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Dear Madame Speaker:

I have the honour to submit the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the Vancouver-Mount Pleasant and Coquitlam-Burke Mountain By-elections held on February 2, 2016.

This report is filed in accordance with section 13(1)(b) of the *Election Act*.

Respectfully submitted,

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Overview

Summary

Submitted in accordance with section 13(1)(b) of the *Election Act*, this report describes the proceedings, results and costs of the February 2, 2016 by-elections in the Vancouver-Mount Pleasant and Coquitlam-Burke Mountain electoral districts.

The Vancouver-Mount Pleasant by-election was called following the resignation of Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) Jenny Kwan. Contested by five candidates, the by-election resulted in the election of BC NDP candidate, Melanie Mark.

Voter turnout in Vancouver-Mount Pleasant was 23.17% and the by-election cost Elections BC \$574,082 to administer.

The Coquitlam-Burke Mountain by-election was called following the resignation of Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) Douglas Horne. Contested by four candidates, the by-election resulted in the election of BC NDP candidate, Jodie Wickens.

Voter turnout in Coquitlam-Burke Mountain was 21.55% and the by-election cost Elections BC \$549,632 to administer.

Elections BC piloted a series of new procedures related to voting and training in both by-elections. The by-elections were also the first elections held since amendments to the *Election Act* were made in spring 2015. Information about the pilot projects and the impacts of the legislative changes can be found throughout the report.

Orders for by-elections

On July 8, 2015, Jenny Kwan resigned as the MLA for the Vancouver-Mount Pleasant electoral district and on August 14, 2015, Douglas Horne resigned as the MLA for the Coquitlam-Burke Mountain electoral district.

Pursuant to section 35 of the *Constitution Act*, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly informed the Chief Electoral Officer of each vacancy by means of a warrant. The Chief Electoral Officer received the warrant for Vancouver-Mount Pleasant on July 13, 2015 and the warrant for Coquitlam-Burke Mountain on August 17, 2015. As the writ for a by-election must be issued within six months after receipt of the warrant by the Chief Electoral Officer, the last possible date for calling the Vancouver-Mount Pleasant by-election was January 13, 2016 and the last possible date for calling the Coquitlam-Burke Mountain by-election was February 17, 2016.

Both by-elections were called on January 5, 2016 when the Lieutenant Governor in Council ordered that the writs of election be issued by the Chief Electoral Officer for Vancouver-Mount Pleasant and Coquitlam-Burke Mountain. The writs ordered that both by-elections be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2016.

By-election calendar

The calendar of events for an election is prescribed by the *Election Act*. It begins on Day 0 when the writ for the election is issued and the election is called. General Voting Day for the election is 28 days after Day 0.

Table 1: Vancouver-Mount Pleasant and Coquitlam-Burke Mountain by-election calendar

| Day | Milestone | Date |
|----------|--|----------------------------|
| Day 0 | Writ Day | Tuesday, January 5, 2016 |
| Day 0 | Close of general voter registration | Tuesday, January 5, 2016 |
| Day 1 | List of voters produced | Wednesday, January 6, 2016 |
| Day 2 | Close of standing nominations | Thursday, January 7, 2016 |
| Day 3 | Start of ordinary nomination period | Friday, January 8, 2016 |
| Day 7 | Close of ordinary nomination period | Tuesday, January 12, 2016 |
| Day 18* | Start of advance voting | Saturday, January 23, 2016 |
| Day 25* | End of advance voting | Saturday, January 30, 2016 |
| Day 28 | General Voting Day | Tuesday, February 2, 2016 |
| Day 35** | Start of final count | Tuesday, February 9, 2016 |
| Day 42 | Return Day | Tuesday, February 16, 2016 |
| Day 118 | Election financing report filing deadline | Monday, May 2, 2016 |
| Day 148 | Election financing report late filing deadline | Wednesday, June 1, 2016 |

^{*} Advance voting is held on Day 18, 19, 22, 23, 24 and 25.

Amendments to the *Election Act* in spring 2015 led to a number of changes to the by-election calendar, largely resulting from the addition of two earlier days of advance voting. To accommodate advance voting beginning on Day 18 instead of Day 22, amendents to the Act also moved the close of general registration and the ordinary nomination period forward.

The close of general registration changed from the end of Day 7 to the end of Day 0 so that Where to Vote cards can be prepared and mailed to voters ahead of the earlier advance voting period.

The close of ordinary nominations changed from Day 10 to Day 7 so ballots can be prepared and printed ahead of the earlier advance voting period. The change to the ordinary nomination period necessitated a corresponding change to the standing nomination period.

^{**}In accordance with section 128 of the *Election Act*, final count normally begins on Day 41 (in this case, Monday, February 15, 2016). However, the Chief Electoral Officer authorized that final count be moved to Day 35 (Tuesday, February 9, 2016). This was possible due to the low number of absentee ballots cast in each electoral district and the success of the pilot projects related to the use of technology in the voting places; together they reduced the amount of time needed by DEOs to prepare for final count.

Nomination of candidates

The *Election Act* provides two methods for nominating candidates: standing nominations and ordinary nominations. For a by-election, standing nominations may be submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer at any time until 4:30 p.m. (Pacific time) on Day 2. Ordinary nominations may be submitted to the District Electoral Officer during the ordinary nomination period, between 9 a.m. on Day 3 and 1 p.m. (Pacific time) on Day 7.

The period for submitting standing nominations for the by-election closed at 4:30 p.m. on January 7, 2016. Three candidates in Vancouver-Mount Pleasant and two candidates in Coquitlam-Burke Mountain filed standing nominations.

The ordinary nomination period was from 9 a.m. on January 8, 2016 to 1 p.m. on January 12, 2016, during which two additional candidates in each of Vancouver-Mount Pleasant and Coquitlam-Burke Mountain were nominated.

