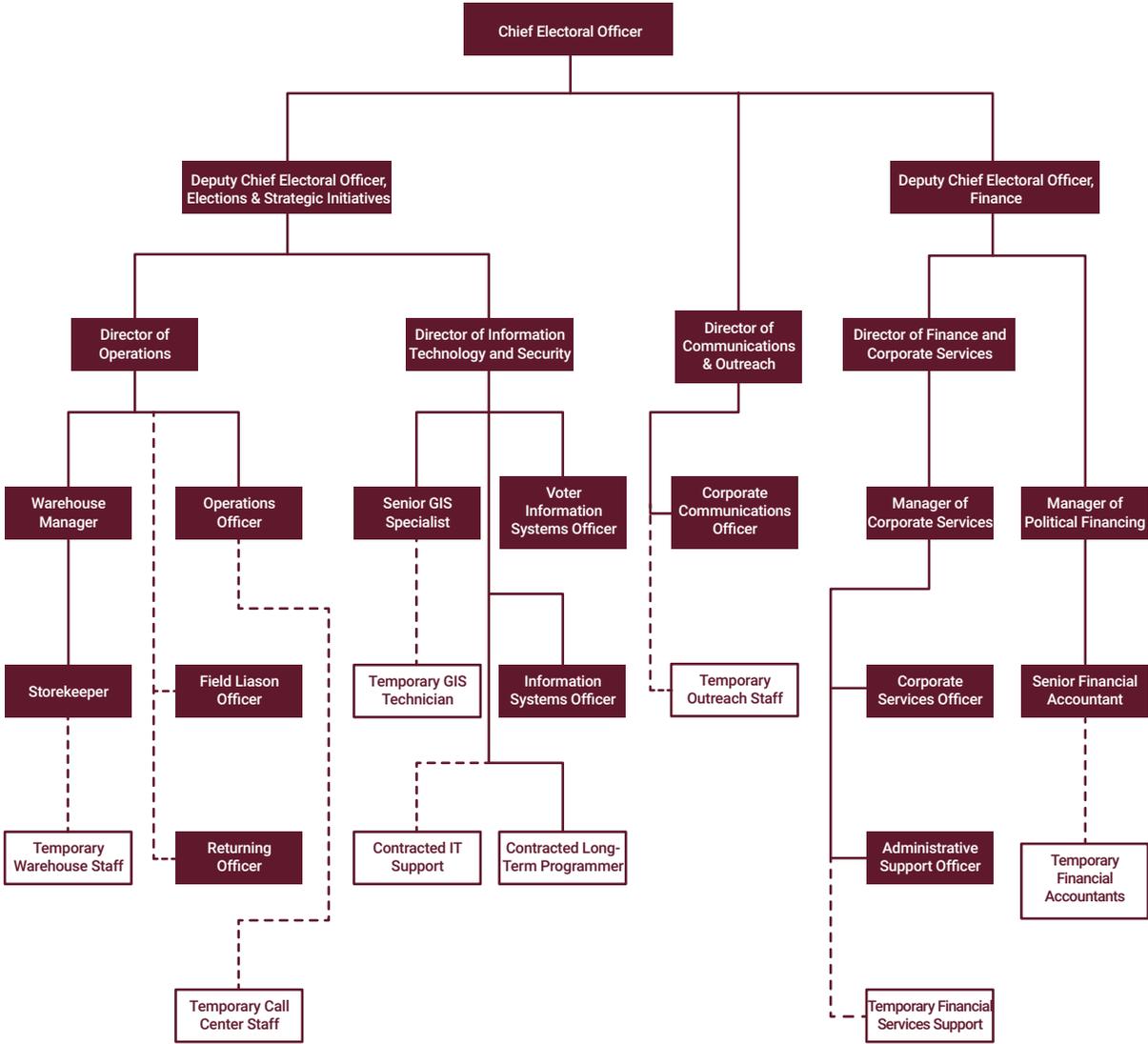
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Abbreviations Used in the Report

