

Office of the
Chief Electoral Officer
of Ontario



Bureau du directeur
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de l'Ontario

DIRECTIVE FOR THE FEBRUARY 27, 2025, GENERAL ELECTION

EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE FOR IN-PERSON VOTING AT THE RETURNING OFFICE FOR KITCHENER CENTRE (047) AND SCARBOROUGH-AGINCOURT (093)

WHEREAS on January 29, 2025, the Lieutenant Governor in Council ordered that the writs for a General Election be issued and has proclaimed February 27, 2025, to be polling day.

AND WHEREAS Elections Ontario has been unable to obtain premises for Returning Offices in every electoral district throughout Ontario due to the short notice of the issuance of the writs, resulting in the returning offices for Kitchener Centre and Scarborough-Agincourt being located in adjacent electoral districts.

AND WHEREAS the returning offices for Kitchener Centre and Scarborough-Agincourt are located outside of the elector's electoral districts.

AND WHEREAS in accordance with s. 45.2(1) of the *Election Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c E.6 (the "**Act**"), electors that wish to make an application to vote by special ballot may do so in person, at a returning office in the elector's electoral district.

AND WHEREAS section 3.7 of the Act authorizes the Chief Electoral Officer to give directions in cases of mistake, miscalculation, emergency, unusual, or unforeseen circumstances.

NOW THEREFORE, I HEREBY DIRECT, pursuant to s. 3.7 of the Act, that any electors in Kitchener Centre and Scarborough-Agincourt that wish to apply for a special ballot may do so in-person at their respective returning office, notwithstanding that it is located outside of the elector's electoral district, and the rules set out in s. 45.2(4) shall apply to applications for in-person voting at both returning offices.

Greg Essensa
Chief Electoral Officer

January 30, 2025
Date