

Office of the  
Chief Electoral Officer  
of Ontario



Bureau du directeur  
général des élections  
de l'Ontario

**DIRECTIVE FOR THE NOVEMBER 30, 2023 BY-ELECTION  
FOR THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF  
KITCHENER CENTRE**

**WHEREAS** a significant number of electors have voted from Thursday, November 2, 2023 to Friday, November 24, 2023 by Special Ballot.

**AND WHEREAS** due to the significant number of votes cast by Special Ballot, the timely counting of Special Ballots and the reporting of results could be significantly delayed.

**AND WHEREAS** section 3.7 of the *Election Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c E.6 (the “Act”) authorizes the Chief Electoral Officer to give directions in cases of mistake, miscalculation, emergency, unusual, or unforeseen circumstances.

**AND WHEREAS** in order for the timely counting of Special Ballots and reporting of results, I will invoke section 3.7 of the Act to permit election staff to commence counting Special Ballots cast in-person at the returning office or during home visits in accordance with the times set out for each electoral district in Schedule “A” hereto.

**AND WHEREAS** in order for the timely counting of Special Ballots and reporting of results, I will invoke section 3.7 of the Act to permit election staff to commence counting Special Ballots cast pursuant to the vote by mail program in accordance with the times set out for each electoral district in Schedule “B” hereto.

**NOW THEREFORE, I HEREBY DIRECT**, pursuant to section 3.7 of the Act, that the Returning Officer commence counting Special Ballots cast in-person at the returning office or during home visits in accordance with the times set out for each electoral district in Schedule “A” hereto.

**I HEREBY DIRECT**, pursuant to section 3.7 of the Act, that the Returning Officer commence counting Special Ballots cast pursuant to the vote by mail program in accordance with the times set out in Schedule “B” hereto.

  
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Greg Essensa  
Chief Electoral Officer

2023-11-22

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Date

**Schedule "A"**

**Time to Commence Counting Special Ballots Cast In-person  
at the Returning Office or during Home Visits**

<b>ED</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Time</b>
ED 047	Kitchener Centre	8:00 PM

**Schedule "B"**

**Time to Commence Counting Special Ballots Cast  
pursuant to the Vote by Mail Program**

<b>ED</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>ED 047</b>	<b>Kitchener Centre</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
<b>ED 047</b>	<b>EOHQ</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>