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MINISTER'S ORDER

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt is required by Section 97 (2) of the *Local Government Act* to adopt a bylaw establishing a date for holding a second advance voting opportunity and the bylaw must be adopted at least 8 weeks before the first day of the nomination period for the general local election, and;

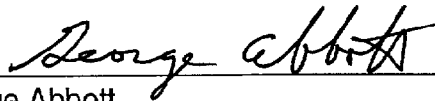
WHEREAS there are less than 8 weeks before the first day of the nomination period for the 2002 general local election and the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt Election Procedures and Automated Voting Bylaw, 1999, No. 2383 provides dates for holding advance voting opportunities that cannot be met, and;

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt intends to adopt an amendment to their election bylaw that will provide dates for holding the advance voting opportunities that can be met, and;

WHEREAS I consider that special circumstances exist with regard to the election;

I HEREBY Order, under the provisions of Section 155 of *the Local Government Act* that the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt be excepted from the provisions in Section 39 of the *Local Government Act* for the adoption of an amendment to its election bylaw for the general local election in 2002 provided that the bylaw must be adopted on or before September 30, 2002.

Dated this 18th day of September, 2002



George Abbott
Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services

Approval No. _____