



Advisory Committee of
Political Parties (ACPP)

February 13-14, 2019 Meeting Summary

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1. Meeting Summary

The objective of the February 13-14, 2019 meeting was to update the Committee on the activities that Elections Canada (EC) has conducted since the last meeting and will be undertaking before the next general election. The meeting was also intended to solicit feedback from political parties on three matters: (1) the Political Entities Service Centre tool, (2) the Accessibility Guidance and Factsheet for Candidates and Political Parties and (3) an Elections Canada's Inspire Democracy guide to Running in a Federal Election.

2. Introductory Remarks by the CEO

Presenter: Stéphane Perrault (Chief Electoral Officer [CEO])

Mr. Perrault welcomed members of the Advisory Committee of Political Parties (ACPP) to the meeting and welcomed the new member of the committee, Jesse Calvert (New Democratic Party). The CEO discussed his priorities moving forward including the implementation of the recent legislative changes enacted by Parliament under Bill C-76, the *Elections Modernization Act*, electoral security, and improving services for voters. He also provided updates on the three by-elections then underway, discussed the new policy for the protection of personal information, training and Information updates for political entities, and the 2019 triennial review. He also informed party representatives of his meeting with the new federal Debates Commissioner.

The remarks concluded with a question and answers session. Party representatives asked questions about the privacy policy, the process for this year's triennial review and the national register of electors.

3. Regulatory Framework: New Political Financing Requirements

Presenter: Josée Villeneuve (Senior Director, Political Financing)

Ms. Villeneuve discussed the new political financing requirements under Bill C-76 as they apply to registered political parties. She discussed regulated fundraising activities and the requirements thereof. She also briefed parties on the policy for the protection of personal information requirements as they apply to political parties, on the rules for pre-election period and partisan advertising, and the rules around interacting with third parties. Ms. Villeneuve ended her presentation by briefly discussing accessibility expenses parties may incur to accommodate persons with disabilities.

The session concluded with a question and answers session. Elections Canada answered a range of questions about:

- The applicability of certain requirements with regard to independents and individuals sitting in the House of Commons but not as a part of a registered political party;
- The requirements for political parties under the requirement to adopt and publish a privacy policy;
- The distinction between Electoral District Associations (EDAs) and political parties with regards to the new requirements;
- Clarifications with regards to spending limits for registered parties and third parties during the pre-election period;
- The practice of some municipalities to charge a fee or deposit to political entities for the placement of signs on poles and other places; and
- Responded to further questions about incremental accessibility expenses incurred by political parties.

The CEO committed to provide further guidance to political parties during the Steering Committee on Opinions, Guidelines and Interpretations (OGI) meeting on some of the more technical questions raised during the Q&A session.

4. Political Entities Service Centre Update

Presenter: Christopher Morris (Procedures Officer)

Mr. Morris opened by discussing the impacts of Bill C-76 on candidate nominations specifically with regard to the new candidate ID policy, nomination requirements and the candidate endorsement process that will come into force on June 13, 2019.

Mr. Morris continued with an introduction to Election Canada's new Political Entities Service Centre (PESC) offering as a part of our commitment to modernizing our operations. PESC serves three primary functions. It is (1) a secure online portal that hosts and supports EC's political entity services; (2) an online repository, centralizing access to EC's digital materials; and (3) an electronic channel to securely submit political financing information and candidate nominations.

Elections Canada answered a range of questions including about:

- Changes to requirements governing alternate candidate names (e.g. nicknames) on the ballot;
- Candidate bank accounts;
- Auditor requirements; and
- The new process for parties to endorse candidates was explained (submitting the names of the candidates per electoral district)

- Electors consenting to candidacy (100 signatures) – where it was explained that although the Nomination form was changing, the legislative requirements remain the same. As such EC will accept signatures submit on both the old and new form; however it was highlighted that collecting signatures early may result in a higher number of signatures being rejected due to electors moving, etc.

