



October 7, 2024
Summerside By-Election Ward 5
Hillcrest - Platte River

Report of the Municipal Electoral Officer

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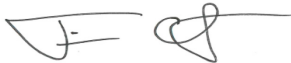
Message from the Municipal Electoral Officer

I am pleased to present the report on the 2024 Summerside Municipal Ward 5 By-Election.

I would like to express my thanks to the election team, Deputy Municipal Electoral Officer and Manager of Election Operations and Communications - Paul Alan and our Elections Office Coordinator – Gabrielle Anderson. My appreciation and thanks extend to the Returning Officer: Eugene Kelly, his Election Clerk: Mary Olscamp, and the workers who worked at the polling location and all voting opportunities. Their dedication and professionalism were all instrumental in the success of the Summerside Municipal Ward 5 By-Election.

I would like to thank and congratulate all six candidates who stepped forward to run in the by-election. This is not an easy decision, and our communities rely on resolute citizens to step forward to run for these roles.

I would like to thank all the voters from the City of Summerside – Ward 5. We thank you for your trust in the electoral process as well as in our staff to keep you safe while exercising your democratic right to vote.



Tim G. Garrity

Municipal Electoral Officer

Summerside Ward 5 By-Election Summary

Summerside City Council passed a resolution on Monday, April 17, 2023, naming Tim Garrity as Municipal Electoral Officer (MEO) and Paul Alan as Deputy Municipal Electoral Officer (DMEO).

The Summerside By-election period began on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, with the appointment of Eugene Kelly as the Returning Officer and Mary Olscamp as the Election Clerk.

The Returning Office opened in the St Eleanor's Lions Club on Wednesday September 11, 2024, at 9 a.m. to accept candidate registrations. By Nomination Day Friday, September 20, 2024, at 2 p.m., a total of six residents of Summerside came forward and became officially registered candidates, vying to fill the one vacant councilor seat on Summerside City Council. This seat became vacant following the removal of Councillor Barb Gallant, in the wake of her absence from three consecutive council meetings.

The City of Summerside Election By-laws established three advance polling days for the Ward 5 By-Election. The days determined for Advance Voting Days were Saturday September 28th, Tuesday, October 1st, and Friday October 4th. The second advance day scheduled for the sixth day before Election Day, normally a Monday, was moved by Elections PEI to Tuesday, to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Monday September 30th.

A total of 24.41% of registered eligible electors from Ward 5, voted over the course of the three advance days. Election day was Monday October 7th with a further 17.29% registered eligible voters from Ward 5 going to the polls to cast their ballot.

Outside of the Advance Polls and Ordinary Polling Day, alternative voting methods for residents of Ward 5 were offered. Any eligible elector from Ward 5 that could not make it to an in-person voting day, could apply for a Mail in Ballot. Elections PEI received a total of thirty applications to process. There was a 66.67% return rate of the Mail in Ballot. Ward 5 residents admitted to the Prince County Hospital also had the opportunity to vote in their hospital room on Election Day. Ward 5 is home to one licensed healthcare facility: The Summerset Manor. Residents were given the opportunity to cast their ballot within their facility.

When the Advance Ballot Counting Team counted all the advance ballots, there was a total of 377 accepted ballots with one ballot rejected or spoiled as the voter left the ballot blank with no selection made. Election Day saw 255 ballots cast with no ballots rejected or spoiled.

