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ON

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Honourable Paul Dicks, Q.C.
Speaker
House of Assembly
Province of Newfoundland

Dear Speaker:

I am pleased to submit a **Report On The Placentia Election of February 21, 1994** in accordance with statutory requirements for publication of information of a statistical nature as well as election receipts, expenses and subsidies.

The original of this Report has been forwarded to the Queen's Printer for reproduction purposes to satisfy future enquiries. Also, a copy has been supplied to the Legislative Librarian for further reference by Members of the House of Assembly.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Wayne Mitchell".

D. Wayne Mitchell
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

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Encl.

cc Mr. Nick Careen
Ms. Marlene Cashin
Ms. Mona Morrow
Registered Political Parties

PLACENTIA ELECTION SUMMARY

The incumbent Liberal Candidate who was defeated in the May 3, 1993 General Election in the Electoral District of Placentia made application on June 15, 1993 in the Supreme Court of Newfoundland to have the election of the Progressive Conservative Candidate set aside on the basis that fifty-five people voted contrary to Section 69(2) of the Election Act. The two Judges who heard the case in September 1993 ruled on December 9, 1993 that the election be set aside unless evidence was produced that oaths or affirmations were actually sworn or subscribed. The Supreme Court of Newfoundland officially declared the results of the May 3, 1993 General Election in the Electoral District of Placentia invalid on January 14, 1994.

An enumeration of electors for Placentia was completed on January 21, 1994. A total of 5,318 eligible electors appeared on the 1994 List of Electors for Placentia. A further 232 electors were sworn or affirmed at the polls during the election bringing the number of eligible voters to 5,550.

A Writ for a new election in Placentia was issued on January 24, 1994. The Writ provided for nominations to close on February 11, 1994 and the Election to be held on February 21, 1994.

Three candidates were nominated for the election. Mr. Nick Careen represented the Progressive Conservative Party and received 2,554 votes. Ms. Marlene Cashin represented the New Democratic Party and received 75 votes. Ms. Mona Morrow represented the Liberal Party and received 1,781 votes. A total of 11 ballots were rejected. The total 4,421 ballots cast represented 79.7 percent turnout of eligible voters in the District.

The official declaration of Mr. Nick Careen's election was made on February 23, 1994. He was sworn in as a Member of the House of Assembly on March 8, 1994. With the Placentia election result, the Liberal Party held 35 seats, the Progressive Conservative Party held 16 seats and the New Democratic Party held 1 seat in the House of Assembly.

The February 21, 1994 Placentia Election was the first electoral event in Newfoundland and Labrador to be conducted under the Election Finances provisions of the elections Act, 1991. A total of \$31,726 was spent by the three candidates and their Parties in the election campaign. Two of the three Candidates were reimbursed \$5,327 each by the Province and a further payment of \$1,450 was applied toward the audit fees incurred by all three Candidates.

The Electoral Office spent approximately \$25,000 in preparing an Official List of Electors for the Placentia Election and approximately \$37,000 in conducting the election.

PLACENTIA ELECTION GRANT OF POLL

Polling Division Number	Boundaries of Polling Divisions	Location of Polling Station
01	The Community of Point Verde.	Star Hall, Placentia
02	Southeast Placentia: Residences located on the South side of the Main Highway.	Star Hall, Placentia
03	Southeast Placentia: Residences located on the North side of the Main Highway.	Star Hall, Placentia
04	Placentia: Commencing at the residence of John Ryan, along the South side of Blockhouse Road, the South side of Jubilee Road, to the intersection of Swan's Road, to the residence of Freeman Upshall.	Lion's Manor, Placentia
05	Placentia: Commencing at the residence of Margaret Morrissey on the West side of Blockhouse Road to the intersection of Highroad; the West side of Highroad to the residence of Hoi Pun.	Star Hall, Placentia
06	Placentia: Commencing at the residence of John Ennis on the East side of Swan's Road to the intersection of Riverside Drive South, back to the residence of John Ennis.	Star Hall, Placentia
07	Placentia: Commencing at Junction Service Station on the right side of Banker's Road to the intersection of Riverside Drive; Swan's Road to the intersection of Jubilee Road; Main Street to the residence of Mike Connors.	Star Hall, Placentia
08	Placentia: The left side of Banker's Road to the intersection of Riverside Drive North; the left side of Riverside Drive North to the intersection of the Highroad, back to the residence of John Connors.	Star Hall, Placentia
09	Jerseyside: Comprising Jerseyside, Placentia Bay; the South side of the Old Railway Track beginning at the coast line along the said Old Railway Track Road to the intersection with the Main Highway; the Main Road to the boundary of the Town of Freshwater including only that area to the South and East of the Main Highway.	Senior's Club, Jerseyside
10	Jerseyside: That area North of the Old Railway Track, Jerseyside; the road beginning at the coast line and along the Old Railway Track Road to the Main Highroad.	Senior's Club, Jerseyside
11	Freshwater: Commencing at the Priest's Residence along the Main Road to the intersection of Old Settlement Hill; both sides of Old Settlement Hill; the Main Road to the residence of Richard O'Reilly.	Community Center, Freshwater
12	Freshwater: Commencing at Kelly's Alley, both sides of New Settlement Hill to Third Street; the right side of Main Road from the residence of James Bartlett to the residence of Lucy Meade; the Back Road to the residence of William Houlihan.	Community Center, Freshwater
13	Freshwater: Commencing at the Brook Road, Kelly's Lane, Sampson's Lane, and the Main Highroad to the residence of Frank Maher.	Community Center, Freshwater
14	Argentia: Canadian personnel and dependants living on the U.S. Naval Station, Argentia.	The Pilgrim Hall, Argentia
15	Dunville: Commencing at the residence of Spencer Hancock, Broad Cove the North side of the main Highway to the intersection of Ville Marie Drive, up to and including the West side of Ville Marie Drive.	Town Hall, Dunville

PLACENTIA ELECTION FINANCE REPORT

Part III of the Elections Act, 1991 that was proclaimed into force on October 1, 1993 established a regulatory framework for campaign financing that was applicable for the Placentia election.

All three Candidates in the election filed audited financial statements of their campaign income and expenses within the six month deadline after polling day. Mr. Nick Careen reported expenditures of \$11,393. Ms. Marlene Cashin reported expenditures of \$2,311. Ms. Mona Morrow reported expenditures of \$15,833. Only the Liberal Party reported expenditures in the Placentia election campaign.

The expenditures of each Candidate and the Liberal Party were within the overall \$15,981 spending limit determined for the Placentia election based on approximately \$3 for every elector on the official list of electors in the District.

The total election expense reimbursement made by the Province to Mr. Nick Careen and Ms. Mona Morrow amounted to \$5,327 each as they received more than 15 percent of the popular vote in the election. This payment was calculated based on one-third of the \$15,981 spending limit established for the Placentia election.

Subsidies totalling \$1,450 were paid by the Province toward the audit fees incurred by the three Candidates in the Placentia election.

The election finance documents filed under Part III of the Elections Act, 1991 are a matter of public record and may be viewed at the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer during normal business hours. The following table summarizes the financial information submitted by the Parties and the Candidates in the Placentia election.