The session was concluded with a solicitation of feedback from political parties on items they wished to see included in the PESC political party dashboard. Parties were invited to email feedback to Elections Canada.

5. Electronic Financial Returns Update

Presenter: Jeff Merrett (Director, Regulatory Instruments and Systems)

In his presentation, Mr. Merrett provided a functionality overview and discussed updates and the phased release schedule for Elections Canada's Online Electronic Financial Return (EFR) tool. There will be phased releases for political parties, nomination contestants and candidates, and Electoral District Associations by summer 2019.

After the presentation, a demonstration of several different functionalities and tasks within the EFR tool was provided to ACPP members.

The session concluded with a question and answer period with ACPP members. Elections Canada answered questions including:

- The possibility of bulk-uploading data (this functionality still a work in progress);
- How the tool handles non-monetary contributions and other related questions;
- Required fields and formats; and
- Other functional matters related to how to use the application.

6. Operations at the Polls

Presenters: Dawn Borutskie (Assistant Director, Revision and Voting Services) and Paul Legault (Director, Field Governance and Personnel Readiness)

Ms. Borutskie began the session with an overview of the requirements around statements of electors who voted. On that topic, she discussed Elections Canada's intention to explore more efficient and easy mechanisms including electronic formats and possibly using PESC for distributing so-called "bingo sheets". She also outlined the requirements where there have been no changes. She then discussed the

impact of Bill C-76 on advance poll voting hours and, consequently, on staffing changes with regards to poll workers to accommodate these additional hours.

Mr. Legault discussed the impacts of Bill C-76 on the recruitment of poll workers. Specifically he outlined changes impacting on recommendations from political parties for the staffing of election officer positions and also changes to age and residency requirements for poll workers stemming from C-76.

The session concluded with a question and answer period with ACPP members. Elections Canada answered questions including:

- The legal requirement for so-called “bingo cards”;
- The challenge of recruiting poll workers given the long working hours over Thanksgiving weekend;
- Advance poll opening hours (will always be 12 hours as legislated in the *Canada Elections Act*); and
- Increased demand for advanced polls.

7. National Register of Electors

Presenter: Duncan Toswell (Senior Director, Electoral Data Management & Readiness)

Mr. Toswell briefed ACPP representatives on National Register of Electors (NRoE) enhancement activities Elections Canada has been undertaking in advance of the 43rd General Election. These include improvements and corrections to addresses, geocoding (x/y coordinates), and elector data. Mr. Toswell briefed members that Elections Canada staff will focus first on initiatives that will improve data accuracy and integrity, and then will work on projects that enhance coverage and currency. ACPP members were briefed about Elections Canada’s youth registration strategy and its efforts to increase youth registration rates. Since 2017, approximately 50,000 youth have added themselves to the NRoE.

Mr. Toswell also briefed members that Elections Canada’s objective is to have a majority of Targeted Revision activities complete before Voter Information Cards (VIC) are sent to maximize accuracy of initial VIC delivery.

The session concluded with a question and answer period with ACPP members. Elections Canada staff fielded questions on:

- The accuracy of current data (approximately 93% at present and increasing);
- Privacy questions regarding the data contained in the NRoE;
- Cooperation between Elections Canada and other provincial and municipal election bodies; and
- The registration of incarcerated Canadians, Canadians living abroad and Indigenous Canadians.

Some ACPP members took the opportunity during the question and answer period to express their concern in the comparatively lower youth registration rates and praised Elections Canada staff for the focus on youth outreach.

8. Voter Information Card

Presenter: Susan Torosian (Executive Director, Policy & Public Affairs)

Ms. Torosian briefed party representatives of changes to the design and status of the Voter Information Card (VIC). She briefed ACPP members that the Voter Information Card will be authorized as a piece of identification for the next general election in accordance with changes brought by Bill C-76.