Registered Political Parties	Abbreviations
Liberal Party of New Brunswick	L
Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick	PC
New Brunswick New Democratic Party	NBNDP
Parti Vert N.B. Green Party	PVNBGP
Libertarian Party of New Brunswick	LPNB
Independent Candidate	IND

Polling Stations	
Advance Poll	A
Ordinary Poll	C
Special Ballots	SB

Miscellaneous	
Elected	E
Female	F
Another gender	X
Male	M
Incumbent	inc.
Not applicable	N/A
Returning Officer	RO

Comments from the Chief Electoral Officer on the October 6, 2025, Provincial By-Election in Miramichi West

On September 5, 2025, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council issued an Order in Council directing that a writ of election be issued for a by-election to be held in the electoral district of Miramichi West on Monday, October 6, 2025.

The seat had been vacant since March 25, 2025, following the resignation of the member of the legislature who held the seat. In anticipation of the by-election being called sometime in the fall, in June 2025, I appointed a returning officer for the electoral district. I directed him to take the necessary steps to prepare for the eventual call of the by-election.

As directed, I issued the writ of election for the by-election on September 5, 2025, kicking off a 32-day election campaign.

At the close of nominations, the Liberal Party of New Brunswick, the Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick, the Libertarian Party of New Brunswick and the Parti Vert N.B. Green Party all had candidates nominated in the electoral district. In addition, an independent candidate filed nomination papers to run as a candidate in Miramichi West.

A combined total of 10,053 electors were eligible to vote in the electoral district. At the close of polls on Monday, October 6, 2025, a total of 5,248 ballots had been cast, representing a voter participation rate of 52%.

The direct cost of administering this by-election was approximately \$160,885. In addition, the maximum cost for the reimbursement of the eligible election expenses of the two candidates who qualified for reimbursements is an additional \$35,646. The election expense statements of candidates were filed on or before the due date of December 16, 2025, and will be examined in early 2026.

Thank you to the many election workers who worked for us during the by-election, as well as our head office staff for making sure this by-election ran smoothly.

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



Kimberly A. Poffenroth
Chief Electoral Officer

Provincial By-Election Schedule

Miramichi West on October 6, 2025

Date	Day	Days Before Election	Action To Be Taken	Section / Act* or Regulation
1 Sept 25	Monday	-35	LABOUR DAY (office closed)	
5 Sept 25	Friday	-32	Issue of Election Writ	13(2)(b)
5 Sept 25	Friday	-32	Complete Preliminary Lists	20(1)
5 Sept 25	Friday	-32	Calculation of Election Expenses Limits	80, PPFA**
5 Sept 25	Friday	-32	Revision Commences	34(1)
5 Sept 25	Friday	-32	Special Ballots May Be Requested	87.6(2)
5 Sept 25	Friday	-32	Issue Proclamation	18(1)
13 Sept 25	Saturday	-23	Publish Proclamation (Newspapers)	18(2)(a)
13 Sept 25	Saturday	-23	Publish Notice of Proclamation in Royal Gazette	18(2)(b)
17 Sept 25	Friday	-17	Nominations Deadline (2 p.m.)	13(2)(c), 14(3)
22 Sept 25	Monday	-14	Delivery of Voter Information Cards	20(4)
24 Sept 25	Wednesday	-12	Publish Notice of Grant of Poll	57(2)
27 Sept 25	Saturday	-9	Advance Polls - 1st Day (10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.)	13(2)(e)
29 Sept 25	Monday	-7	Advance Polls - 2nd Day (10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.)	13(2)(e)
2 Oct 25	Thursday	-4	End of Revision Period	34(1)
4 Oct 25	Saturday	-2	Deadline for Withdrawal of Candidates (10:00 a.m.)	54(1)
6 Oct 25	Monday	0	Final Return of Special Ballots (8:00 p.m.)	87.6(2)
6 Oct 25	Monday	0	ELECTION DAY	13(2)(d), 14(1)
10 Oct 25	Friday	4	Declaration Day	13(2)(f)
14 Oct 25	Tuesday	8	Deadline for Application for Judicial Recount	94(1)
17 Oct 25	Friday	11	Return of Writ, if No Judicial Recount	13(2)(g)
16 Dec 25	Tuesday	71	Deadline for Filing Electoral Financial Returns for Candidates	81(1), PPFA**
5 Jan 26	Monday	91	Deadline for Filing Advertising Expenditure Reports for Registered Third Parties	84.6(1), PPFA**
17 Feb 26	Monday	134	Deadline for Filing Electoral Financial Returns for Registered Political Parties	82(1), PPFA**