Table 2: Candidates in Vancouver-Mount Pleasant in the order in which they appeared on the ballot

| Candidate | Affiliation |
|------------------|------------------|
| Gavin Dew | BC Liberal Party |
| Pete Fry | BC Green Party |
| Jeremy Gustafson | YPP |
| Bonnie Boya Hu | Libertarian |
| Melanie Mark | BC NDP |

Table 3: Candidates in Coquitlam-Burke Mountain in the order in which they appeared on the ballot

| Candidate | Affiliation |
|---------------|------------------|
| Paul Geddes | Libertarian |
| Joan Isaacs | BC Liberal Party |
| Joe Keithley | BC Green Party |
| Jodie Wickens | BC NDP |

Voter registration

Only individuals who are registered to vote may vote in a provincial election or byelection. To register, an individual must be: a Canadian citizen, 18 years or older on General Voting Day, a resident of British Columbia for six months immediately preceding General Voting Day, and not disqualified from voting.

Elections BC offers many opportunities to register as a voter. Individuals may register online using the Online Voter Registration system; by telephone; in person at a district electoral office or Elections BC headquarters; or by submitting a voter registration application by mail, fax or email.

The period between Day 1 and Day 30 of an election is known as the 'closed period for general registration'. During this period, Elections BC finalizes updates to the voters list and prints Where to Vote cards and voting books. General registration for individuals residing in Vancouver-Mount Pleasant and Coquitlam-Burke Mountain was suspended, though these individuals could still register when they voted. To do so, individuals were required to prove their identity and place of residence either by presenting identification, or through a process known as vouching. Voters outside of Vancouver-Mount Pleasant and Coquitlam-Burke Mountain could continue to register throughout the by-election period. The closed period for general registration for the by-election began on January 6, 2016.

When the writ was issued, there were 39,991 registered voters in Vancouver-Mount Pleasant. At the close of general voting on General Voting Day, the number of registered voters in the electoral district was 40,561.

When the writ was issued in Coquitlam-Burke Mountain, there were 38,101 registered voters on the voters list. At the close of general voting on General Voting Day, the number of registered voters in Coquitlam-Burke Mountain had increased to 38,393.

Table 4: Number of registered voters in Vancouver-Mount Pleasant

| Day | Date | Registered voters |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Day 0 - writ of election | January 5, 2016 | 39,991 |
| Day 1 - close of general registration | January 6, 2016 | 40,000 |
| Day 28 - close of general voting | February 2, 2016 | 40,561 |

Table 5: Number of registered voters in Coguitlam-Burke Mountain

| Day | Date | Registered voters |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Day 0 - writ of election | January 5, 2016 | 38,101 |
| Day 1 - close of general registration | January 6, 2016 | 38,099 |
| Day 28 - close of general voting | February 2, 2016 | 38,393 |

Public information

The *Election Act* requires the Chief Electoral Officer to provide public notice of an election containing information regarding voter registration and voting opportunities. In addition to meeting these statutory requirements, Elections BC is committed to providing an inclusive and accessible electoral process. Therefore, Elections BC implemented a comprehensive communications plan to inform voters in Vancouver-Mount Pleasant and Coquitlam-Burke Mountain of their electoral rights, the electoral process, the times and locations of voting opportunities and where additional information could be found.

Early in the campaign period, Elections BC distributed information pamphlets to each household in both electoral districts. The pamphlet included the dates and times of advance and general voting, a map of the electoral district, voter eligibility requirements and Elections BC contact information. In total, 17,325 pamphlets were delivered in Vancouver-Mount Pleasant and 23,750 were delivered in Coquitlam-Burke Mountain.

Translations of the pamphlet for Vancouver-Mount Pleasant were available on the Elections BC website in Chinese-simplified, Chinese-traditional, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese. Translations of the pamphlet for Coquitlam-Burke Mountain were available on the Elections BC website in Chinese-simplified, Chinese-traditional, Farsi, German, Korean, Polish, Russian, Spanish and Tagalog. Languages for translations are selected based on demographics and languages spoken in each electoral district.

Figure 1: By-election information pamphlet





As required by the *Election Act*, Elections BC published advertisements regarding the by-elections in daily, community and ethnic newspapers available in each electoral district. Elections BC translated the ads into one language – Chinesetraditional.

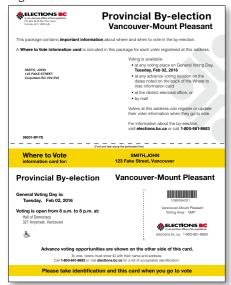
Prior to the start of advance voting, Where to Vote cards were mailed to every address at which a registered voter resided in Vancouver-Mount Pleasant and

Coquitlam-Burke Mountain. The cards informed voters of their assigned voting place; dates, times and locations of voting opportunities; voting eligibility

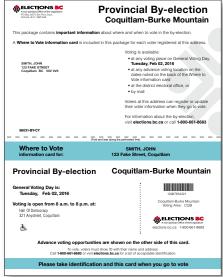
requirements; and, the opportunity to register in conjunction with voting.

Elections BC trialed a change to the format of the Where to Vote cards for the by-elections. Instead of sending individual postcard-style notices to each voter at an address, up to eight notices for voters at a single address were mailed in one envelope. This envelope format is used for provincial elections in Alberta and for local elections in many jurisdictions in B.C. It is also consistent with the format of enumeration notices used by Elections BC in 2013.

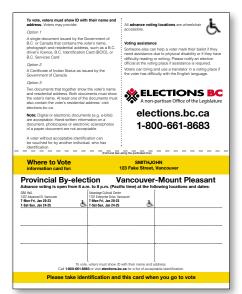
Figure 2: Where to Vote cards



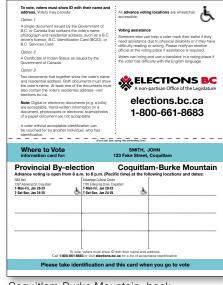
Vancouver-Mount Pleasant, front



Coquitlam-Burke Mountain, front



Vancouver-Mount Pleasant, back



Coquitlam-Burke Mountain, back

This change was intended to combat increased mailing costs for these notices. Some of the cost savings were offset in part by increased production costs and new costs associated with an envelope.