Ms. Torosian briefed ACPP members on the text and design changes of the VIC for the 43rd General Election compared to the 42nd General Election. She briefed members that the VIC's content was reviewed based on online survey testing and in-person interviews conducted by Environics. Two VIC mock-ups were tested and performed similarly well in communicating key messages to electors.

The session concluded with a question and answer period with ACPP members. Elections Canada staff answered questions about:

- The benefits of authorizing the VIC as a piece of identification;
- Which other jurisdictions authorize Voter Information Cards as a piece of identification (all provinces and territories requiring proof of identity and address authorize the Voter Information Card as a piece of identification);
- Elections Canada's process for determining Canadian citizenship to registering new Canadians as electors;
- Elections Canada's process for removing deceased Canadian citizens living abroad; and
- The processes in place for mitigating the risk of ineligible individuals attempting to vote using the VIC, including whether voters could vote using only the VIC as a piece of identification (voters cannot cast a ballot with just the VIC, they require at least one other piece of identification).

9. Voter Information Campaign

Presenter: Annie Desrosiers (Director, Special Initiatives Portfolio, Voter Information Campaign);
Introduction by Susan Torosian (Executive Director, Policy & Public Affairs)

Ms. Desrosiers briefed committee members on the Voter Information Campaign for the 43rd General Election. She explained that the campaign, previously known as the Electoral Reminder Program (ERP), is a national multimedia campaign that will provide Canadians with all the information they need on when, where and ways to register and vote during the 2019 federal general election. The campaign will include a mix of radio, television, direct mail, online, billboards and social media advertisements and organic content as well as other tools including signage at polling locations, an influencer campaign and leveraging Elections Canada stakeholders to amplify messages.

Ms. Desrosiers shared a list of consultations and focus groups that were conducted in the development of the campaign. This included “Demonstration Day” in April 2018, Focus Group I, Focus Group II, and a consultation with the Advisory Group on Disability Issues (AGDI). Following the consultations, the “It’s Our Vote” concept resonated to a greater extent with participants. Ms. Desrosiers explained that Elections Canada is also planning on launching an Influencer Campaign during the pre-writ period, similar to what was done by Elections Ontario and Élections Québec. Elections Canada will be conducting informal background checks to confirm non-partisanship and requiring influencers to commit to non-partisanship and refrain from endorsing candidates or political parties.

The session concluded with a question and answer period with ACP members. Elections Canada staff answered questions about:

- The marketing strategy;
- Messaging (the phrasing of “It’s Our Vote” versus alternatives); and
- The success rate of the Ontario or Quebec influencer campaigns.

10. Accessibility Expenses and Factsheet for Political Parties

Presenters: Lisa Drouillard (Director Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement) and Wendy Larose (Manager, Political Financing Training Program); Introduction by Susan Torosian (Executive Director, Policy & Public Affairs)

Invited guests from the Advisory Group of Disability Issues: Diane Bergeron (Canadian National Institute of the Blind), Kory Earle (People First of Canada), Shelley Fletcher (People First of Canada), Christopher Sutton (Canadian Hard of Hearing Association), Frank Folino (Canadian Association of the Deaf)

Ms. Torosian, Ms. Drouillard and Ms. Larose opened the session with a brief introduction of invited Advisory Group on Disability Issues (AGDI) members and welcomed the five of its members present at the meeting — Ms. Bergeron, Mr. Earle, Ms. Fletcher, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Folino.

Each of the AGDI members gave a brief presentation on the barriers to voting that they face and the importance of efforts to improve accessibility in political campaigns. The Canadian National Institute of the Blind, represented by Ms. Bergeron, touched on the fact that it is often difficult for people with disabilities to cast an informed vote when much information is not fully accessible. She explained how

those with sensory disabilities are often forced to rely on sighted people or to rely on incomplete information.

People First of Canada, represented by Mr. Earle and Ms. Fletcher, spoke to ACPP members about how accessible voting involves more than just physical space such considerations as ensuring spaces have ramps and sign language interpreters. Mr. Earle explained that the most important accommodation to support these voters is plain language and ensuring information is concise, legible and in a language they can understand.

