

# April 9, 2014 By-Election Report: Virginia Waters

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September 23, 2014

Honourable Wade Verge  
Acting Speaker  
House of Assembly  
Main Floor, East Block  
Confederation Building  
St. John's, NL

Dear Speaker:

Section 214 of the *Elections Act, 1991* states that, "the Chief Electoral Officer shall publish within 9 months after each general election and each by-election a book containing pertinent statistics of the election, including poll by poll results of each electoral district."

In accordance with this, I am pleased to present you with this report on the April 9, 2014 by-election in the electoral district of Virginia Waters.

I have arranged for copies to be distributed to all Members of the House of Assembly. I trust this meets with your approval.

Sincerely,

Victor Powers

Chief Electoral Officer



On Tuesday, March 18, 2014, a Writ of Election was issued for a by-election in the electoral district of Virginia Waters. The by-election, set for April 9, 2014, was called to fill a vacancy resulting from the resignation of Progressive Conservative Member of the House of Assembly, Kathy Dunderdale, on February 28, 2014.

The preliminary list of electors for the district, dated March 18, 2014, contained 9823 names. Updates to the list continued during the election period until 8 p.m. on April 2, 2014 (Advance Poll day), resulting in a final revised list of electors containing 9853 names. The final revised list included electors who applied to vote by Special Ballot, voted at the advance polls and applied to be added to the list (and also included other changes such as elector moves or corrections to electors' names and/or addresses).

On April 4, 2014, the final revised list was given to the district Returning Officer for distribution to the political parties and candidates. This list was used by the Returning Officer and all election officials as the Official List of Electors on polling day.

Official Nomination day was Monday, March 31, 2014. At the close of nominations three candidates had completed the official nomination process and were added to the ballot for the by-election:

**Cathy Bennett** – Liberal Party  
**Danny Breen** – Progressive Conservative Party  
**Sheilagh O'Leary** - New Democratic Party

Voters in the by-election had the opportunity to vote by one of three methods:

- at one of the 35 regular polls held on April 9, 2014
- at one of the four advance polls held on April 2, 2014
- by Special Ballot (from March 18, 2014 to April 5, 2014)

Special Ballot applications were available on the Elections Newfoundland and Labrador website, by mail, or during specified hours at Elections Newfoundland and Labrador's head office in St. John's or the District Returning Office in Virginia Waters. Once a Special Ballot application was approved, a Special Ballot Voting kit was issued, and the applicant was then unable to vote by any other method. A completed Special Ballot voting kit could be returned by mail or dropped off at either of the above noted office locations within the specified deadlines.

- A total of 116 Special Ballot applications were processed at Special Ballot locations. Of the 116 applications processed, all 114 ballots were returned by the specified deadlines.
- A total of 604 ballots were cast at the four advance polls held on April 2, 2014. 604 ballots were cast at the four advance polls in St. John's
- A total of 4135 ballots were cast at the 35 regular polls held on April 9, 2014
- A combined total of 612 electors were sworn in at the advance polls, Special Ballot polls and regular polls on polling day.

The preliminary count on election night indicated a total of 4853 votes were cast resulting in 1932 votes for Cathy Bennett, 1892 votes for Danny Breen and 1021 votes for Sheilagh O'Leary. Eight ballots were rejected.

The official addition of the votes took place on Saturday, April 12, 2014, at the district Returning Office which confirmed the preliminary vote counts were correct for all candidates. Therefore, the official results for the by-election

(which represented a 49.7 per cent turnout) were:

<b>Cathy Bennett</b>	-	1932
<b>Danny Breen</b>	-	1892
<b>Sheilagh O'Leary</b>	-	1021
<b>Rejected ballots</b>	-	8
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<b>Total</b>	-	4853

On May 5, 2014, Liberal candidate Cathy Bennett was sworn in as a member of the House of Assembly.

Currently, representation in the House of Assembly consists of 30 Progressive Conservative Members, 13 Liberal Members, 3 New Democratic Members and two vacant seats.

The Chief Electoral Officer would like to extend appreciation to the district staff for overseeing an efficient by-election: Stan Foote (Returning Officer), Ruby Hill (Election Clerk) and Thomas White (Special Ballot Officer). Thanks are also extended to the many other district election workers and to the staff at the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer for a job well done.