These changes enabled other formatting changes on the card to make it easier for voters to find their voting location and for election officials to identify the voter's assigned electoral district and voting area.

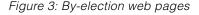
For example, a strip of colour was added to the top and bottom of each card. Each electoral district was given a different colour (yellow in Coquitlam-Burke Mountain and cyan in Vancouver-Mount Pleasant) to enable election officials to more easily identify whether a voter was at their assigned voting place and direct them to the correct station in the voting place.

The new design also provided for more white space on the card which made it easier for voters to identify their general and advance voting places.

Elections BC will continue to evaluate this pilot project over the coming months prior to making a decision on the format of Where to Vote cards to be used in the 2017 Provincial General Election.

Operators were available to answer calls to Elections BC's 1-800 phone number during regular business hours and for extended hours during advance voting and general voting.

Elections BC's website was enhanced to provide a single source for by-election information. Web pages were updated over the course of the campaign period to reflect candidate nominations, election expenses limits, voting place addresses and voting results.





Officials

The Chief Electoral Officer appoints a District Electoral Officer (DEO) to administer elections in each electoral district. One or more Deputy District Electoral Officers are also appointed to provide assistance, and to replace the District Electoral Officer if the position becomes vacant.

Table 6: Vancouver-Mount Pleasant District Electoral Officer and Deputy

| Name | Role | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| Peter Walton | District Electoral Officer | | |
| Ingrid Matzigkeit | Deputy District Electoral Officer | | |

Table 7: Coquitlam-Burke Mountain District Electoral Officer and Deputy

| Name | Role |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| Al Olson | District Electoral Officer |
| Gino Simeoni | Deputy District Electoral Officer |

District Electoral Officers hire election and voter registration officials to register voters, supervise voting places, issue ballots and maintain ballot boxes, provide information to voters and perform other duties at voting places. District Electoral Officers also hire staff to maintain their district electoral office. A new role of Technology Officer was established in the district electoral offices to oversee the installation and use of new technology in the voting places.

Table 8: Number of officials hired by position in Vancouver-Mount Pleasant

| Position | Number of officials | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Information officers | 34 | | |
| Supervisory voting officers | 22 | | |
| Voting clerks | 93 | | |
| Voting officers | 96 | | |
| Spares | 31 | | |

Table 9: Number of officials hired by position in Coquitlam-Burke Mountain

| Position | Number of officials |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Information officers | 38 |
| Supervisory voting officers | 21 |
| Voting clerks | 89 |
| Voting officers | 96 |
| Spares | 15 |

Elections BC regularly receives feedback from election officials about the content and structure of the training they receive and these by-elections provided Elections

BC the opportunity to pilot changes to the way election officials are trained. Elections BC employed a blended learning model in which election officials first completed online training that covered introductory topics and theory, and then attended in-person training at the district electoral office that comprised largely of hands-on exercises to give the officials practice at the activities they would be conducting at the voting place. Election officials reported higher levels of satisfaction with this blended learning model than with previous approaches.

Voting

The *Election Act* provides British Columbians with a wide variety of voting opportunities. Four advance voting locations and 13 general voting locations were provided in the Vancouver-Mount Pleasant electoral district and three advance voting locations and 11 general voting locations were provided in the Coquitlam-Burke Mountain electoral district. Absentee voting was available to voters who voted outside of their assigned voting place. Alternative absentee voting was also available in the district electoral offices and by mail. Mobile teams administered special voting at long-term care facilities for voters who would otherwise not have been able to vote.

Advance voting

The by-elections were the first elections held since amendments to the *Election Act* increased the number of days of advance voting from four to six. In addition to the previous four days of advance voting on the Wednesday through Saturday immediately prior to General Voting Day, advance voting is now available on the Saturday and Sunday two weeks before General Voting Day.

This change improved accessibility for voters, but also created new challenges for District Electoral Officers in finding sufficient suitable voting places in some communities for all six days of advance voting.

Incorporating lessons learned from a 2013 Provincial General Election pilot project ('special voting – advance'), Elections BC offered voting at an advance voting place for the number of days the District Electoral Officer deemed appropriate for that community. The dates advance voting is offered may differ between voting places within an electoral district.

All advance voting opportunities in Coquitlam-Burke Mountain were available for all six days of advance voting. In Vancouver-Mount Pleasant, due to the availability of suitable facilities and community needs, two voting places were available for two of the six days and two other voting places were available for the remaining four days.

Where to Vote cards, newspaper ads and the Elections BC website indicated the specific days that each advance voting opportunity was available.

While the longer advance voting period makes it more difficult to compare voter turnout statistics with those from past elections, Elections BC observed that the

trend for higher levels of participation on the first and last days of advance voting continued. The percentage of voters voting at advance voting opportunities also increased in the by-elections.

Figure 4: Vancouver-Mount Pleasant and Coquitlam-Burke Mountain turnout at advance voting

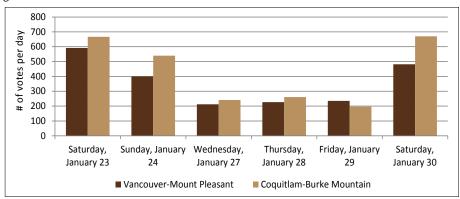


Table 10: Number of valid votes cast by voting opportunity in Vancouver-Mount Pleasant

| Voting opportunity | Section of Election Act | Number of valid votes | % of popular vote |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| General voting | s. 96 | 6,560 | 70.12% |
| Advance voting | s. 97 | 2,141 | 22.88% |
| Special voting | s. 98 | 6 | 0.06% |
| Absentee voting in electoral district | s. 99 | 594 | 6.35% |
| Absentee voting out of electoral district | s. 100 | 0 | 0% |
| Absentee advance voting | s. 101 | 0 | 0% |
| Alternative absentee voting (in DEO office) | s. 104 | 45 | 0.48% |
| Alternative absentee voting (by mail) | s. 106 | 10 | 0.11% |
| Total valid votes | | 9,356 | 100.00% |

There were 44 rejected ballots and voter turnout was 23.17% of registered voters in Vancouver-Mount Pleasant.