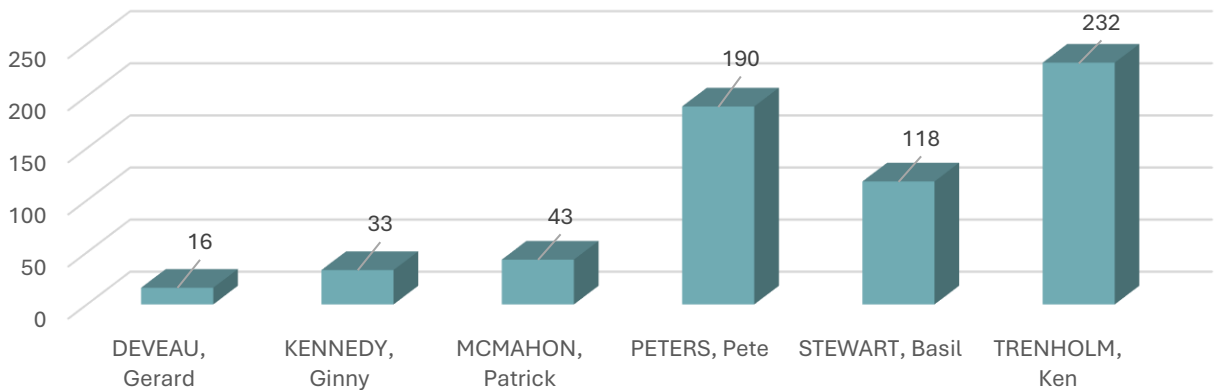
The counting teams accepted a total of 632 ballots, for all in-person voting at the polls, Mail in Ballots, hospital votes and the long-term care facility. This represented 42.84% of the registered and eligible 1,475 electors in Ward 5.

By-Election Recapitulation (Recap)