The Canadian Association of the Deaf, represented by Mr. Folino, described the importance of having access to sign language interpretation, both in ASL and LSQ, at political events, campaigns, BBQs, debate, *et cetera*. He noted the need for videos to be accessible in both LSQ and ASL and concluded by sharing with party representatives a resource list of organizations that offer LSQ and ASL interpretation.

The Canadian Hard of Hearing Association, represented by Mr. Sutton, explained how Canadians with hearing loss use technology to overcome barriers they face and drew attention to the fact that often, in making an event or activity or product accessible, it becomes better and more useful for everyone, not just those with disabilities. He raised the example of adding closed captioning on a television in a bar or airport that's noisy and how this could help get messages out better to all Canadians, both those with hearing loss and those without.

Following the presentations by the AGDI members, Ms. Drouillard introduced the draft Accessibility Factsheet for Candidates and Political Parties as a way of promoting an accessible and inclusive electoral system. She explained how Bill C-76 contains provisions to support accessibility and disability expenses incurred by political parties

She noted that the factsheet contains three sections. The first raises awareness about the types of barriers that people face and about why accessibility matters. The second discusses what parties and candidates can do to make their activities more accessible. The last includes a list of resources so that parties know where to turn if they are seeking information on best practices.

Ms. Larose then provided guidance on accessibility expenses for candidates and political parties. She discussed how accessibility expenses do not count toward the election expenses limit and are eligible for partial reimbursement at 90% for a maximum of \$5,000 for candidates and \$250,000 for parties. She outlined the definition and provided examples of what does and does not constitute a valid accessibility expenses to accommodate persons with disabilities.

Following Ms. Larose's presentation, the ACPP meeting broke into smaller roundtable groups to discuss the accessibility factsheet and guidance given to political parties and for them to engage directly with AGDI members. Groups were asked to discuss the following three engagement questions:

1. What do you like about the factsheet?

- ACPP members indicated broad approval of the Factsheet, highlighting especially what was seen as its utility and the good information on removing physical barriers and other tips.

- Specific items that were singled out as useful were the links to additional information and resources.
2. Is there any information missing that might be useful to political parties and candidates? Is there anything that is unclear?
- ACPP members flagged some areas where more information could be added including: more details on what constitutes accessible documents, Website accessibility (Web Content Accessibility Guidelines or WCAG).
3. With this information and thinking about your party's processes and campaigns, how do you think your party might use this factsheet or integrate this guidance into your processes and campaigns, if at all?
- Several ACPP members highlighted the Factsheet's utility especially for volunteer or staff training.
 - Caution was raised that Web accessibility best practices must be diligently followed by volunteers and staff on an ongoing basis otherwise even a previously fully-accessible website may become less accessible.

11. Elections Canada's Approach to Digital Information at the 43rd General Election

Presenter: Jane Dunlop (Senior Director, Electoral Integrity Project Coordination Office)

Ms. Dunlop briefed party representatives on Elections Canada's approach to monitoring and responding to information that could interfere with Canadians' ability to register and vote at the 43rd general election. She highlighted both the risks and opportunities that the current digital environment presents for the democratic process.

Ms. Dunlop explained that, where the goal of disinformation is to suppress the ability of individuals to vote and/or cause a loss of confidence in the fairness of the election, Elections Canada will act within the limits of its mandate by championing electoral integrity and fairness while remaining politically neutral and non-partisan; focusing on detecting and responding to inaccurate information; and acting on information related to the administration of the electoral process.

The session concluded with a question and answer period with ACPP members. Elections Canada answered questions about:

- Whether Elections Canada will be monitoring and responding to issues at the riding level or just at the national level;

- Whether Elections Canada had information on how many private for-profit corporations are undertaking the same kinds of activities as Cambridge Analytica;
- How to address issues of impersonation such as online accounts claiming to be representatives or candidates of a given political party; and
- Potential foreign influence of elections.