Table 11: Number of valid votes cast by voting opportunity in Coquitlam-Burke Mountain

| Voting opportunity | Section of Election Act | Number of valid votes | % of popular vote |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| General voting | s. 96 | 5,184 | 62.81% |
| Advance voting | s. 97 | 2,573 | 31.18% |
| Special voting | s. 98 | 72 | 0.87% |
| Absentee voting in electoral district | s. 99 | 378 | 4.58% |
| Absentee voting out of electoral district | s. 100 | 0 | 0% |
| Absentee advance voting | s. 101 | 0 | 0% |
| Alternative absentee voting (in DEO office) | s. 104 | 46 | 0.56% |
| Alternative absentee voting (by mail) | s. 106 | 0 | 0% |
| Total valid votes | | 8,253 | 100.00% |

There were 20 rejected ballots and voter turnout was 21.55% of registered voters in Coguitlam-Burke Mountain.

Voter participation reports

The 2015 amendments to the *Election Act* included a new requirement for Elections BC to provide candidates, upon request, a list of voters for the electoral district that indicates whether or not registered voters voted in the previous election.¹ After each day of advance voting, and at set intervals on General Voting Day, District Electoral Officers must inform candidates, on request, which voters have voted. This participation information better enables candidates to focus their subsequent campaigning efforts on voters who have not yet voted.

Pursuant to the 2015 amendments, before Elections BC may disclose participation information, or any other personal information to an authorized individual or organization, the *Election Act* requires that the recipient first file an acceptable privacy policy with the Chief Electoral Officer. An acceptable privacy policy must meet the criteria established by the Chief Electoral Officer. These criteria include restrictions on the use of all personal information provided by Elections BC and adequate safeguards for the appropriate use and protection of the personal information.

After the writs were issued, voters lists indicating which registered voters had voted in the 2013 General Election were provided to candidates who had requested these lists, and filed an acceptable privacy policy. After each day of advance voting, district electoral officers provided the voter number² of registered voters who voted, and the name and residential address of voters who registered or updated their information in conjunction with voting, to authorized candidates who requested it.

¹ Candidates are provided a voters list for the electoral district that includes the name, residential address and voter number of registered voters along with a notation if the voter voted in the last election.

² The voter number corresponds to an individual on the voters list provided to candidates.

On General Voting Day, election officials provide the voter numbers of voters who have voted to candidate representatives (scrutineers) at set intervals throughout the day.

Finding efficiencies in voting administration

One of Elections BC's goals is to ensure the effective and efficient administration of electoral events. Between elections, Elections BC investigates ways that various processes associated with voting can be improved to provide better service or to address issues discovered in previous elections. A by-election is an ideal way to test those improvements on an appropriate scale. The Vancouver-Mount Pleasant and Coquitlam-Burke Mountain by-elections saw a larger than usual number of improvements implemented.

Technology in the voting place

For the 2013 Westside-Kelowna by-election, each advance voting place and four general voting places located near the electoral district boundaries were provided with a laptop computer and Elections BC's Know Your Electoral District web application to enable election officials to look up a voter's residential address and confirm whether or not a voter was a resident of the electoral district. These tools were well received by voters and election officials.

Building upon the success of that pilot project and responding to the new requirements of the *Election Act* to provide voter participation information to candidates after each day of advance voting, Elections BC expanded the use of technology in the voting places for the 2016 by-elections.

All Vancouver-Mount Pleasant and Coquitlam-Burke Mountain voting places were provided with computers that election officials used to look up voters, confirm their registration information and eligibility to vote, and print the required voting documentation. The technology was used at all advance voting locations and at the absentee voting stations on General Voting Day.

This process enabled election officials to electronically record that an individual voted. This information was shared electronically with candidates the morning after each day of advance voting.

Absentee voting is the most procedurally complex part of the voting process and presents the greatest training challenge. Errors on the part of election officials or voters can result in votes being set aside prior to counting, or in ballots being rejected, to protect the integrity of the election. Election officials administering absentee voting must confirm the voter's registration is correct and accurately recorded on the certification envelope that is used at absentee voting. For the envelope to be considered for counting, officials must also ensure the voter signs the required declaration. Certification envelopes must be set aside and not considered for counting if:

- they are not completed as required by the Election Act;
- the individual identified on the envelope is not registered to vote or is not the individual to whom it was issued; or
- the individual appears to be voting more than once in the election.

Elections BC estimates that since the 2005 General Election, between five and seven percent of absentee ballots cast at an election have been set aside and not considered for counting, largely due to election official or voter error. As the popularity of absentee voting has grown, so has the number of absentee ballots set aside.

The new technology utilized in the voting places greatly reduces the likelihood of voter or election official error that would lead to ballots being set aside. For example, the software ensures that all the required information from an absentee voter is recorded and meets the requirements of the *Election Act* before they can register or vote. The necessary information is then printed onto a label that is attached to the certification envelope. Printing this information eliminates the possibility of errors on the certification envelope that would result in it being set aside.

In the by-elections, only nine certification envelopes (0.8%) were set aside and not considered for counting – a significant improvement.

Voting area sizes

Each electoral district is divided into voting areas that are used to assign voters to voting places. Each voting area corresponds to a voting station – a ballot box staffed by a voting officer and voting clerk. The *Election Act* requires voting areas include no more than 400 voters unless the Chief Electoral Officer considers that including more voters will facilitate conducting voting proceedings for the voters.