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

** *Political Process Financing Act*

AUGUST 28, 2025

2025-152

Under subsection 15(1) of the Elections Act, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council directs that a writ of election for the electoral district of Miramichi West be issued on the 5th day of September, 2025, and be returnable on the 17th day of October, 2025; that the 19th day of September, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. be appointed as the day for nomination of candidates; that the 27th and 29th days of September, 2025 be appointed as advance polling days; that the 6th day of October, 2025 be appointed as polling day; and that the 10th day of October, 2025 be appointed as the day candidates are declared elected.

AND the Executive Council concurring in said Recommendation.

IT IS ACCORDINGLY SO ORDERED.



The Honourable Louise Imbeault, O.C., O.N.B.
Lieutenant-Governor

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an Order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council of the
Je certifie que le document qui précède est une copie conforme d'un décret du lieutenant-gouverneur en conseil

Province of New Brunswick, made on the
de la province du Nouveau-Brunswick, pris le

28 August 2025


Secretary to Cabinet / Secrétaire du Cabinet

BY HER HONOUR, LOUISE IMBEAULT
LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF NEW BRUNSWICK

PROCLAMATION

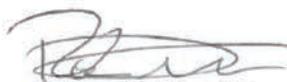
WHEREAS under subsection 15(1) of the Elections Act, a by-election is necessary in the electoral district of Miramichi West;

AND whereas I have thought fit to order and direct that a writ of election for the electoral district of Miramichi West be issued;

Public notice is hereby given that a writ of election for the electoral district of Miramichi West be issued on the 5th day of September, 2025, and be returnable on the 17th day of October, 2025; that the 19th day of September, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. be appointed as the day for nomination of candidates; that the 27th and 29th days of September, 2025 be appointed as advance polling days; that the 6th day of October, 2025 be appointed as polling day; and that the 10th day of October, 2025 be appointed as the day candidates are declared elected.

Given under my hand and the
Great Seal of the Province at
Fredericton on the 28th day of
August, in the year of our Lord
Two Thousand and Twenty-
five and in the third year of His
Majesty's reign.

BY COMMAND OF THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR



Robert K. McKee, K.C.
Attorney General



The Honourable Louise Imbeault, O.C., O.N.B.
Lieutenant-Governor

WRIT OF ELECTION

(Elections Act, R.S.N.B. 1973, c.E-3, para.16(1)(a), 56 and 96(1)(a))

CHARLES THE THIRD,
BY THE GRACE OF GOD OF THE UNITED KINGDOM,
CANADA AND HIS OTHER REALMS AND TERRITORIES
KING, HEAD OF THE COMMONWEALTH,
DEFENDER OF THE FAITH

TO: Peter Parker

RETURNING OFFICER FOR THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF

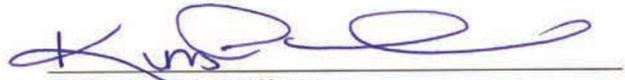
Miramichi West

WE COMMAND YOU that notice of the time and place of election being duly given, you do cause an election to be made according to law of a member to serve in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick for the electoral district of Miramichi West, in the place of Mike Dawson, due to his resignation, and that you cause the nomination of candidates for such election to be held on Friday, September 19, 2025, and that if a poll is granted, you cause the same to be held on Monday, October 6, 2025, and cause the name of the member when so elected, whether they be present or absent, to be certified to the Chief Electoral Officer at The City of Fredericton, as directed by law.