12. Electoral Security: Presentation by CSIS and CSE

Presenters: André Boucher (Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Centre for Cyber Security) and Michael Peirce (Assistant Director of Intelligence, Canadian Security Intelligence Service)

Note: This session was originally planned for 10 am on Day #2. A late scheduling change caused this session to switch places with the Commissioner of Canada Elections session. In this summary it appears in the sequence as originally planned in the meeting agenda (see appendix A).

Mr. Boucher briefed ACPP members that state-sponsored adversaries will very likely attempt to target Canadians' opinions through malicious online influence activity during the 43rd General Election. He then briefed party representatives on techniques they can use to identify and handle three common types of email attacks: spear phishing messages, spam, and potentially criminal emails. He also provided additional guidance to party representatives on how they can protect themselves online with techniques such as regularly reviewing privacy settings, using a password manager, using trusted devices, enabling two-factor authentication, best practices for recovery processes and urged them to report the situation if they suspect they have been compromised.

Mr. Peirce briefed party representatives on CSIS's mandate to investigate potential threats to the security of Canada and advise the Government or take some measures to reduce the threats they detect. Mr. Peirce went on to draw a distinction between Foreign Interference and Foreign Influenced Activity explaining that Foreign Interference (FI) differs from normal diplomatic conduct or acceptable foreign state-actor lobbying. He noted that Foreign Interference presents an ongoing and persistent threat and that it is increasing in volume and aggressiveness. He cautioned ACPP representatives that foreign states may attempt to damage, discredit or influence candidates and officials via clandestine, deceptive or threatening means and he predicted that threat activities will intensify ahead of the 2019 election.

Mr. Peirce concluded with a brief rundown of CSIS's role in the Security and Intelligence Threats to Elections (SITE) Task Force, which is comprised of CSIS, CSE (Communications Security Establishment), GAC (Global Affairs Canada) and RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police).

The session concluded with a question and answer period with ACPP members. Elections Canada, CSE and CSIS answered questions about:

- The permissibility of sharing this information and whether it was protected or classified (none of the information is classified and CSE committed to putting a guide to running a secure campaign on cyber.gc.ca for those interested);
- Whether and how foreign money could influence nomination process for political parties (CSIS/CSE could not speak in detail given the classification level but noted there are many vectors for influence and that it is much more difficult to transfer large sums of money);
- Clarification of the distinction between clandestine or deceptive foreign influenced activity and lawful advocacy about particular form of governance;
- The Security and Intelligence Threats to Elections (SITE) Task Force and why Elections Canada is not a member (Elections Canada receives security briefings as necessary but mindfully chose against membership in the task force in order to ensure its independence is not compromised); and
- Whether any Government of Canada departments are considering an online bill of rights or other legislation similar to that of the European Union.

13. Meeting with the Commissioner of Canada Elections

Presenters: Yves Côté (Commissioner of Canada Elections) and Marc Chenier (Senior Counselor and Director, Compensation and Enforcement, Office of the Commissioner of Canada Elections)

Note: This session was originally planned for 11:15 am on Day #2. A late scheduling change caused this session to switch places with the electoral security session. In this summary it appears in the sequence as originally planned in the meeting agenda (see appendix A).

Mr. Côté briefed ACPP representatives on changes to the role of the Commissioner of Canada Elections (CCE) following Bill C-76 including the relocation of his position to within the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer and other changes including term of service. The CCE briefed party representatives on the continued independence of the CCE and the responsibilities and powers of the CCE. He briefed party representatives on new tools and changes to CCE under Bill C-76 including: Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs), Undertakings, compliance agreements with broader terms and conditions, the power to compel testimony, the power to lay charges. He also briefed party representatives on new provisions contained within C-76 including those dealing with the power of the CCE to address misleading publications, false statements, undue influence by foreigners, and unauthorized use of a computer with the intention of affecting the results of an election.