Over the past 20 years the percentage of voters voting at general voting, and the number of voters actually being served by each voting team has significantly declined. In 1996 each voting station served on average 202 voters; by 2013 this number had declined to 121. If 400 voters represents full capacity, in 2013 voting teams were only operating at 39%. Further, with the number of voters in the province increasing over time, more voting stations were required in voting places, and election officials were increasingly challenged to find voting places that could

accommodate this increase. As a result, some voters were assigned to general voting places that were not the most convenient for them.

Ahead of the by-elections, Elections BC redrew the voting areas for the two electoral districts to include between 400 and 700 voters in each voting area. This change reduced the number of voting stations (and thereby the number of election officials required) and enabled staffing costs to remain at the levels incurred for the 2012 and 2013 by-elections despite inflation and the introduction of two more days of advance voting.

To get a better understanding of the impact of these changes on voters, Elections BC observers visited 23 voting places on General Voting Day to study the amount of time it took to vote.

Observers noted a variety of factors that affected the amount of time it took to vote. These included: whether the voter was already registered; whether the voter needed to update their name or residential address; whether the voter brought their Where to Vote card; and how the voter proved their identity and residence.

If a voter was already registered correctly it took an average of two minutes 16 seconds from the time they joined the lineup (if any) at their voting station to cast their ballot.³ This increased to four minutes 32 seconds for voters who needed to register or update their information. Ninety-five per cent of voters voting at their assigned voting station completed the entire process in less than five minutes. The average time spent waiting to be served was about 30 seconds. Observers noted that wait times varied during the day, but that 84% of voters voting at their assigned voting station waited less than one minute.⁴

Although the turnout at these by-elections was lower than would be expected at a general election, Elections BC is confident that the increased voting area sizes will facilitate conducting voting proceedings for voters, and will not lead to new delays for voters.

Improvements to accessibility

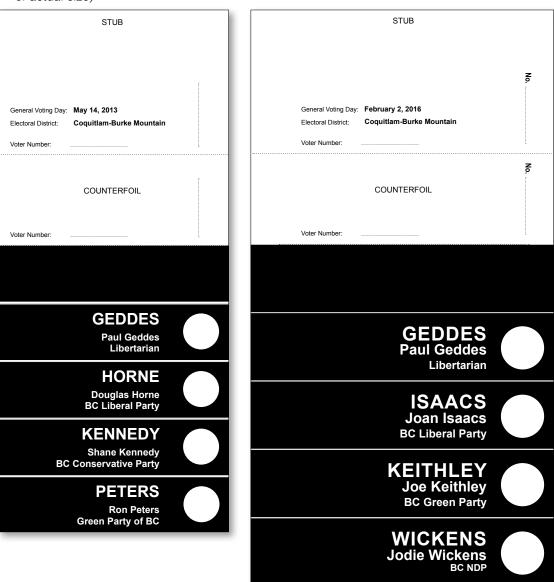
The by-elections also served to pilot two new improvements to accessibility for visually impaired voters. The size of the ballot was increased so that the text could be larger and easier to read.

Elections BC also developed a new braille ballot template to fit the larger ballot paper.

³ This includes any time waiting at the voting station before being served, proving identity, registering or updating information (if applicable), receiving a ballot, and voting.

⁴ The busiest periods were 8:00-9:00 a.m., 10:00-11:00 a.m., 2:00-3:00 p.m., and 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Figure 5: Coquitlam-Burke Mountain ballot, 2013 General Election and 2016 by-election (60% of actual size)



Voting results

Summary of results

Ballots from advance voting and general voting are counted at initial count following the close of voting on General Voting Day. Ballots contained in certification envelopes from other voting opportunities such as absentee and special voting are considered at final count. Final count in both electoral districts took place on February 9, 2016.

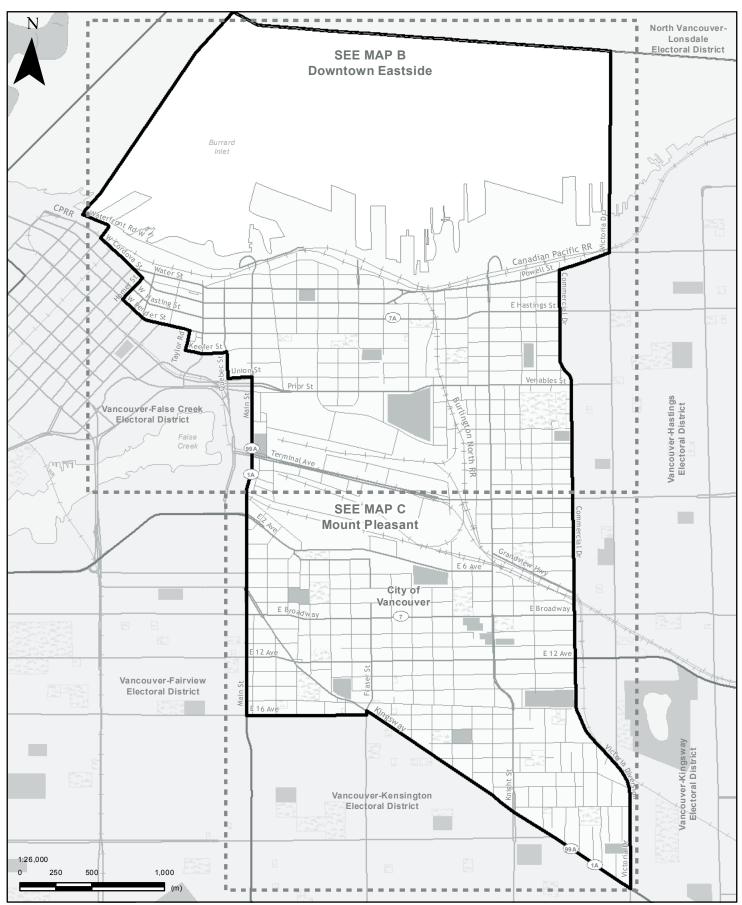
The *Election Act* requires a waiting period of six days between the conclusion of final count and the return of the writ of election. This provides sufficient time for a candidate, voter or the District Electoral Officer to request a judicial recount. A judicial recount was not requested in either electoral district and the writs of election were returned on February 16, 2016.

