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SUBJ: FEDERAL BY-ELECTION-FED ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO-LADYSMITH

(BRITISH COLUMBIA) - 6 MAY 2019

REFS: A. SPECIAL VOTING RULES, PART 11 OF THE CANADA ELECTIONS ACT

B. FEDERAL, PROVINCIAL AND TERRITORIAL ELECTORAL EVENTS, A-LG-007-000/AF-001, 01 JUN 15

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1. NO SILENT HOUR RESPONSE REQUIRED

2. A WRIT ORDERING A FEDERAL BY-ELECTION IN THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO-LADYSMITH (BRITISH COLUMBIA) WAS ISSUED ON 24 MAR 19. CIVILIAN POLLING DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR 06 MAY 19. THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER OF CANADA HAS ADAPTED THE SPECIAL VOTING RULES TO PERMIT ENTITLED CANADIAN ARMED FORCES (CAF) ELECTORS TO VOTE IN THIS BY-ELECTION USING A MAIL-IN BALLOT PROCEDURE

3. EVERY PERSON WHO IS A CANADIAN CITIZEN AND HAS ATTAINED THE AGE OF 18 ON OR BEFORE CIVILIAN POLLING DAY OF 06 MAY 19 IS ENTITLED TO VOTE AS A CAF ELECTOR IN THIS BY-ELECTION IF:

A. HE OR SHE IS:

(1) A MEMBER OF THE REGULAR FORCE,

(2) A MEMBER OF THE RESERVE FORCE ON FULL-TIME TRAINING OR SERVICE OR ON ACTIVE SERVICE, OR

(3) A CIVILIAN EMPLOYED OUTSIDE CANADA BY THE CAF AS A TEACHER OR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF IN A CAF SCHOOL, AND

B. THE ADDRESS FOR VOTING PURPOSES INDICATED ON THE PERSON S STATEMENT OF ORDINARY RESIDENCE (SOR) IS LOCATED IN THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO-LADYSMITH (BRITISH COLUMBIA)

4. THE PLACE OF ORDINARY RESIDENCE THAT A CAF ELECTOR HAS NAMED IN HIS OR HER SOR DETERMINES THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT IN WHICH HIS OR HER VOTE WILL BE COUNTED. A CAF ELECTOR CAN ONLY VOTE FOR A CANDIDATE RUNNING IN THAT ELECTORAL DISTRICT

5. A CAF ELECTOR WHO HAS NEVER COMPLETED AN SOR MAY DO SO IN ORDER TO VOTE IN THIS BY-ELECTION. HOWEVER, AN AMENDMENT MADE DURING AN ELECTION PERIOD TO AN EXISTING SOR TAKES EFFECT 14 DAYS AFTER POLLING DAY

6. FORTHWITH AFTER BEING INFORMED THAT THE WRIT HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR THIS BY-ELECTION, A CO SHALL:

A. FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE REGULAR FORCE AT THE UNIT WHO WISHES TO VOTE IN THIS BY-ELECTION AND WHO COMPLETES AN SOR FOR THE FIRST TIME, ENSURE THAT THE ORIGINAL OF THE MEMBER S SOR IS IMMEDIATELY FORWARDED TO ELECTIONS CANADA FOR VALIDATION AND REGISTRATION ON THE ELECTORS LIST FOR THE BY-ELECTION

B. FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE RESERVE FORCE AT THE UNIT WHO IS ENTITLED TO VOTE IN THIS BY-ELECTION, INCLUDING THOSE WHO COMPLETED AN SOR FOR THE FIRST TIME TO VOTE IN THIS BY-ELECTION, ENSURE THAT A COPY OF THE MEMBER S SOR IS IMMEDIATELY FORWARDED TO ELECTIONS CANADA. THE ORIGINAL SOR IS TO BE FILED WITH THE UNIT IN WHICH THE MEMBER IS ON FULL TIME TRAINING OR SERVICE OR ACTIVE SERVICE, AS THE CASE MAY BE

7. CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ELECTIONS CANADA IS AS FOLLOWS:
ELECTIONS CANADA

CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

C/O SPECIAL VOTING RULES ADMINISTRATOR

30 VICTORIA STREET

GATINEAU, QC, K1A 0M6

FAX: FROM CANADA OR U.S. AT 1-800-363-4796 AND ANY OTHER LOCATION AT 613-998-8393

8. THE MAIL-IN BALLOT PROCEDURE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

A. AN ELECTORAL LIST CONTAINING THE NAMES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE REGULAR FORCE ENTITLED TO VOTE IN THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT WHERE A BY-ELECTION IS BEING HELD HAS BEEN SENT TO ELECTIONS CANADA. THIS LIST WAS COMPILED, EFFECTIVE THE DAY THE WRIT WAS ISSUED, ON THE BASIS OF VALIDATED SOR S COMPLETED BY MEMBERS OF THE REGULAR FORCE. THIS LIST WILL BE AUGMENTED BY INFORMATION ON ELIGIBLE CAF ELECTORS SUBMITTED BY THE CO PURSUANT TO PARA 6,