**APRIL 9, 2014 BY-ELECTION  
 POLLING DIVISION RECAPITULATION OF VOTES FOR  
 THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA WATERS**

NO.	POLLING DIVISION	ELIGIBLE VOTERS			BENNETT, Cathy Lib	BREEN, Danny PC	O'LEARY Sheilagh NDP	REJECTED BALLOTS	TOTAL BALLOTS
		REVISED LIST	SWEAR IN AT POLLS						
1	St. John's	275	20	24	29	13	1	67	
2	St. John's	277	-	48	42	31	-	121	
3	St. John's	278	20	49	61	28	-	138	
4	St. John's	278	14	48	69	34	0	151	
5	St. John's	265	9	51	37	21	0	109	
6	St. John's	329	11	45	53	55	1	154	
7	St. John's	316	14	58	85	7	0	150	
8	St. John's	315	-	57	39	25	1	122	
9	St. John's	280	21	51	56	18	0	125	
10	St. John's	80	8	9	11	10	-	30	
11	St. John's	226	6	22	23	21	-	66	
12	St. John's	211	22	17	28	27	0	72	
13	St. John's	200	15	33	29	17	0	79	
14	St. John's	217	9	11	15	3	-	29	
15	St. John's	323	23	41	57	27	0	125	
16	St. John's	333	22	60	78	41	0	179	
17	St. John's	201	15	16	14	22	0	52	
18	St. John's	296	6	42	48	44	-	134	
19	St. John's	283	15	51	63	29	0	143	
20	St. John's	255	10	34	61	32	1	128	
21	St. John's	230	11	34	28	16	0	78	
22	St. John's	322	9	54	50	23	-	127	
23	St. John's	305	14	76	50	26	0	152	
24	St. John's	254	12	54	39	24	0	117	
25	St. John's	285	14	43	51	35	-	129	
26	St. John's	409	30	99	68	9	-	176	
27	St. John's	311	11	66	57	16	0	139	
28	St. John's	324	13	58	70	28	1	157	
29	St. John's	314	16	37	48	45	0	130	
30	St. John's	276	38	52	64	24	0	140	
31	St. John's	308	21	51	57	24	0	132	

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32	St. John's	309	28	56	46	44	1	147
33	St. John's	416	50	57	63	30	0	150
34	St. John's	247	16	34	25	22	0	81
35	St. John's	305	13	43	49	14	0	106
36	Advance Poll - St. John's	-	-	68	53	26	1	148
37	Advance Poll - St. John's	-	10	86	49	25	1	161
38	Advance Poll - St. John's	-	6	66	51	34	0	151
39	Advance Poll - St. John's	-	10	72	45	27	0	144
40	Special Ballots	-	30	59	31	24	0	114
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>9853</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>1932</b>	<b>1892</b>	<b>1021</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4853</b>



## Summary of Polling Divisions VIRGINIA WATERS

Total Number of Poling Divisions in District: 35

Total Number of Registered in District: 9853

Polling Division	Boundary Descriptions	Registered Electors
1	ST. JOHN'S: Ottawa Street; Escasoni Place (including Escasoni Building, 10 Escasoni Place); Portugal Cove Road (even numbers 232 to 268 the east side of Portugal Cove Road from MacDonald Drive to Newfoundland Drive including Chancellor Park, 270 Portugal Cove Road but excluding Hoyles Building).	275
2	ST. JOHN'S: Sydney Place; Yellowknife Street; Parliament Street; Vancouver Street; Lawlor Place; and Regina Place.	277
3	ST. JOHN'S: Calgary Street; Halifax Street; Quebec Street; Fredericton Place; Mercer's Drive; and MacDonald Drive (north side of MacDonald Drive from Portugal Cove Road to Torbay Road, Number 158 only).	278
4	ST. JOHN'S: Banff Place; Jasper Street; Cheshire Street ; and Winnipeg Street.	278
5	ST. JOHN'S: Toronto Street; Edmonton Place; Prince Charles Place; Charlottetown Place; and Princess Anne Place.	265
6	ST. JOHN'S: Dexter Place; Russell Street; Botwood Place; and Stirling Crescent.	329
7	ST. JOHN'S: Halley Drive; Coughlan Place; Ledingham Place; Lawton Crescent; and Inglis Place.	316
8	ST. JOHN'S: Newfoundland Drive (even and odd numbers 446 to 567 from Portugal Cove Road to Torbay Road); and Musgrave Street.	315
9	ST. JOHN'S: Tracey Place; Kingfisher Place; Kershaw Place; Lunenburg Street; Sackville Street; Strathie Street ; and Wedgeport Road.	280
10	ST. JOHN'S: Whitehorse Place; Parliament Place; Hoyles Building (230 Portugal Cove Road).	80
11	ST. JOHN'S: Gilmore Street; Aylward's Lane; Withers Place; Bell's Turn (odd and even numbers 29 to 57 north side of Higgins Line); Pinsent Place; and Portugal Cove Place (including Greycliffe, 304 Portugal Cove Place).	226
12	ST. JOHN'S: Hunt's Lane; Kelly Street; Brophy Place; Doheney Place; Geoffrey Place; and Kildare Place.	211
13	ST. JOHN'S: Fox Avenue (even numbers 4 to 80); Blackwood Place; Higgins Line (odd numbers 151 to 169 from Fox Avenue to Portugal Cove Road); Hunt Place; Ridge Road (even numbers 38 to 84); and McGrath Place East.	200

