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CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER RELEASES 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Chief Electoral Officer Shipra Verma has released her office's annual report for the calendar year of 2014 to the Speaker of the House and members of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly. The report is submitted pursuant to subsection 32(1) of *The Elections Act* and subsection 107(1) of *The Election Financing Act*.

The report outlines activities carried out by Elections Manitoba in 2014, with a focus on preparation for the 41st provincial general election, set for April 19, 2016. Key activities included recruitment and training of returning officers and assistant returning officers for each of the 57 electoral divisions, educational and outreach programs, and compliance assistance to political participants.

The annual report also provides an overview of the conduct of the 2014 by-elections in Arthur-Virden and Morris, as well as a summary of results and expenditures.

Several recommendations for legislative change, under both *The Elections Act* and *The Election Financing Act* are also included in the report. The recommendations are carried forward from the 2013 annual report.

Elections Manitoba's annual reports are available in print by through the office at 204-945-3225 or elections@elections.mb.ca or online at <http://www.electionsmanitoba.ca/en/Resources/Publications>.

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About Elections Manitoba

Elections Manitoba is an independent office of the Legislative Assembly. The office ensures the democratic rights of all Manitobans through the conduct of free and fair elections, by ensuring compliance with political financing laws and by enhancing public confidence in and awareness of the electoral process.

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