B. NO MILITARY POLLING STATIONS ARE TO BE ESTABLISHED IN CAF UNITS DURING A BY-ELECTION,

C. ENTITLED CAF ELECTORS WILL VOTE USING A SPECIAL MAIL-IN BALLOT PROCEDURE. ELECTIONS CANADA HAS COMMENCED SENDING SPECIAL BALLOT VOTING KITS DIRECTLY TO INDIVIDUAL ELECTORS AT THEIR UNIT S MAILING ADDRESS, AS OF 24 MAR 19,

D. THE SPECIAL BALLOT VOTING KIT WILL CONTAIN DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS AND MATERIALS TO CAST A VOTE, BUT WILL NOT INCLUDE THE NAMES OF CANDIDATES RUNNING IN THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO-LADYSMITH (BRITISH COLUMBIA). THOSE NAMES WILL BE SENT BY THE MOST EFFICIENT MEANS TO THE CO OF EACH UNIT ON 17 APR 19, THE DAY THE LIST OF CONFIRMED CANDIDATES BECOMES AVAILABLE,

E. EACH CO WHO RECEIVES THE LIST OF CONFIRMED CANDIDATES SHALL IMMEDIATELY ENSURE THAT IT IS MADE AVAILABLE IN THE UNIT ORDERLY ROOM, PUBLISHED IN ROUTINE ORDERS AND RECEIVES WIDE DISTRIBUTION WITHIN THE UNIT, AND

F. IT IS THE INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH ELIGIBLE CAF ELECTOR WHO CHOOSES TO VOTE TO ENSURE THAT THE COMPLETED BALLOT IS RECEIVED BY ELECTIONS CANADA AT THE ADDRESS INDICATED AT PARA 7 NO LATER THAN 1800 HOURS, EASTERN TIME, ON 06 MAY 19

9. A CAF ELECTOR WHO IS ABSENT FROM HIS OR HER UNIT WHILE ON DUTY OR LEAVE DURING THE VOTING PERIOD SHOULD MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS, SUCH AS PROVIDING A FORWARDING ADDRESS, TO ENSURE THAT THE VOTING KIT IS SENT TO THE APPROPRIATE ADDRESS. IF THE SPECIAL BALLOT VOTING KIT IS SENT TO A UNIT ADDRESS OF AN ELECTOR WHO HAS BEEN POSTED TO A NEW LOCATION, COMMANDING OFFICERS ARE TO IMMEDIATELY FORWARD THIS KIT TO THE ELECTOR S NEW LOCATION. NO KIT SHOULD BE RETURNED TO ELECTIONS CANADA. THE ELECTIONS CANADA LOGO APPEARS IN THE TOP LEFT CORNER OF THE ENVELOPE CONTAINING THE SPECIAL BALLOT VOTING KIT

10. A CAF ELECTOR, WHO HAS NOT VOTED UNDER THE SPECIAL VOTING RULES USING THE MAIL-IN BALLOT PROCEDURE, MAY VOTE ON CIVILIAN POLLING DAY AT A CIVILIAN POLLING STATION DURING A BY-ELECTION IF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MET:

A. THE ADDRESS OF ORDINARY RESIDENCE SHOWN ON THE MEMBER S SOR IS IN THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO-LADYSMITH (BRITISH COLUMBIA),

B. THE ELECTOR VOTES AT THE CIVILIAN POLLING STATION ESTABLISHED FOR THE ADDRESS OF ORDINARY RESIDENCE SHOWN ON THEIR SOR, AND

C. THE ELECTOR RESIDES IN THE NANAIMO-LADYSMITH (BRITISH COLUMBIA) ELECTORAL DISTRICT ON CIVILIAN POLLING DAY

11. TO VOTE AT A CIVILIAN POLLING STATION, A CAF MEMBER MUST PRESENT PROOF OF IDENTITY AND HOME ADDRESS. A LIST OF AUTHORIZED IDENTIFICATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE ELECTIONS CANADA WEB SITE (WWW.ELECTIONS.CA)

12. CAF ELECTORS WHO HAVE COMPLETED AN SOR SHOULD NOT RECEIVE A VOTER INFORMATION CARD DURING FEDERAL ELECTORAL EVENTS

13. DUTIES OF CO S IN RESPECT OF THIS BY-ELECTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. ON RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE, PUBLISH IN ROUTINE ORDERS A NOTICE INDICATING THAT:

(1) A WRIT HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR A BY-ELECTION IN THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO-LADYSMITH (BRITISH COLUMBIA) WITH CIVILIAN POLLING DAY SCHEDULED FOR 06 MAY 19,

