

## **VOTER IDENTIFICATION:**

All voters must provide identification to be eligible to vote. The purpose of the voter identification is to provide proof of identity and residency. Photo identification is your best option but there are other alternatives available to you.

### **Photo ID – Your BEST option to take to the polls**

You require only **one original** piece of identification if it has your photo, name and address and it is issued by a federal, provincial, or municipal government. Most people use their Saskatchewan Driver's License. If you are a non-driver, you may obtain photo identification from Saskatchewan Government Insurance at little or no cost. If your identification does not meet these criteria it will not be recognized as an acceptable form of photo identification.

Examples include:

- A valid Saskatchewan Driver's Licence. (If you still have a two-piece licence, make sure you have both pieces).
- A valid Saskatchewan ID card issued by SGI or any motor licence issuer. (Available for \$10 or free for seniors).
- Any other valid government issued photo ID issued by a Canadian government whether federal, provincial or municipal, or an agency of that government, as long as it includes your name and address.

### **Please note:**

A Canadian passport is not an acceptable form of photo identification because it does not contain your address. However, a Canadian passport can be used as identification if paired with another document that has your name and address on it.

### **Acceptable Non-photo ID Options**

If you don't have photo identification and are unable to obtain photo identification before Election Day, you can present two pieces of information as long as both contain your name and at least one contains your address. Examples include:

- Valid ID cards or certificates issued by the Canadian or Saskatchewan government, a Saskatchewan municipality or school division, a Saskatchewan Indian band, the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan or an agency of one of these entities.
- Personal correspondence, benefit/contribution statements and tax/assessment notices issued by any of the above entities.
- Bank/credit union cards, credit cards and statements.
- Utility bills and statements issued within six months of the date of the election.

- Personalized attestation of residence, letter of stay or admission form issued by a seniors or student residence, long term care or shelter facility.

## **Vouching**

A person without acceptable ID but who is accompanied by another voter who has acceptable ID and is entitled to vote at the same polling place can be vouched for by that individual using the form available at the polling station from an election official.

## **Please Note:**

- A voter with acceptable ID may only vouch for one other person, except for immediate family members living at the same address as the voucher.
- A person who has been vouched for cannot vouch for another voter.
- Election officials, candidates and candidate's agents are prohibited from vouching.

## **Things to Know**

Before you head to the polls ensure your identification is acceptable. Identification that would not be acceptable as proof of identity includes:

- ID that is expired.
- ID that is not original (copied or otherwise reproduced).
- A general (not personal) attestation of residence, class or membership lists and other documents showing multiple names.

Information that is issued monthly (utility bills, bank statements) must be dated within six months preceding election day to be acceptable and information issued annually (property tax bill) must be dated within the same year the election is being held.

## **Getting ID**

By-election Day is **Wednesday, October 29, 2014**. Take the time to ensure that you have acceptable ID. Below is a list of resources to help you acquire the proper identification:

- Obtain a Driver's Licence or Non-Driver's Photo ID from SGI.
- Find a driver's licence and photo ID issuer.
- If you reside at a long term care facility, senior or student residence or currently utilize a shelter facility or soup kitchen, you can have the responsible authority of the facility provide you with a Certification of Identity and Residence Form.

## **Complete List of Acceptable Identification:**

Remember that in the absence of valid, photo ID (see above) voters must have two pieces of identification, both of which have the voter's name, and at least one of which also has his or her address.

### **Information Showing Name**

The following *original* documents containing the name of the bearer (no copies):

- Birth Certificate
- Canadian Blood Services Donor Card
- Canadian Passport
- Certificate of Canadian Citizenship (Citizenship Card) issued by Citizenship and Immigration Canada
- Certificate of Indian Status (Status Card) or Secure Certificate of Indian Status issued by the Government of Canada
- Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) client card bearing the person's photograph and signature or a card bearing the person's photograph and signature issued by any registered charitable organization that provides services to persons with disabilities.
- Credit Card issued by a bank or credit union.
- Debit Card issued by a bank or credit union.
- Identification issued by the Canada Border Services Agency
- Identification issued by Canadian Air Transport Security Agency (CATSA)
- Identity Card issued by the Canadian Forces
- Employee card issued by the Government of Canada, the Government of Saskatchewan, a Saskatchewan municipality, a school division or an Indian Band in Saskatchewan, or an agency of one of these entities
- Firearm Possession and Acquisition Licence or Possession Only Licence issued pursuant to the Firearms Act (Canada)
- Fishing, Trapping or Hunting Licence issued pursuant to *The Fisheries (Saskatchewan) Act*, 1994 or *The Wildlife Act*, 1998
- Hospital bracelet
- Métis Nation Status Card issued by the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
- Old Age Security Card issued pursuant to *The Old Age Security Act (Canada)*
- Pleasure Craft Operator Card issued pursuant to *The Canada Shipping Act*
- Parolee identification card or other identification card issued by an institution under the authority of the Commissioner of the Correctional Service of Canada
- Radio Operator Card or Certificate issued by Industry Canada
- Saskatchewan Driver's Licence issued pursuant to *The Traffic Safety Act*
- Saskatchewan Health Services Card issued pursuant to *The Department of Health*
- Social Insurance Number Card issued by the Government of Canada
- Student Identification Card issued by a post-secondary institution regulated by a Saskatchewan Act

- Union Identification Card
- Veterans Affairs Canada Health Identification Card
- Wildlife Habitat Certificate
- Professional or trade certification or licence

### **Information Showing Name and Address**

The following valid and original documents containing the name and address of the bearer:

- Any document bearing the person's name and address and issued by the Government of Canada, the Government of Saskatchewan, a Saskatchewan municipality, a school division or Indian band in Saskatchewan, the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan or an agency of one of these entities
- One of the following documents issued by the responsible authority of a shelter, soup kitchen, student residence, senior residence, or long-term care facility:
  - Certification of Identity and Residence that is substantially in the form of Form A of Appendix C in *The Local Government Election Regulations*
  - Letter of Stay
  - Admission Form
  - Statement of Benefits
- Bank Card Statement issued by a bank or credit union
- Credit Card Statement issued by a bank or credit union
- Certificate of Title issued by the Information Services Corporation
- Certificate of vehicle registration issued pursuant to *The Traffic Safety Act*
- Correspondence issued by a post-secondary institution regulated by a Saskatchewan Act
- Declaration witnessed by a notary public or Commissioner of Oaths
- Document issued or certified by a court in Canada
- Documents issued by a utility that supplies telephone, cable television, electricity, gas, or water services
- Government cheque or cheque stub issued by the Government of Canada, the Government of Saskatchewan, a Saskatchewan municipality, a school division or Indian band in Saskatchewan, the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan or an agency of one of these entities
- Income Tax Assessment Notice issued by the Canada Revenue Agency
- Insurance policy
- Letter from the Public Guardian and Trustee
- Pay cheque or pay receipt issued by and employer
- Pension plan Statement of Benefits, Contributions or Participation
- Property Tax Assessment Notice or a Tax Notice issued by a municipality
- Residential Lease or Mortgage Statement
- Statement of Crop Insurance issued by the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation
- Statement issued by the Worker's Compensation Board

- Statement of government benefits (employment insurance, old age security, social assistance, disability support or child tax benefit) issued by the Government of Canada or the Government of Saskatchewan
- Voter identification card issued by a Saskatchewan municipality that shows name and address