WITNESS our trusty and well beloved Counsellor, Louise Imbeault, of the Province of New Brunswick, at The City of Fredericton, on September 5, 2025.

By Order:



Chief Electoral Officer

Writ received on September 4, 2025.



Returning Officer

ELECTION RETURN IF POLL HAS BEEN TAKEN

I certify that, under the foregoing writ, the member for the electoral district of
Miramichi West _____, No. 11, having
received the greatest number of votes at the election held on October 6, 2025, is:

(State name, civic address, occupation, and party affiliation of member, as on nomination paper.)

Name	Kevin Earl RUSSELL
Civic Address	233 Rte 420 South Esk, NB E1V 4M2
Occupation	
Party Affiliation	Progressive Conservative Party of ^{New} Brunswick

OR

RETURN WHERE THERE IS ONLY ONE CANDIDATE

I certify that, under the foregoing writ, the member elected for the electoral district of
_____, No. _____, no
other candidates having been nominated (or all other candidates having withdrawn), is:

(State name, civic address, occupation, and party affiliation of member, as on nomination paper.)

Name	
Civic Address	
Occupation	
Party Affiliation	

Dated at Doaktown, NB, on October 15, 2025
(Community) (Date)


Peter Parker

Returning Officer

Returning Officer

Electoral District	Name	Office Address
11- Miramichi West	Peter Parker	714 Main Street, Doaktown Our Lady of the Annunciation Catholic Church Hall

Summary of Votes Received by Candidates

11 - Miramichi West		
Hannah FULTON JOHNSTON	L	2047
Kevin E. RUSSELL	PC	3008 E
Christopher ROSSER	LPNB	25
Genevieve MACRAE	PVNBGP	98
Richard (Hoss) SUTHERLAND	IND	62

Recapulation

Electoral District		Number of Electors					Number of Votes for Each Candidate					Summary			
		Preliminary List	Added or Deleted during Revision Period	Official List	Added or Deleted at Polls	Net Total	L	PC	LPNB	PVNBGP	IND	Total Votes for All Candidates	Ballots Rejected	Votes Cast	% voted
11	Miramichi West	9,956	0	9,956	20	9,976	2,047	3,008	25	98	62	5,240	8	5,240	52.5%
TOTALS		9,956	0	9,956	20	9,976	2,047	3,008	25	98	62	5,240	8	5,240	52.53%

Distribution of seats in the Legislative Assembly as of October 21, 2025: (*)

L	31
PC	16
NDPNB	0
LPNB	0
PVNBGP	2
IND	0

(*) Date of oath of office of elected candidate.

Results by Tabulation Machine

MLA, Miramichi West (Vote for 1)

Tabulator	Polling Station	Hannah FULTON JOHNSTON (L)	Kevin E. RUSSELL (PC)	Christopher ROSSER (LPNB)	Genevieve MACRAE (PVNBGP)	Richard (Hoss) SUTHERLAND (IND)	Overvotes	Blank	Total Ballots
P11-C01	Upper Miramichi Lions Club	82	275	0	4	3	0	0	364
P11-C02	McNamee Orange Lodge	49	125	1	2	0	1	0	178
P11-C03	Atlantic Salmon Museum	130	180	0	1	0	0	0	311
P11-C04	Father A.A. McKinnon Memorial Hall	207	284	1	25	15	0	2	534
P11-C05	Miramichi Folklore Park	203	165	4	5	4	0	0	381
P11-C06	Royal Canadian Legion Branch 90	301	387	2	9	11	0	0	710
P11-C07	Salle de L'Église de l'Ascension de Beaverbrook	92	105	2	1	1	0	0	201
P11-C08	Flo's Hideaway	102	352	1	9	1	0	1	466
P11-A01	Astle Recreation Centre	19	49	0	1	0	0	0	69
P11-A02	Upper Miramichi Lions Club	81	154	1	4	2	0	0	242
P11-A03	Atlantic Salmon Museum	122	98	0	0	1	0	0	221
P11-A04	Father A.A. McKinnon Memorial Hall	183	175	6	20	2	1	0	387
P11-A05	Miramichi Folklore Park	153	243	1	10	6	0	0	413
P11-A06	Royal Canadian Legion Branch 90	171	307	5	2	7	1	0	493
P11-RO	Returning Office	152	109	1	5	9	0	2	278
Total		2,047	3,008	25	98	62	3	5	5,248

