



**DIRECTIVE FOR THE
MAY 2, 2024 BY-ELECTIONS
FOR THE ELECTORAL DISTRICTS OF
LAMBTON—KENT—MIDDLESEX AND MILTON**

WHEREAS a significant number of electors have voted from Day 28 to Day 1 by Special Ballot.

AND WHEREAS due to the significant number of votes cast by Special Ballot, the timely counting of Special Ballots and the reporting of results could be significantly delayed.

AND WHEREAS section 3.7 of the *Election Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c E.6 (the "Act") authorizes the Chief Electoral Officer to give directions in cases of mistake, miscalculation, emergency, unusual, or unforeseen circumstances.

AND WHEREAS in order for the timely counting of Special Ballots and reporting of results, I will invoke section 3.7 of the Act to permit election staff to commence counting Special Ballots cast in-person at the returning office or during home visits in accordance with the times set out for each electoral district in Schedule "A" hereto.

AND WHEREAS in order for the timely counting of Special Ballots and reporting of results, I will invoke section 3.7 of the Act to permit election staff to commence counting Special Ballots cast pursuant to the vote by mail program in accordance with the times set out for each electoral district in Schedule "B" hereto.

NOW THEREFORE, I HEREBY DIRECT, pursuant to section 3.7 of the Act, that the Returning Officer commence counting Special Ballots cast in-person at the returning office or during home visits in accordance with the times set out for each electoral district in Schedule "A" hereto.

I HEREBY DIRECT, pursuant to section 3.7 of the Act, that the Returning Officer commence counting Special Ballots cast pursuant to the vote by mail program in accordance with the times set out in Schedule "B" hereto.

X A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Greg Essensa".

Greg Essensa
Chief Electoral Officer

April 3, 2024

Date

KEY ELECTION DATES

Activity	Election Calendar Day	Date
Writ is Issued	Day 29	April 3, 2024
Applying To Vote by Mail Begins	Day 29	April 3, 2024
Returning Office In-person Voting by Special Ballot Begins	Day 28	April 4, 2024
Applying To Vote by Mail Ends	Day 6, 6:00 PM	April 26, 2024
Returning Office In-person Voting by Special Ballot Ends	Day 1, 6:00 PM	May 1, 2024
Election Day	Day 0	May 2, 2024

Schedule “A”

Time to Commence Counting Special Ballots Cast In-person at the Returning Office or during Home Visits

Number of Write-in Ballots Received	Start Time on Polling Day (Eastern Standard Time)	Number of Special Ballot Officer - Count Lead	Number of Special Ballot Officer - Count Assistant
Less 100	9:00 PM	1	1
101 - 150	8:00 PM	1	1
151 - 350	8:00 PM	1	2
351 - 600	7:00 PM	1	2
601 - 1,000	6:00 PM	1	3

Schedule “B”

Time to Commence Counting Special Ballots Cast pursuant to the Vote by Mail Program

Number of Voting Kits Received	Start Time on Polling Day (Eastern Standard Time)	Write-In Ballot Counting Lead	Write-In Ballot Counting Assistant
Less than 500	8:00 PM	1	1
501-1000	7:00 PM	1	1
1001-1500	5:00 PM	3	3
1501-2000	3:00 PM	3	3
2001-3000	3:00 PM	3	3
3001-4000	1:00 PM	3	3
4001-5000	1:00 PM	3	3
5001-6000	11:00 AM	3	3
6001-8000	11:00 AM	4	4
8001-10,000	11:00 AM	5	5
10,001+	11:00 AM	6	6

Schedule “C”

Time to Commence Counting Special Ballots Cast pursuant to the Vote by Mail Program at EOHQ

Location	Time
26 Prince Andrew Place (EOHQ)	7:00 PM