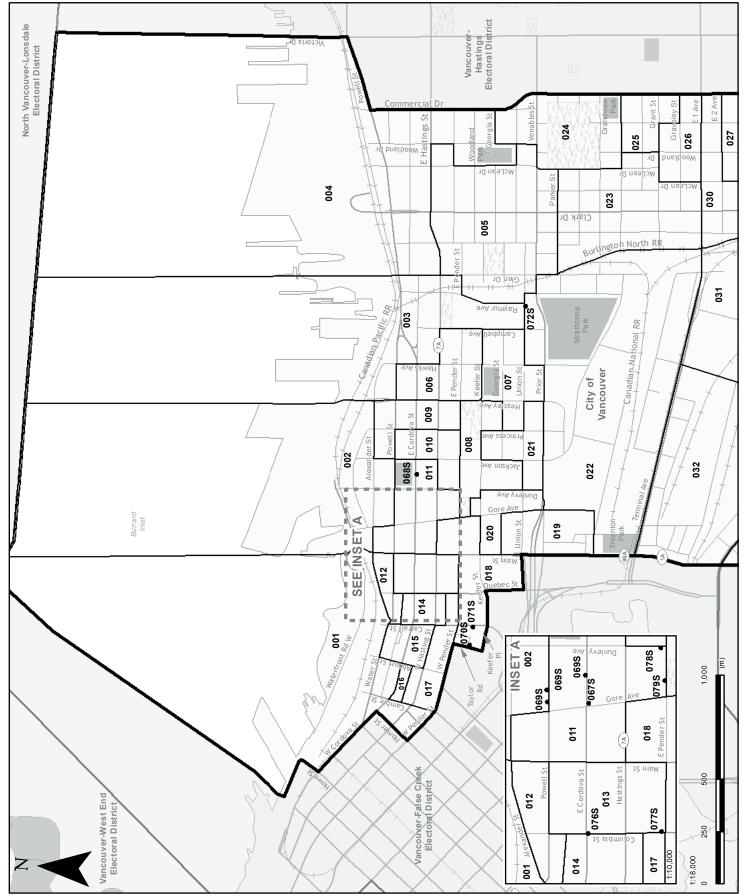
| Candidate | Affiliation | Total valid votes | % of popular vote |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Gavin Dew | BC Liberal Party | 1,056 | 11.29% |
| Pete Fry | BC Green Party | 2,533 | 27.07% |
| Jeremy Gustafson | YPP | 61 | 0.65% |
| Bonnie Boya Hu | Libertarian | 79 | 0.85% |
| Melanie Mark | BC NDP | 5,627 | 60.14% |
| | | 9,356 | 99.99% |

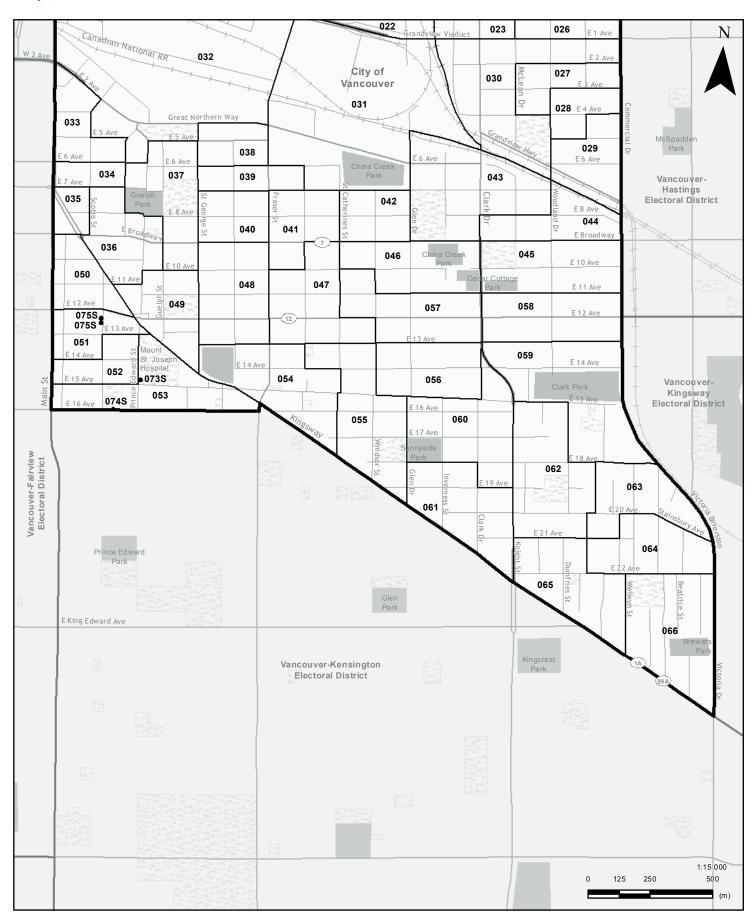
Table 13: Summary of Coquitlam-Burke Mountain results

| Candidate | Affiliation | Total valid votes | % of popular vote |
|---------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Paul Geddes | Libertarian | 157 | 1.90% |
| Joan Isaacs | BC Liberal Party | 3,146 | 38.12% |
| Joe Keithley | BC Green Party | 1,114 | 13.50% |
| Jodie Wickens | BC NDP | 3,836 | 46.48% |
| _ | _ | 8,253 | 100.00% |