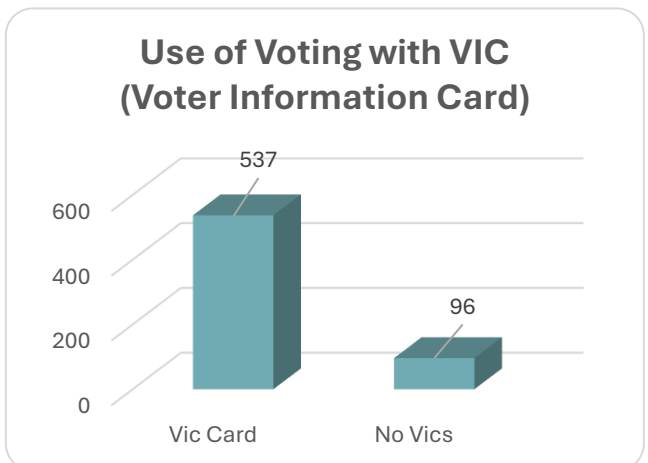
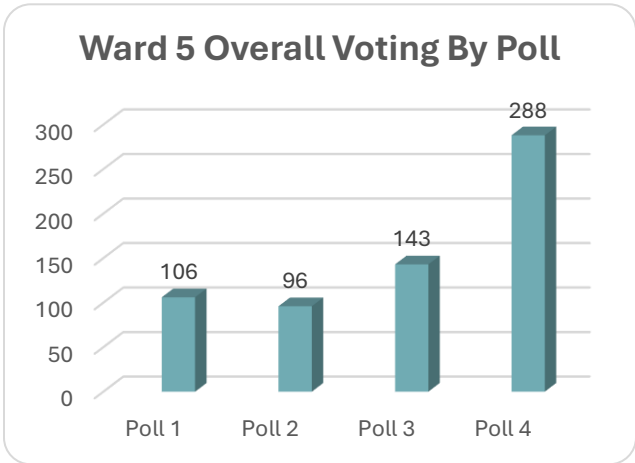
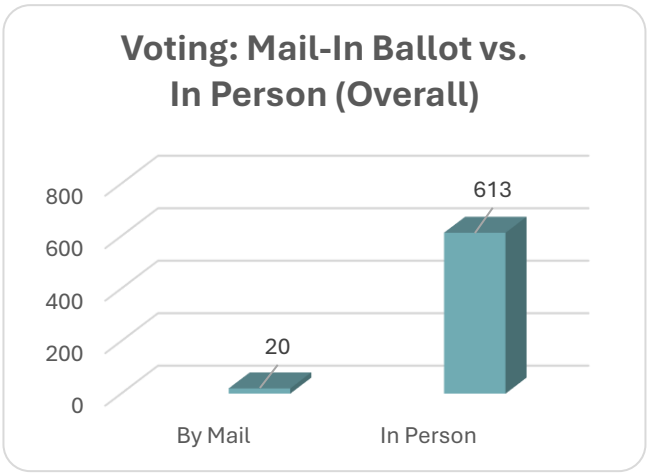
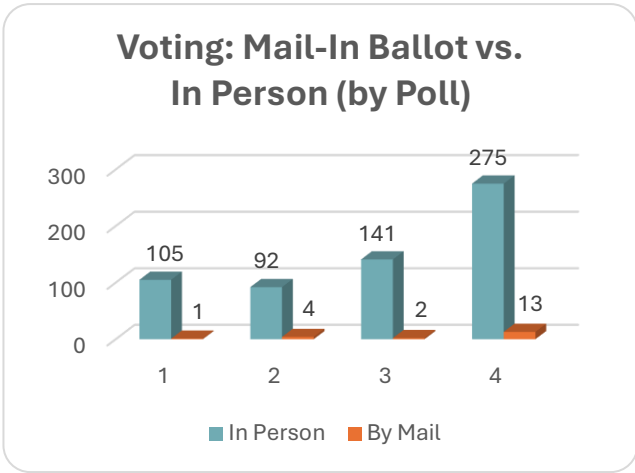
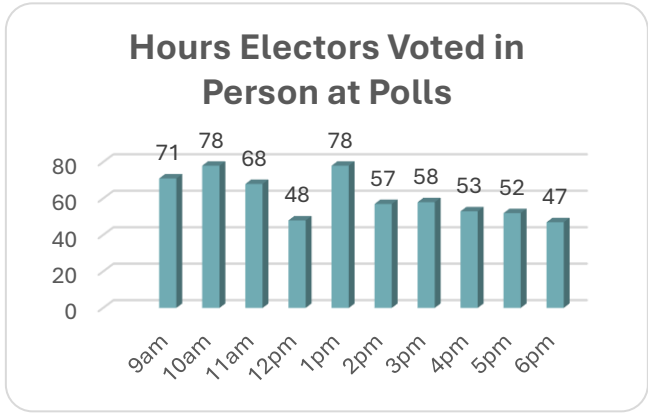
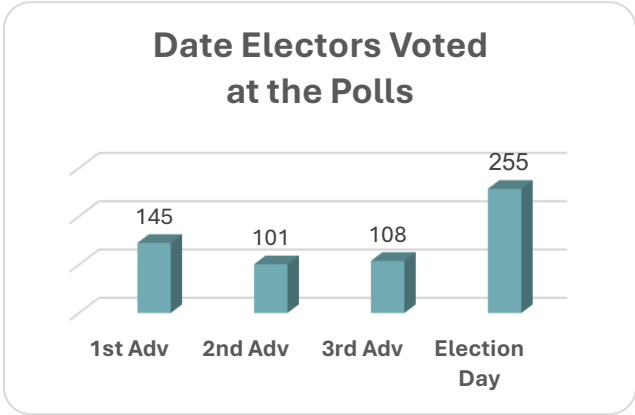
The Returning Officer is responsible for filling in out and completing the Recap Sheet. It summarizes the number of ballots cast and for which candidate, with the information provided on the Statement of Poll. The counting teams, comprised of a Deputy Returning Officer and another Election Official, are responsible for examining, deciding, and keeping score of the number of votes cast per candidate on a tracking sheet. They enter these records onto the Statement of Poll and deliver the forms to the Returning Officer. Upon review, the Returning Officers transcribes the Statement of Poll to the Recap sheet and delivers it to every registered candidate. The Advance portion of the Recap Sheet is the culmination of the three days of advance voting, mail in ballots, hospital voting and mobile polls (the licensed healthcare facility in Ward 5)

POLLING DIVISION	# of Electors	# of Ballots Cast	DEVEAU, Gerard	KENNEDY, Ginny	MCPMAHON, Patrick	PETERS, Pete	STEWART, Basil	TRENHOLM, Ken	REJECTED BALLOTS
Advance Votes		378	11	13	25	115	77	136	1
1-Arnett Avenue	271	41	3	3	5	10	11	9	0
2-Boswell Crescent	281	49	2	8	4	11	6	18	0
3-Grant Drive	307	44	0	4	2	14	5	19	0
4-Walker Avenue	616	121	0	5	7	40	19	50	0
TOTALS	1475	633	16	33	43	190	118	232	1

