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BIOGRAPHIES

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Andrew Brouwer is the current Deputy Town Clerk for the Town of Markham, and has previously served as Deputy Clerk for the towns of Whitchurch-Stouffville and Ajax and as the Manager of Board Affairs/Corporate Secretary for the Ontario Hospital Association. His roles have involved the management of legislative, secretariat, records/information management, communications and access/privacy services, and his experience also includes management of three municipal elections and one by-election. Andrew holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Western Ontario and a Bachelor of Environmental Studies (Urban and Regional Planning) from the University of Waterloo. He is a member of the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario, having served on the Zone 4 Executive Committee as well as a special task force on professional accreditation.

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Jason Gallagher is the lead software developer of OSCAR, an open source electronic medical record (EMR) system based out of McMaster University. He has helped OSCAR develop from a local university project to a globally used and recognized EMR. In Canada alone, OSCAR is used by over 1000 family health doctors and specialists and manages more than 1 million patient records, making it one of the most successful open source projects to date. Jason regularly speaks about the dynamics of open source software and helps organizations understand its benefits and drawbacks.

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Nicole Goodman is a PhD candidate at Carleton University in the Department of Political Science. She wrote her comprehensive exams in the fields of Canadian and Comparative Politics and is currently working toward completing her dissertation, which explores how feelings of civic responsibility are changing among the young and how they relate to voting, as well as their impact on electoral participation. More broadly her research interests include elections, turnout, survey methodology, citizenship and civic duty as well as the effect of the Internet on elections and voting. Nicole is a co-author of *A Comparative Assessment of Electronic Voting* (with Carleton Professors Jon H. Pammett and Joan DeBardeleben).

Adam Froman is CEO of Delvinia, a leading Canadian interactive firm that designs and implements digital customer experiences to clientele through divisions Delvinia Interactive and Delvinia Data Collection. In 2004, he launched AskingMedia™, Delvinia's award-winning and proprietary research modules which enables Delvinia to deliver a secure solution for testing television commercials online. He also created the "AskingCanadians™" and "Qu'en Pensez-Vous™" online consumer research panels of 150,000 Canadians used to conduct field work for online surveys. He is a Licensed Professional Engineer and holds a Bachelor of Applied Science in the area of Industrial Engineering specializing in Human Factors from the University of Toronto (1998) and an MBA from the Schulich School of Business (1992)

Tom Hawthorn is the Head of Electoral Policy for the United Kingdom Electoral Commission. His career in the elections field began with a spell working on local government re-districting before joining the Electoral Commission early in its first year of existence in 2001. Tom has been involved with the UK programme of electoral modernisation since 2002, including a seven month secondment with the UK Government Ministry of Justice in 2006/07. His principal role has been in coordinating the independent evaluation of new voting schemes by the Electoral Commission.

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Tarvi Martens has been a key figure in the Estonian IT and information security field for the past dozen years. Tarvi has been building governmental internet systems (1993-1997), developing information security and PKI products (1997-2001) and has been actively involved in various aspects of Estonian e-government development. Tarvi was among the initiators of the Estonian ID card project in 1996 and of DigiDoc, the national *de facto* standard for digital signatures in Estonia, in 2002. In 2003, he started the e-voting project with the National Electoral Committee in order to provide the Estonian electoral system with Internet voting capacity. In 2007, Tarvi received the "Top Outstanding Young Person of the Year" award from JCI (Junior Chamber International) for his achievements in technological developments.

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Cathy Mellett is the current Acting Clerk of the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM). She was seconded from her home position as Division Manager of Client Services, responsible for HRM's web site, Customer Service and Call Centre, to become Project Director for HRM's e-voting initiative in 2007. She currently oversees the administration of the Municipal Clerk's office and leads a number of Council's governance initiatives, including a major review of HRM's district boundaries and Council committee reform. She has over 25 years experience in operations management in the public sector and degrees from the University of Regina (BA'79), a certificate in Management from St. Mary's University ('88) and an MA in Conflict Analysis and Management from Royal Roads University ('03). She is a founding member of the Municipal Service Delivery Officials Association of Canada.

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