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14	ST. JOHN'S: Gloucester Street; Alice Drive; Fergus Place; and Edgcombe Drive.	217
15	ST. JOHN'S: Branscombe Street; Ventura Place; Rhodora Street; and Lancaster Street.	323
16	ST. JOHN'S: Penney Crescent; Slade Place; Jackson Place; Honeygold Place; Rayson Place; Rusted Place; and Penney Lane (even numbers 2 to 6).	333
17	ST. JOHN'S: Torbay Estates Apartments A, B, C, D, and E (1 Penney Lane).	201
18	ST. JOHN'S: Highland Drive.	296
19	ST. JOHN'S: Birchwynd Street; Gleneyre Street; Ledrew's Road ; Prim Place; Harbour View Avenue; and Torbay Road (odd and even numbers 266 to 467 from Newfoundland Drive to the intersection of Torbay Road and the Outer Ring Road excluding Torbay Estates);	283
20	ST. JOHN'S: Dunlea Street; Rosscomon Place; Virginia Road; Woodwynd Street; and Braemere Street.	255
21	ST. JOHN'S: Brighton Place; and Paddy Dobbin Drive.	230
22	ST. JOHN'S: Eastbourne Crescent; Errol Place; and Ronayne Place.	322
23	ST. JOHN'S: Connemara Place; Aspen Place; Heather Place; Oakridge Drive; O'Mara Place; and Tamarack Street.	305
24	ST. JOHN'S: Bindon Place; Bavidge Street; Darcy Street; Kilmory Place; Tyrone Place; and Elton Place.	254
25	ST. JOHN'S: Carrick Drive (odd and even numbers 75 to 164); Norfolk Place; Harlow Place; and Sheffield Place.	285
26	ST. JOHN'S: Canterbury Place; Cheyne Drive; Hebbard Place; Stonebridge Place; Julieann Place (even numbers 54 and greater and odd numbers 65 and greater); Katie Place (odd and even numbers 1 to 9); Regent Street (even numbers 2 to 58, odd numbers 3 to 57); Leeds Place; and Logy Bay Road (odd numbers 459 to 465 including East Point Landing Condos).	409
27	ST. JOHN'S: Baker Street; Harrogate Place; Surrey Place; Gardiner Place; Regent Street (odd numbers 59 to 89, even numbers 60 to 120); and Chester Place.	311

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28	ST. JOHN'S: Carrick Drive (odd numbers 1 to 73, even numbers 40 to 72); Hampshire Place; Coaker Place; Newfoundland Drive (even numbers 342 to 364); Balimoral Place; Kensington Drive; Dumfries Place; Paddington Place; Runnymede Place; and Kilkenny Street.	324
29	ST. JOHN'S: Airport Heights Drive; Canso Place; Argus Place; and Elderberry Place.	314
30	ST. JOHN'S: Navajo Place; Piper Street; Viscount Street; Falcon Place; Cessna Street; Seminole Drive; Caravelle Place; and Legacy Place.	276
31	ST. JOHN'S: Cahill Drive; Jesseau Place; Hall's Road; McNiven Place; Dumbarton Place; Ben Avon Place; and Durness Street .	308
32	ST. JOHN'S: Crambrae Street; Turnberry Street; Kincaid Street; Gairlock Street; and Machbeth Drive.	309
33	ST. JOHN'S: Otter Drive; Cherokee Drive; Cedar Drive; Firdale Drive; Oakmount Street; and Barnwell Street.	416
34	ST. JOHN'S: Penetanguishene Road; Sabre Street; Newhook Place; Burry Port Street; Hercules Place; and Amella Street .	247
35	ST. JOHN'S: Savannah Park Drive; Forde Drive; Autumn Drive; Galaxy Crescent; Alder Place; Malka Drive; and Parker's Pond Road .	305
<b>Total Electors for Virginia Waters:</b>		<b>9853</b>