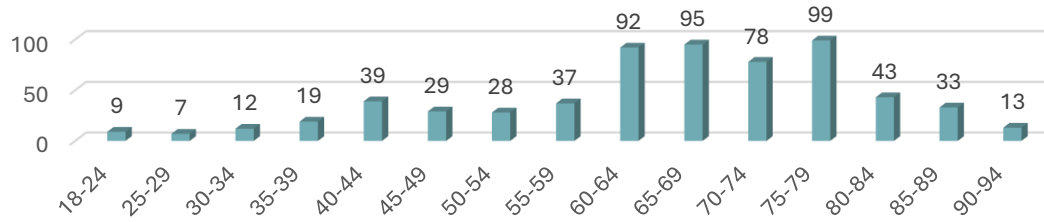
Ward 5 Overall Candidate Voting Results



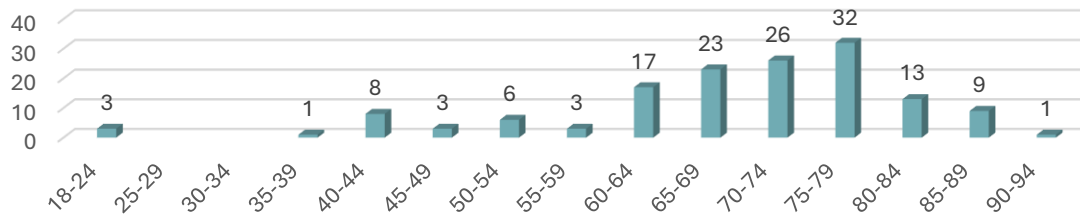
Voting Statistics



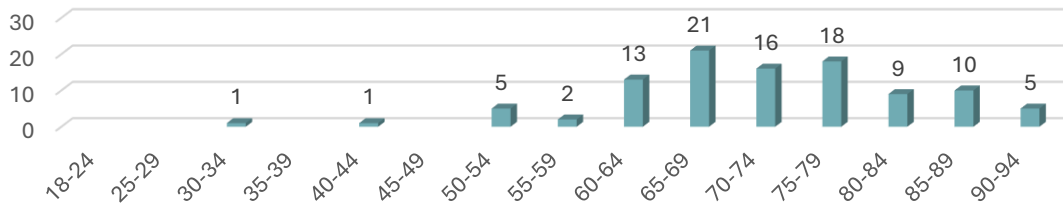
Ward 5 Voting by Age Group



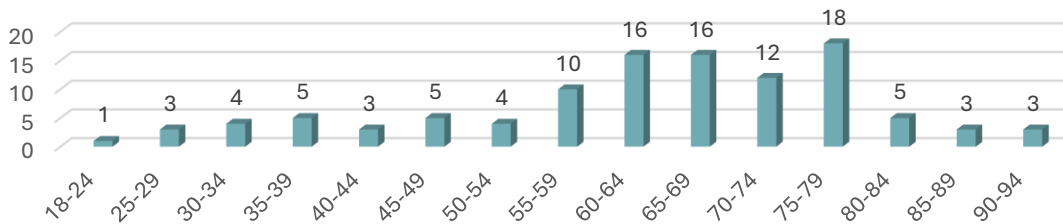
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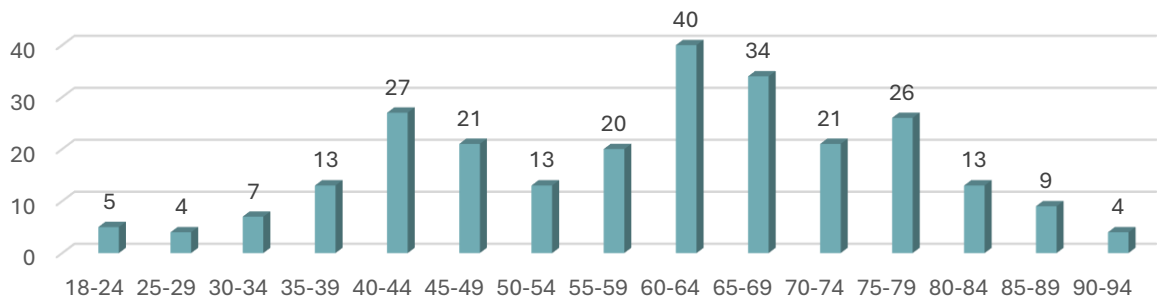
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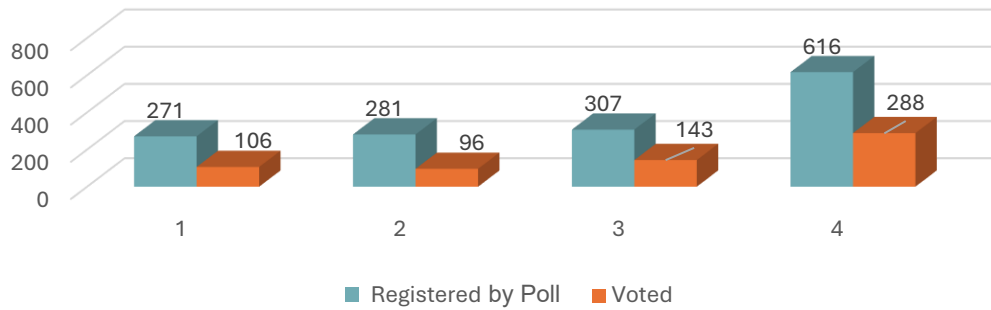
3rd Advance Voting by Age Group