The following pages contain maps of each electoral district and voting area, and the results of the Vancouver-Mount Pleasant and Coquitlam-Burke Mountain by-elections by voting area. Each voting area is represented by a number, and some are followed by a letter. A voting area corresponding to a grey dot on the accompanying map is a point voting area, which is assigned to a single address or addresses. A voting area followed by the letter S indicates a site-based voting area established at an intermediate or long-term care facility. The ballots cast in some voting areas were combined into a single ballot box where it was necessary to protect the secrecy of the vote, or for reasons of efficiency.







| | Gavin Dew | Pete Fry | Jeremy Gustafson | Bonnie Boya Hu | Melanie Mark | Total valid votes | Rejected ballots | Registered voters |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | LIB | GP | YPBC | LBN | NDP | . 3.00 | 22013 | . 5.510 |
| Advance voting | | | | | | | | |
| Britannia Comm Centre-Gym D | 15 | 71 | 0 | 3 | 224 | 313 | 1 | |
| Lord Strathcona Elem School | 84 | 241 | 0 | 9 | 387 | 721 | 3 | |
| Maurice McElrea Place | 14 | 34 | 1 | 2 | 72 | 123 | 0 | |
| Mt. Pleasant Elem School | 131 | 231 | 5 | 5 | 612 | 984 | 3 | |
| General voting | | | | | | | | |
| Voting area | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 7 | 20 | 0 | 2 | 15 | 44 | 0 | 460 |
| 2 | 8 | 16 | 1 | 0 | 35 | 60 | 0 | 584 |
| 3 | 3 | 21 | 1 | 2 | 77 | 104 | 3 | 517 |
| 4 | 7 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 68 | 0 | 531 |
| 5 | 6 | 31 | 2 | 0 | 65 | 104 | 0 | 513 |
| 6 | 12 | 43 | 0 | 4 | 42 | 101 | 0 | 526 |
| 7 | 7 | 55 | 0 | 1 | 43 | 106 | 0 | 562 |
| 8 | 13 | 33 | 2 | 0 | 66 | 114 | 0 | 613 |
| 9 | 6 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 64 | 0 | 600 |
| 10 | 10 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 40 | 62 | 0 | 629 |
| 11 *1 | 16 | 16 | 0 | 2 | 38 | 72 | 1 | 672 |
| 12 | 5 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 77 | 110 | 0 | 553 |
| 13 | 12 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 36 | 57 | 0 | 616 |
| 14 | 7 | 22 | 0 | 1 | 26 | 56 | 0 | 602 |
| 15 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 41 | 0 | 544 |
| 16 | 5 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 43 | 0 | 657 |
| 17 | 14 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 54 | 77 | 0 | 644 |
| 18 | 8 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 37 | 0 | 557 |
| 19 | 4 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 50 | 0 | 592 |
| 20 | 5 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 62 | 0 | 640 |
| 21 | 10 | 58 | 2 | 2 | 42 | 114 | 1 | 570 |
| 22 | 11 | 29 | 0 | 1 | 29 | 70 | 0 | 470 |
| 23 | 2 | 35 | 1 | 0 | 98 | 136 | 1 | 576 |
| 24 | 5 | 48 | 0 | 1 | 80 | 134 | 0 | 577 |
| 25 | 3 | 57 | 1 | 0 | 87 | 148 | 1 | 654 |
| 26 | 7 | 39 | 2 | 0 | 89 | 137 | 0 | 682 |
| 27 | 18 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 114 | 168 | 3 | 661 |
| 28 | 6 | 22 | 2 | 0 | 85 | 115 | 0 | 541 |
| 29 | 8 | 37 | 0 | 1 | 99 | 145 | 0 | 684 |
| 30 | 5 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 98 | 121 | 0 | 579 |
| 31 | 3 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 33 | 52 | 0 | 587 |
| 32 | 8 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 66 | 0 | 580 |
| 33 | 10 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 78 | 0 | 561 |
| 34 | 17 | 21 | 0 | 2 | 50 | 90 | 0 | 526 |
| 35 | 10 | 41 | 2 | 0 | 46 | 99 | 1 | 553 |
| 36 | 10 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 62 | 110 | 0 | 661 |
| 37 | 8 | 43 | 2 | 1 | 60 | 114 | 0 | 595 |
| 38 | 8 | 22 | 0 | 2 | 75 | 107 | 0 | 608 |
| 39 | 6 | 22 27 | 1 | 0 | 75 64 | 98 | | 577 |
| JJ | O | 2 <i>1</i> 26 | I | U | 53 | 90 | 0 | 577 542 |

