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## **Citizen-Created Election Website Empowers Manitoba Voters**

**Winnipeg, Manitoba, April 6, 2016** -- The folks at Open Democracy Manitoba want to help you make an informed choice on April 19th. The 2016 version of their [ManitobaElection.ca](http://ManitobaElection.ca) website is a comprehensive voter resource for our provincial election.

The site features constituency maps, a calendar of election-related events, recordings of election debates, maps of past election results, and educational resources on legislative politics in Manitoba. Election candidates are listed along with links to their web pages, email addresses and social media accounts. News articles that mention candidates are also linked, providing up-to-date election news from a variety of media sources.

ManitobaElection.ca was built by Kyle Geske, Andrew Burton and Ken Harasym with the goal of increasing community interest in democracy. They maintain a similar website for City of Winnipeg municipal elections, [WinnipegElection.ca](http://WinnipegElection.ca). Over the past 5 years the election websites run by Open Democracy Manitoba have accumulated a million page-views from over two hundred thousand users.

“Voters from all over Manitoba are visiting [ManitobaElection.ca](http://ManitobaElection.ca) to inform their vote”, says Geske. “We’ve got everything they need to prepare for the upcoming election - all in one place.”

So what’s a voter to do? Here’s your Manitoba Election checklist:

- Find Your Electoral Division and Research Your Candidates on [ManitobaElection.ca](http://ManitobaElection.ca)
- Attend a Debate or Forum (or [Watch One Online](#))
- Watch for [ManitobaElection.ca](http://ManitobaElection.ca) Candidate and Party Questionnaire Responses
- And Most Important of All, Vote on April 19th (or in Advanced Voting from April 9-12)!

*ManitobaElection.ca is a citizen-created resource for the 2016 Manitoba general election, designed to provide Manitoba voters with information on their candidates. Open Democracy Manitoba strives to educate voters, empowering them to understand the roles, issues, and visions of our representatives in order to have a more accountable and respectful democracy.*