

# News release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 5, 2023

## A PROVINCIAL GENERAL ELECTION HAS BEEN CALLED ELECTION DAY IS OCTOBER 3

Manitoba's 43rd provincial general election has been called today and will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023. Advance voting runs for eight days, from Saturday, September 23 until Saturday, September 30.

**VOTER INFORMATION:** [www.electionsmanitoba.ca/en/Voting/MyVotingInfo](http://www.electionsmanitoba.ca/en/Voting/MyVotingInfo)

### Who Can Vote?

To be eligible to vote, an individual must:

- be a Canadian citizen,
- be at least 18 years old on election day, and
- have lived in Manitoba for at least six months immediately before election day.

### Voter Information Card

Voters will receive a voter information card in the mail. This card confirms that the voter is registered to vote and tells them when and where they vote on election day and during advance voting.

### Voter Registration

Voters who have not received their cards or received a card with incorrect information can visit [www.electionsmanitoba.ca](http://www.electionsmanitoba.ca) or contact their local election office to register or update their information **before September 14.**

Voting is faster and easier when registered before the election, but Manitobans can still register at the poll when they vote.

### Where to Vote

During all eight days of advance voting, Manitobans can vote at **any advance poll in the province.**

On election day, Manitobans can vote at **any polling place in their electoral division.**

Voters can find all their options at [www.electionsmanitoba.ca/en/Voting/MyVotingInfo](http://www.electionsmanitoba.ca/en/Voting/MyVotingInfo).

### ID to Vote

All voters require ID to vote, either one piece of government-issued photo ID, or two other pieces. There are many options. A complete list of acceptable ID is available on the Elections Manitoba website.

Voters are encouraged to bring their voter information card, which can be used as one piece of ID.

### Candidate Nominations

As of today, candidates may officially be nominated. Candidates must file nomination papers with their local election office before 1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 11.

## **Third Parties**

Third party rules have been in effect since June 7. Beginning today and continuing until election day, third parties must register with Elections Manitoba after spending \$2,500 on election communication expenses, with an expense limit of \$25,000.

Registered third parties can be found at

[www.electionsmanitoba.ca/en/Finance/ThirdParty\\_Election\\_Returns/GE2023](http://www.electionsmanitoba.ca/en/Finance/ThirdParty_Election_Returns/GE2023).

## **Election Modernization**

The 43<sup>rd</sup> general election will see new technology at the polls, resulting in reduced wait times for voters and faster results reporting. This new technology includes:

- Laptops with secure access to the voters list
- Scanners to scan voter information cards and quickly find voters on the voters list
- Printers for printing ballots on demand in place of write-in ballots for advance voting
- Vote counting machines to scan and accurately record ballots and provide results at the close of polls.

It is expected that approximately 85% of election day voters and 95% of advance voters will see these tools in use in the 2023 general election.

-30-

*Elections Manitoba is the independent office of the Legislative Assembly responsible for the administration of provincial elections and byelections.*

For media inquiries, contact:

Jack Rach, Communications Officer

Phone: 204-945-4202 | Toll-free: 1-866-628-6837

email: jrach@elections.mb.ca