



Elections **NWT**

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Report of the Chief Electoral
Officer on the 2005
North Slave By-Election



September 21, 2005

The Honourable Paul Delorey
Speaker
Legislative Assembly of the NWT
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am pleased to present to you the Report and Official Results on the North Slave By-election held Monday July 18, 2005.

The report is submitted to you pursuant to subsection 162 (b) of the *Elections Act*.

Sincerely,



Glen W. McLean
Chief Electoral Officer



Introduction

The by-election in North Slave was held on Monday July 18, 2005. The Commissioner signed the Writ of Election requiring the Chief Electoral Officer to issue the Writ on Monday June 20, 2005, and requiring it to be returned on Tuesday, July 26, 2005.

The by-election was held as a result of the resignation of the former Member, Mr. Henry Zoe, on May 30, 2005.

This electoral event is the last to be held under the North Slave banner. As of August 4, 2005, the electoral district will be known as Monfwi.

Electors

To be able to vote in the North Slave by-election, eligible electors must have been Canadian citizens, 18 years of age or older on polling day, a resident of the Northwest Territories since July 18, 2004 and resident in the electoral district of North Slave on the day they voted.

The Register of Territorial Electors, or R.O.T.E, produced the preliminary list of electors for the North Slave by-election based on the 2003 general election. R.O.T.E is the permanent record of territorial electors maintained by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer.

The revision of the preliminary list of electors took place between Monday, June 20, 2005 and Friday, June 24, 2005. The preliminary list contained 1,676 electors, and, following the revision, the names of 1,708 eligible electors appeared on the official list of electors to be used at the by-election.

Candidates and Nomination

Prospective candidates had between Monday June 20, 2005 and Friday, June 24, 2005 to file nomination papers with the returning officer. Three candidates filed their nomination papers prior to the 2:00 p.m. deadline, and there were no withdrawals. Two candidates provided a picture of themselves for the ballot paper.

Voting

Electors in the electoral district of North Slave were given a number of options to choose from to cast their ballot. Voting by special ballot was available from Monday, June 20th until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 16th; voting by special mobile poll was offered from Monday, July 11th to Thursday, July 14th for those eligible electors who were unable to attend any other poll due to mobility problems; and voting in the office of the returning officer was available from Wednesday, July 6th until Saturday, July 16th.

Overall, 1,016 eligible electors cast their ballot, with 58 or 6% choosing to vote using special opportunities, and 958 or 94% voting on polling day.

Of the 1,016 electors who cast their ballots, 56 or 5.5% were sworn-in, and the remaining 960 were previously registered and appeared on the official list of electors. The number of electors who were previously registered represents a 95% accuracy rate for R.O.T.E. The accuracy rate is encouraging

considering the elector data was more than a year and half old and Elections NWT did not carry out a confirmation of the elector data prior to the by-election.

Of the 56 eligible electors that were sworn-in at the polls, only five requested that their name not be included in the Register of Territorial Electors.

Cost of the By-Election

The total cost of the by-election was \$27,104.51. The expenditure distribution included: Salaries, \$12,127.15; Travel and Transportation, \$859.06; Materials and Supplies, \$3,592.50; Purchased Services, \$5,650.80; Contracted Services, \$560.00; and Fees and Payments, \$4,315.00.

Complaints

A general concern was received with respect to the requirement that a candidate who wished to have his or her picture on the ballot must include that picture at the time of filing his or her nomination paper. The individual felt that it was important that all candidates should have their picture on the ballot and candidates should have additional time to submit a photograph.

Acknowledgement

I wish to acknowledge and congratulate Ms. Harriet Koyina, Returning Officer, and her election staff for the professionalism shown in conducting the North Slave by-election. I would also like to thank Barb Paquin, Training and Communications Officer, for her valued assistance and acknowledge her contribution to the success of the North Slave by-election.



Polling Division

Candidate	1 Rae South	2 Rae North	3 Rae East	4 Edzo	5 Whati	6 Gameti	7 Wekweeti	Special Voting Opportunities	Total	Percentage of Votes Cast
DOIG, Nora J.	54	75	65	35	78	58	17	18	400	39.37%
LAFFERTY, Jackson	43	142	88	45	65	37	24	34	478	47.05%
STEINWAND-LEBLANC, DeeDee	26	29	31	26	6	3	5	6	132	12.99%
Rejected Ballots	0	2	0	0	1	2	1	0	6	-
Declined Ballots	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	123	248	184	106	150	100	47	58	1016	-
Voters on Official List	240	427	346	177	260	176	82	-	1708	-
Voter Turnout	51.25%	58.08%	53.18%	59.89%	57.69%	56.82%	57.32%	-	59.48%	-

Special voting opportunities include voting in the office of the returning officer, special ballots and special mobile poll.

Elected Candidate: Jackson Lafferty
Majority: 78 votes (7.68%)



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