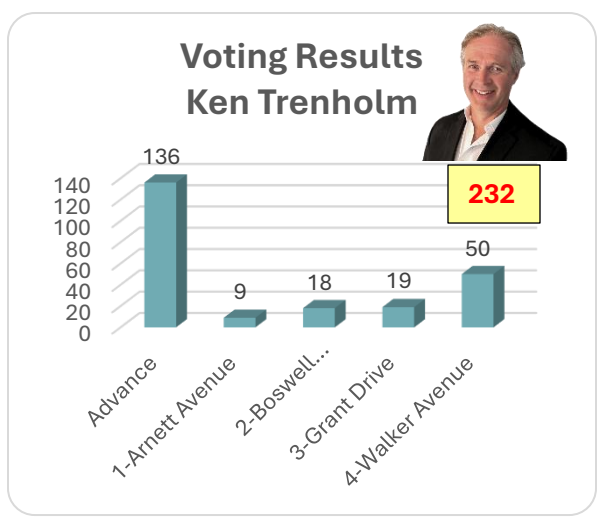
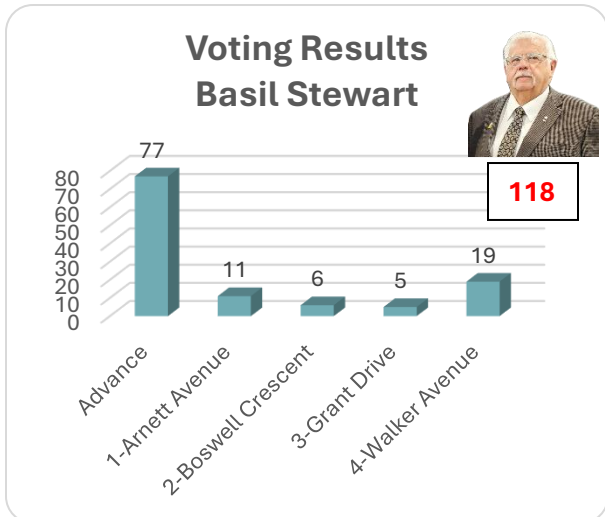
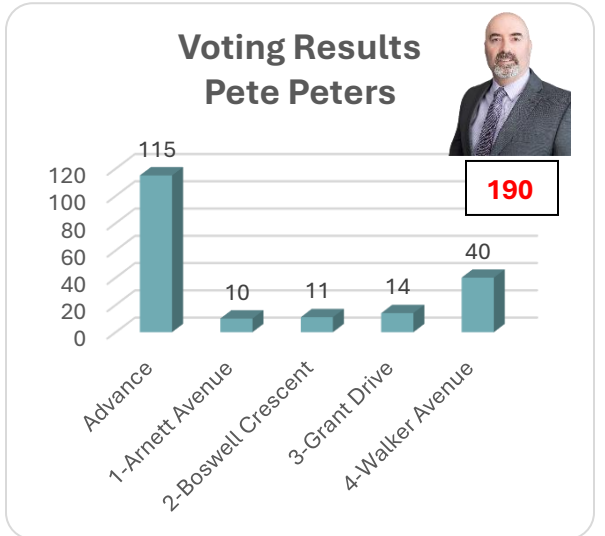
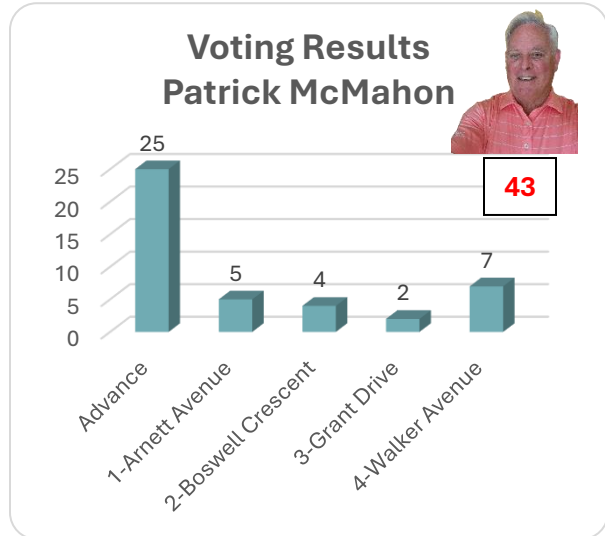
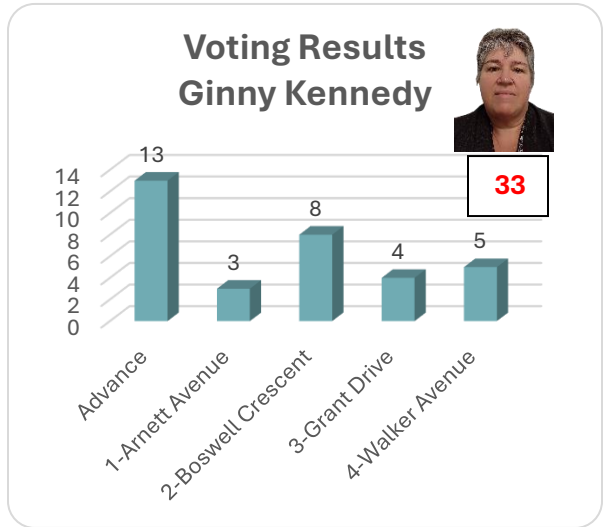
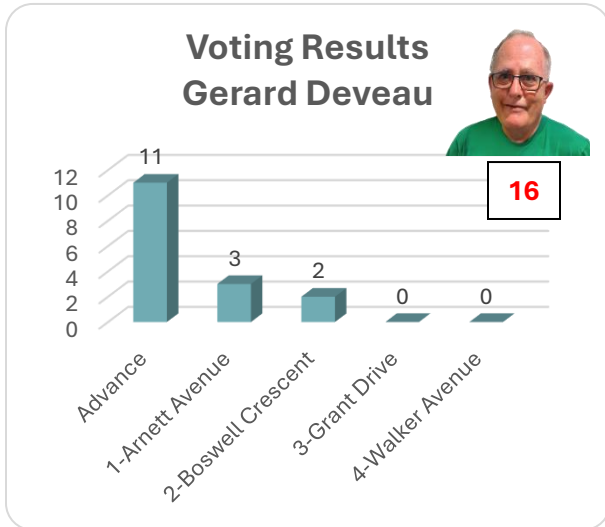
Election Day Voting by Age Group



Ward 5 Poll Breakdown: Registered Electors by Poll vs. Actually Voted



Voting Summary for Candidates



Expenses

2024 Summerside Municipal By-Election: Elections PEI Expenses

Advertising	\$944.00
Election Materials and Supplies	\$12,143.77
Postage	\$1,803.10
Travel	\$428.27
Payroll	\$18,350.79
Total	\$33,669.93
Total number of registered voters on Ordinary Polling Day	1,431
Cost per Voter	\$23.52