Mr. Côté briefed party members that the Commissioner's Office will continue to maintain a direct lawyer to lawyer telephone line for political parties during the upcoming General Election.

The session concluded with a question and answer period with ACPP members. Mr. Côté and Mr. Chenier answered questions about:

- Whether there are any specific requirements within the law requiring the Commissioner to take a specific action or direction under certain circumstances;
- Whether the rules governing the prohibition on outside influencers on Canadian election are still in effect (these provisions have been amended and clarified); and
- Privacy considerations regarding Facebook, twitter and other social media accounts.

14. Inspire Democracy

Presenter: Lisa Drouillard (Director Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement); Introduction by Susan Torosian (Executive Director, Policy & Public Affairs)

Ms. Drouillard briefed ACPP members on Elections Canada's Inspire Democracy program, through which Elections Canada works with stakeholders from diverse communities to help ensure people have the information they need to participate in the electoral process. To this end, Elections Canada has developed three stakeholder toolkits on electoral participation that will be launched in spring 2019: Running in a Federal Election, Working at a Federal Election and Registering and Voting in a Federal Election. ACPP was consulted on the Running in a Federal Election toolkit, which would be launched in March 2019.

ACPP representatives were asked to break into smaller roundtable groups to discuss the main information product for the first toolkit: The Guide to Running in a Federal Election, and to provide feedback to Elections Canada staff. One theme that emerged in the feedback of party members was the importance of the position of the Official Agent, and the need to brief candidates on this important role. Many ACPP members indicated they felt the guide would be helpful for someone who hasn't decided if there is a political party that is of interest to them. The aesthetic appeal and the fact that the guide was non-partisan were especially well-received by committee representatives. Some ACPP members indicated that they had complimentary information on their websites and saw the Inspire Democracy module as complimentary to their content.

15. Forward Calendar and Adjournment

Presenter: Susan Torosian (Executive Director, Policy & Public Affairs)

Ms. Torosian shared the Forward Calendar of upcoming dates, events and items of interest to ACPP representatives.

Specific items identified included:

- The General Election Readiness period in spring 2019;
- The General Election simulation in April 2019;
- Electoral District Associations Training from March through April 2019;
- Electoral District Associations Information Webinars anticipated in April 2019 (TBC);
- The ACPP Annual General Meeting (AGM) in June 2019
- The ACPP General Election Teleconference; and
- The possibility of a Post-General Election meeting in November 2019 (TBD).

Following the presentation of the Forward Calendar, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:45 pm on February 14, 2019. Following the adjournment of the ACPP meeting, the Steering Committee on Opinions, Guidelines and Interpretations (OGI) sat for approximately 90 minutes and was adjourned at approximately 4:30 pm.

16. Appendix A: Agenda

Day 1: February 13, 2019

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| 7:30-8:30 | Breakfast |
| 8:30-8:35 | Welcome |
| 8:35-9:35 | Introductory Remarks by the CEO |
| 9:35-10:20 | Regulatory Framework: New Political Financing Requirements |
| 10:20-10:35 | Break |
| 10:35-11:05 | Political Entities Service Centre Update |
| 11:05-12:05 | Electronic Financial Returns Update |
| 12:05-13:05 | Lunch |
| 13:05-13:50 | Operations at the Polls |
| 13:50-14:35 | National Register of Electors |
| 14:35-14:50 | Break |
| 14:50-15:20 | Voter Information Card |
| 15:20-16:05 | Voter Information Campaign |

Day 2: February 14, 2019

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| 7:30-8:15 | Breakfast |
| 8:15-9:15 | Accessibility Expenses and Factsheet for Political Parties |
| 9:15-9:45 | Elections Canada's Approach to Digital Information at the 43rd General Election |
| 9:45-10:00 | Break |
| 10:00-11:15 | Electoral Security: Presentation by CSIS and CSEC |