(2) ELIGIBLE CAF ELECTORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT THEIR COMPLETED SPECIAL BALLOTS ARE RECEIVED BY ELECTIONS CANADA NO LATER THAN 1800 HOURS, EASTERN TIME, ON 06 MAY 19,

(3) EVERY CAF ELECTOR WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO-LADYSMITH (BRITISH COLUMBIA) AND WHO IS ABSENT FROM HIS OR HER UNIT WHILE ON DUTY OR LEAVE DURING THE VOTING PERIOD SHOULD MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS, SUCH AS PROVIDING A FORWARDING ADDRESS, TO ENSURE THAT THE VOTING KIT IS SENT TO THE APPROPRIATE ADDRESS,

B. WHEN RECEIVED DIRECTLY FROM ELECTIONS CANADA, DISPLAY IMMEDIATELY IN UNIT ORDERLY ROOMS, THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH NOTICES FEATURING THE MAP OF THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO-LADYSMITH (BRITISH COLUMBIA) AND THE IMPORTANT DEADLINE DATES,

C. WHEN RECEIVED, MAKE AVAILABLE IN UNIT ORDERLY ROOMS AND PUBLISH IN ROUTINE ORDERS, A COPY OF THE LIST OF CONFIRMED CANDIDATES FOR THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO-LADYSMITH (BRITISH COLUMBIA),

D. ENSURE WIDEST DISTRIBUTION OF THIS MESSAGE WITHIN THE UNIT,

E. ASSIST, WHERE APPROPRIATE, CAF ELECTORS OUTSIDE CANADA OR ON OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENTS IN THE RETURN OF THE MAIL-IN BALLOTS, AND
F. FORWARD BY THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS THE SPECIAL BALLOT VOTING KIT TO ELECTORS WHO HAVE BEEN RECENTLY POSTED TO A NEW LOCATION IF THE ELECTOR S NEW UNIT ADDRESS WAS NOT PROVIDED TO ELECTIONS CANADA

14. CO S MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH CANFORGEN 021/19 CMP 011/19 081436Z FEB 19, REF C AND SECTION 3 OF REF B WHICH GOVERN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES ON

DEFENCE ESTABLISHMENTS AND PERSONAL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF CAF MEMBERS,

15. CAF MEMBERS ARE REMINDED OF EXISTING REGULATIONS CONCERNING POLITICAL ACTIVITY WHICH PROHIBIT IN PARTICULAR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL MEETINGS ON DEFENCE ESTABLISHMENTS AND THEIR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE AFFAIRS OF A POLITICAL ORGANIZATION OR PARTY

16. CO S ARE RESPONSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT ANY ACTIVITY THAT TAKES PLACE ON A DEFENCE ESTABLISHMENT, INCLUDING A BASE OR OTHER UNIT UNDER THEIR COMMAND, DOES NOT AFFECT THE ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED POLITICAL NEUTRALITY OF THE CAF

17. PERSONS LIVING WITH MEMBERS OF THE CAF ARE NOT CONSIDERED TO BE CAF ELECTORS AND ARE NOT ENTITLED TO VOTE AS PART OF THE SERVICE VOTE.

CANADIAN CITIZENS WHO ARE TEMPORARILY AWAY FROM THEIR ELECTORAL DISTRICT, INSIDE OR OUTSIDE CANADA, CAN VOTE IN FEDERAL ELECTORAL EVENTS BY SPECIAL MAIL-IN BALLOT PROVIDED DIRECTLY TO THEM BY ELECTIONS CANADA IF THEY ARE QUALIFIED TO VOTE

18. ALL PERSONS LIVING WITH MEMBERS OF THE CAF WHO WISH TO VOTE BY SPECIAL MAIL-IN BALLOT IN THIS BY-ELECTION MUST APPLY TO ELECTIONS CANADA WITHOUT DELAY. THE APPLICATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE ELECTIONS CANADA WEB SITE AT WWW.ELECTIONS.CA. APPLICATION FORMS HAVE ALSO BEEN DISTRIBUTED BY

ELECTIONS CANADA TO ALL CANADIAN EMBASSIES, CONSULAR POSTS AND OTHER MISSIONS AROUND THE WORLD

19. ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CAF VOTE IN THIS BY-ELECTION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO ELECTIONS CANADA HEADQUARTERS OR TO THE JAG ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION OFFICER AT 613-992-0073. ELECTIONS CANADA CAN BE CONTACTED AT: FROM CANADA OR THE US - 1-866-552-6551 (FAX 1-800-363-4796), AND FROM OTHER LOCATIONS: 613-990-8574, (FAX 613-998-8393) OR BY E-MAIL AT FORCES AT SIGN ELECTIONS.CA