Results per Polling Division

MLA, Miramichi West (Vote for 1)

Poll	Hannah FULTON JOHNSTON - L	Kevin E. RUSSELL - PC	Christopher ROSSER - LPNB	Genevieve MACRAE - PVNBGP	Richard (Hoss) SUTHERLAND - IND
P11-01	51	80	1	0	4
P11-02	20	39	0	0	0
P11-03	28	101	0	2	3
P11-04	16	78	0	1	0
P11-05	13	69	0	1	0
P11-06	36	42	0	2	1
P11-07	34	80	0	1	0
P11-08	65	101	1	2	0
P11-09	41	61	0	0	0
P11-10	102	83	0	1	0
P11-11	121	100	0	0	1
P11-12	116	110	0	19	2
P11-13	57	61	0	1	1
P11-14	84	71	2	5	4
P11-15	63	51	2	6	4
P11-16	49	65	0	7	3
P11-17	40	102	2	4	2
P11-18	45	52	0	7	2
P11-19	45	35	3	0	1
P11-20	66	59	0	5	0
P11-21	59	98	1	5	4
P11-22	30	35	0	3	1

MLA, 11 Miramichi West (Vote for 1)

Poll	Hannah FULTON JOHNSTON - L	Kevin E. RUSSELL - PC	Christopher ROSSER - LPNB	Genevieve MACRAE - PVNBGP	Richard (Hoss) SUTHERLAND - IND
P11-23	46	63	1	2	0
P11-24	33	126	1	3	1
P11-25	26	121	0	4	1
P11-26	26	121	0	1	1
P11-27	14	56	0	0	0
P11-28	47	83	0	0	1
P11-29	35	85	0	2	2
P11-30	48	102	0	0	1
P11-31	25	34	0	2	1
P11-32	111	13	3	1	3
P11-33	28	62	0	0	3
P11-34	37	83	2	2	3
P11-35	35	47	0	1	2
P11-36	22	48	1	2	0
P11-37	7	0	0	0	0
P11-38	2	5	0	1	1
P11-39	20	38	0	0	1
P11-40	40	66	0	0	0
P11-41	120	75	1	1	4
Undetermined	144	207	4	4	4
Total	2,047	3,008	25	98	62