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| 11:15-12:15 | Meeting with the Commissioner of Canada Elections |
| 12:15-13:00 | Lunch |
| 13:00-14:15 | Inspire Democracy |
| 14:15-14:45 | Forward Calendar and Adjournment |
| 14:45-15:00 | Break |
| 15:00-16:30 | Steering Committee on Opinions, Guidelines and Interpretations |

17. Appendix B: Meeting participants

ACPP representatives:

| Name | Political Party |
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| Rod Taylor | Parti de l'Héritage Chrétien / Christian Heritage Party of Canada |
| Peter Vogel | Parti de l'Héritage Chrétien / Christian Heritage Party of Canada |
| Andrew Garvie | Parti communiste du Canada / Communist Party of Canada |
| Dustin Van Vugt | Parti conservateur du Canada / Conservative Party of Canada |
| Trevor Bailey | Parti conservateur du Canada / Conservative Party of Canada |
| Marlene Wells | Parti Vert du Canada / Green Party of Canada |
| John Arnold | Parti libéral du Canada / Liberal Party of Canada |
| Jessica Spindler | Parti libéral du Canada / Liberal Party of Canada |
| Coreen Corcoran | Parti Libertarien du Canada / Libertarian Party of Canada |
| Jean-Serge Brisson | Parti Libertarien du Canada / Libertarian Party of Canada |
| Louis Lang | Parti Marxiste-Léniniste du Canada / Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada |
| Christian Legais | Parti Marxiste-Léniniste du Canada / Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada |
| Jesse Calvert | Nouveau Parti Démocratique / New Democratic Party |
| Al Gullon | Parti Progressiste Canadien / Progressive Canadian Party |
| Talis-Ilmars Brauns | Parti Marijuana / Marijuana Party |
| John Akpata | Parti Marijuana / Marijuana Party |

Advisory Group on Disability Issues (AGDI) representatives:

| Name | Organization |
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| Diane Bergeron | L'Institut national canadien pour les aveugles / Canadian National Institute of the Blind |
| Kory Earle | Personnes d'abord du Canada / People First of Canada |
| Shelley Fletcher | Personnes d'abord du Canada / People First of Canada |
| Christopher Sutton | L'Association des malentendants Canadiens / Canadian Hard of Hearing Association |
| Frank Folino | Association des Sourds du Canada / Canadian Association of the Deaf |

Other invited guests and presenters:

| Name | Organization |
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| Yves Côté | Bureau du commissaire aux élections fédérales / Office of the Commissioner of Canada Elections |
| Josée Leblanc | Bureau du commissaire aux élections fédérales / Office of the Commissioner of Canada Elections |
| Marc Chenier | Bureau du commissaire aux élections fédérales / Office of the Commissioner of Canada Elections |
| André Boucher | Centre canadien pour la cybersécurité / Canadian Centre for Cyber Security |
| Laura Payton | Centre canadien pour la cybersécurité / Canadian Centre for Cyber Security |
| Michael Pierce | Service canadien du renseignement de Sécurité / Canadian Security Intelligence Service |

Elections Canada staff present at all or part of meeting:

Jannine Atkinson, Denis Bazinet, Sharmila Biswas-Mistry, Serge Caron, Bradley Darch, Lisa Drouillard, Jane Dunlop, Carolyn Hébert, Cyntia Henley, Paul Jorgenson, Wendy Larose, Anne Lawson, Juan Melara-Pineda, Maxime Messier, Stéphane Perrault, Michel Roussel, Susan Torosian, Josée Villeneuve, Melanie Wise, Samy Agha, Dawn Borutskie, Mariann Canning, Annie Desrosiers, Natasha Gauthier, François Leblanc, Paul Legault, Jeff Merrett, Yves Boyer, Rani Naoufal, Christopher Morris, Alain Pelletier, Robert Sampson, Dani Srour, Hughes St-Pierre, Stéphanie Thomas, Duncan Toswell, and Adrian Cloete.

Meeting facilitator:

Alain Rabeau