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Mr. Hugh MacDonald, MLA  
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Dear Mr. MacDonald:

Thank you for your two letters dated May 27, 2008. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to the questions you raised concerning the Poll Book for polling station 075 in Edmonton-Gold Bar.

Both a file review and Returning Officer input will be necessary to provide you with a detailed response. I am pleased to advise that this process has commenced. I will share our findings with you as soon as the required research has been completed to respond to all fourteen questions you have raised.

In addition to the specific questions raised, you had requested the Poll Book for the Advance Poll, poll 071. In electoral divisions with only one Advance Poll, all advance votes are noted in one main set of Poll Books. Those annotated Poll Books are then distributed to all regular polls for Polling Day use. This eliminates the need for Returning Officers to transpose the information in the short timeframe between the close of the Advance Polls and the opening of the polls on Polling Day. It also ensures that complete, accurate Advance Poll information appears in the Poll Books used on Polling Day. This approach was taken in Edmonton-Gold Bar.

I look forward to providing you with the information you had requested as soon as it has been compiled.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lorne R. Gibson".

Lorne R. Gibson  
Chief Electoral Officer