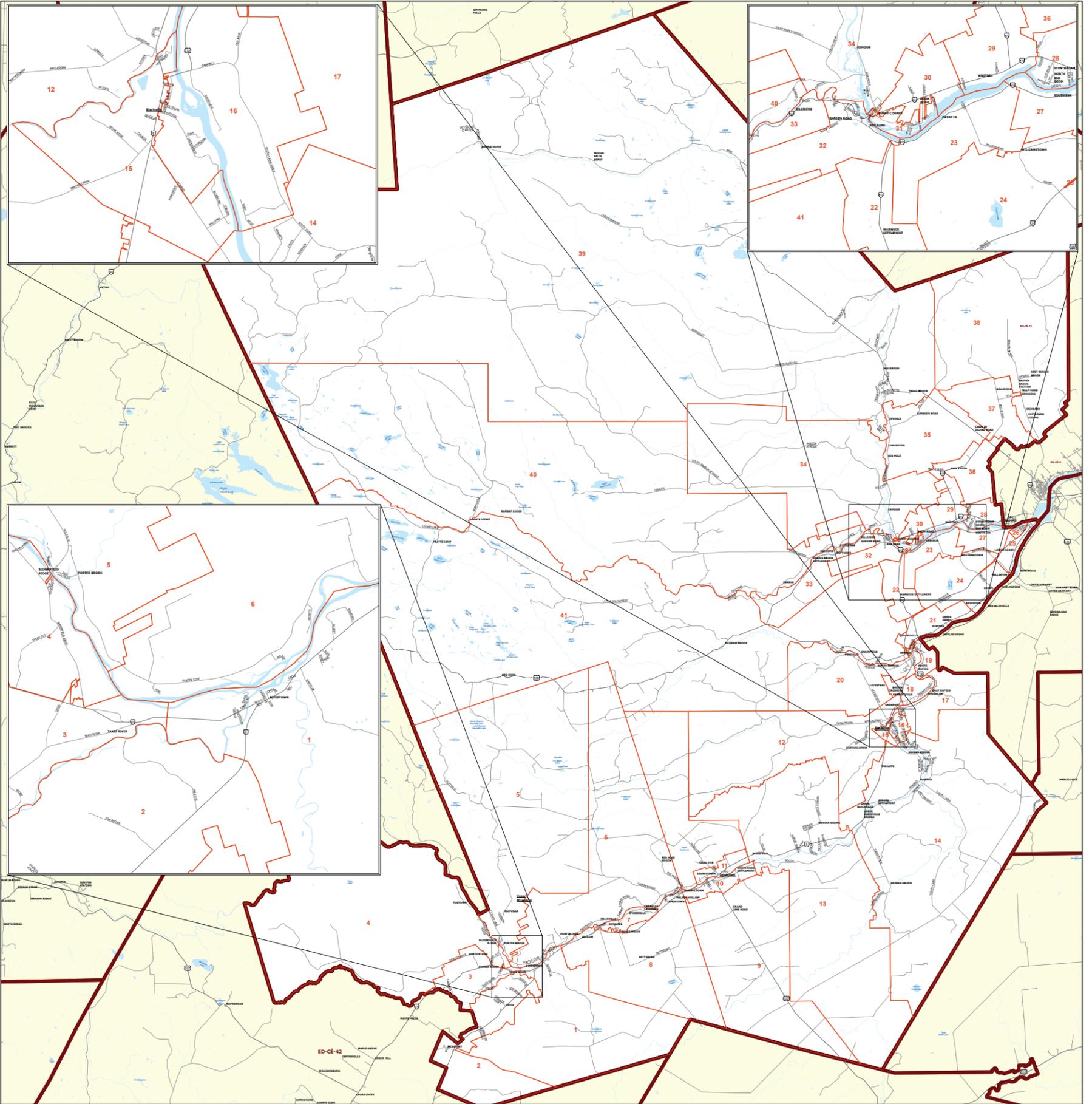
*The "Undetermined" polling division reports vote results where the tabulation machine could not assign a ballot to a particular polling division, because the poll information filled out by the Ballot Issuing Officer was incomplete or incorrect (nevertheless the actual votes per candidate were read).

Voting Participation by Age of Electors on List of Electors

Age	% voted
18-24	47.1%
25-34	28.9%
35-44	35.7%
45-54	47.4%
55-64	57.2%
65-84	64.6%
85+	45.9%
N/A / SO**	0.0%
Total 18+*	37.8%

* After the close of advance and ordinary polls, data entry officers in each Returning Office are tasked with electronically updating the Register of Electors and recording each elector who cast a ballot in the election based upon paperwork returned from the polls. In some cases, information on forms is missing, or data entry errors occur which may affect the percentages noted above.

** Insufficient information at the time of compilation to assign correct age information. Nevertheless, all voters met the qualifications to vote when added to the list at the polling station.



Legend / Légende
- - - - - Polling Division / Section de vote
- - - - - Provincial Electoral District / Circonscription électorale provinciale

