

Decisions

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An Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (R.S.Q., c. E-2.2)

Chief Electoral Officer — Nomination papers for the by-election in Québec City

Decision of the Chief Electoral Officer pursuant to the powers conferred upon him by section 90.5 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities concerning one of the nomination papers for the by-election in Québec City

WHEREAS a by-election for the position of mayor shall take place on December 2, 2007, in Québec City;

WHEREAS a mascot using the name “La Merveille” has publicly expressed the intention to file nomination papers for this position;

WHEREAS the provisions of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (R.S.Q., c. E-2.2) regarding the acceptance of nomination papers are not adapted to such a situation;

WHEREAS, in order to maintain the integrity of the current electoral process, the returning officer of Québec City has made a formal request to the Chief Electoral Officer to adapt the provisions of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities, regarding the acceptance of nomination papers in order to allow the returning officer to ensure that certain provisions of the Act are applied appropriately;

WHEREAS the integrity of the current electoral process must be maintained;

WHEREAS section 90.5 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities allows the Chief Electoral Officer to adapt a provision of the Act where it comes to his attention that, subsequent to an exceptional circumstance, the provision does not meet the demands of the resultant situation;

WHEREAS the Chief Electoral Officer has first informed the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Regions of the decision he intends to make;

The Chief Electoral Officer, pursuant to the powers conferred on him by section 90.5 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities, has decided to adapt section 165 of this Act by inserting the following after the first paragraph:

“However, upon presentation of the nomination papers of the mascot using the name “La Merveille”, the returning officer shall verify if it meets the requirements of this section and if all required documents are attached.”.

This decision shall take effect on October 22, 2007.

Québec, 22 October 2007

MARCEL BLANCHET,
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Chairman of the Commission
de la représentation électorale*

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An Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (R.S.Q., c. E-2.2)

Chief Electoral Officer — Identification of electors during the by-election in Québec City

Decision of the Chief Electoral Officer pursuant to the powers conferred upon him by section 90.5 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities concerning the identification of electors during the by-election in Québec City

WHEREAS a by-election for the position of mayor shall take place on December 2, 2007, in Québec City;

WHEREAS the problem of elector identification was raised during the provincial general elections of March 26, 2007, during the by-election of September 24, 2007, in the Charlevoix electoral division and during the on-going school general elections;