| | Gavin Dew | Pete Fry | Jeremy Gustafson | Bonnie Boya Hu | Melanie Mark | Total valid votes | Rejected ballots | Registered voters |
|---|--------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| | LIB | GP | YPBC | LBN | NDP | | | |
| 41 | 14 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 101 | 3 | 668 |
| 42 | 6 | 16 | 0 | 1 | 57 | 80 | 0 | 672 |
| 43 | 5 | 28 | 1 | 1 | 97 | 132 | 0 | 693 |
| 44 | 5 | 17 | 1 | 0 | 66 | 89 | 0 | 654 |
| 45 | 8 | 20 | 0 | 1 | 82 | 111 | 0 | 676 |
| 46 | 25 | 21 | 0 | 2 | 68 | 116 | 0 | 636 |
| 47 | 14 | 33 | 0 | 1 | 56 | 104 | 0 | 700 |
| 48 | 14 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 64 | 104 | 0 | 703 |
| 49 | 12 | 32 | 2 | 3 | 20 | 69 | 1 | 623 |
| 50 | 7 | 29 | 1 | 0 | 34 | 71 | 0 | 511 |
| 51 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 38 | 59 | 0 | 535 |
| 52 | 15 | 18 | 1 | 0 | 50 | 84 | 0 | 601 |
| 53 *2 | 12 | 18 | 1 | 1 | 70 | 102 | 0 | 593 |
| 54 | 9 | 20 | 0 | 2 | 58 | 89 | 0 | 602 |
| 55 | 15 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 95 | 149 | 0 | 621 |
| 56 | 7 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 61 | 96 | 0 | 577 |
| 57 | 10 | 33 | 1 | 1 | 58 | 103 | 0 | 659 |
| 58 | 7 | 17 | 1 | 0 | 79 | 104 | 0 | 702 |
| 59 | 10 | 44 | 0 | 3 | 61 | 118 | 0 | 631 |
| 60 | 9 | 25 | 3 | 1 | 78 | 116 | 0 | 547 |
| 61 | 9 | 20 | 0 | <u>·</u> | 63 | 93 | 0 | 521 |
| 62 | 29 | 22 | 0 | 1 | 81 | 133 | 3 | 624 |
| 63 | 14 | 17 | 0 | 1 | 56 | 88 | 0 | 691 |
| 64 | 20 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 112 | 160 | 0 | 634 |
| 65 | 31 | 17 | 0 | 2 | 73 | 123 | 0 | 534 |
| 66 | 20 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 85 | 117 | 0 | 621 |
| 67S *3 | - | 12 | - | - | - | - | - | 71 |
| 68S *3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 121 |
| 69S *3 | 19 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 22 | 52 | | 188 |
| 70S *4 | | | • | 0 | 7 | 52 41 | 3 | |
| 71S *4 | 16 | 10 | 6 | 2 | - | | <u> </u> | 33 |
| | - | - | | - | | - | | 62 |
| 72S *5 | 38 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 20 | 69 | 11 | 132 |
| 73\$ *6 | 19 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 31 | 63 | 2 | 50 |
| 74S *2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 20 |
| 75S *6 | - | - | - | - | - | - | | 134 |
| 76S *4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 29 |
| 77S *5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 43 |
| 78S *1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 16 |
| 79\$ *5 | | - | | | | | | 37 |
| Sub totals | 994 | 2,325 | 55 | 74 | 5,253 | 8,701 | 42 | 40,561 |
| c 00 Chaoial | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Á | C | ^ | |
| s. 98 Special s. 99 Absentee - in ED | 2 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 0 | |
| | 48 | 198 | 5 | 3 | 340 | 594 | 2 | |
| s. 100 Absentee - out of ED | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| s. 101 Absentee - advance | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| s. 104 Voting in DEO office | 12 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 25 | 45 | 0 | |
| s. 106 Voting by mail | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 10 | 0 | |
| Grand totals | 1,056 | 2,533 | 61 | 79 | 5,627 | 9,356 | 44 | |
| | | | | | | | | |

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February 2, 2016

| Summary | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|--------|-------------------|
| Valid votes - General and advance | 8,701 | 93.00% | Total valid votes |
| s. 98 Special *7 | 6 | 0.06% | Total valid votes |
| s. 99 Absentee - in ED | 594 | 6.35% | Total valid votes |
| s. 100 Absentee - out of ED | 0 | 0.00% | Total valid votes |
| s. 101 Absentee - advance | 0 | 0.00% | Total valid votes |
| s. 104 Voting in DEO office *7 | 45 | 0.48% | Total valid votes |
| s. 106 Voting by mail *7 | 10 | 0.11% | Total valid votes |
| Total valid votes | 9,356 | | |
| Rejected ballots | 44 | 0.46% | Ballots cast |
| Registered voters who voted | 9,400 | 23.17% | Registered voters |
| | | | |

Registered voters 40,561

Candidate elected: Melanie Mark (NDP)

^{*1} Voting areas 11 and 78S combined

^{*2} Voting areas 53 and 74S combined

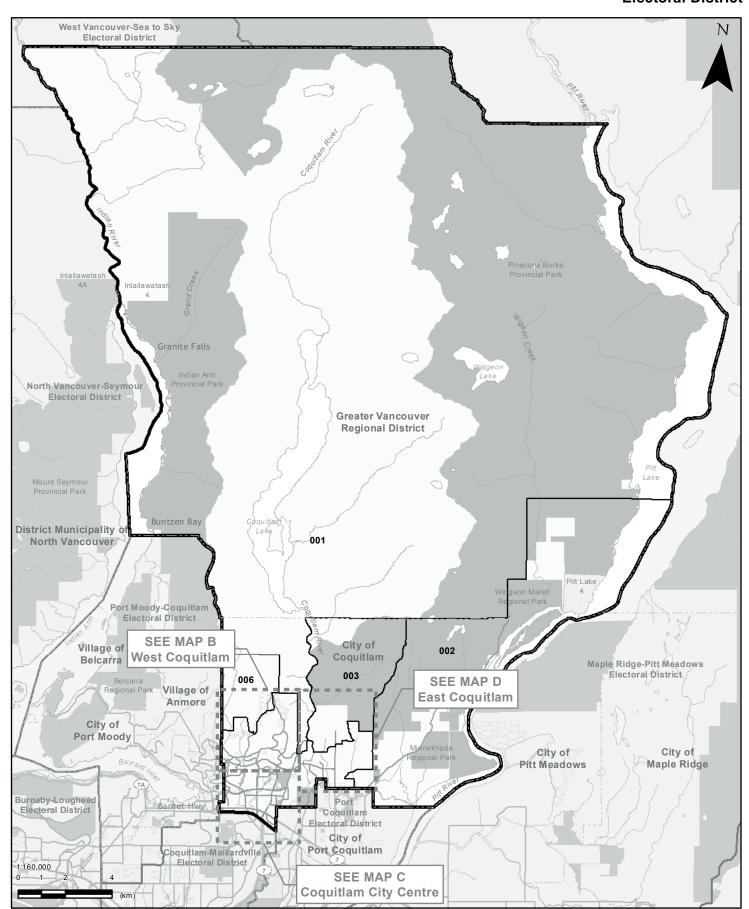
^{*3} Voting areas 67S, 68S and 69S combined

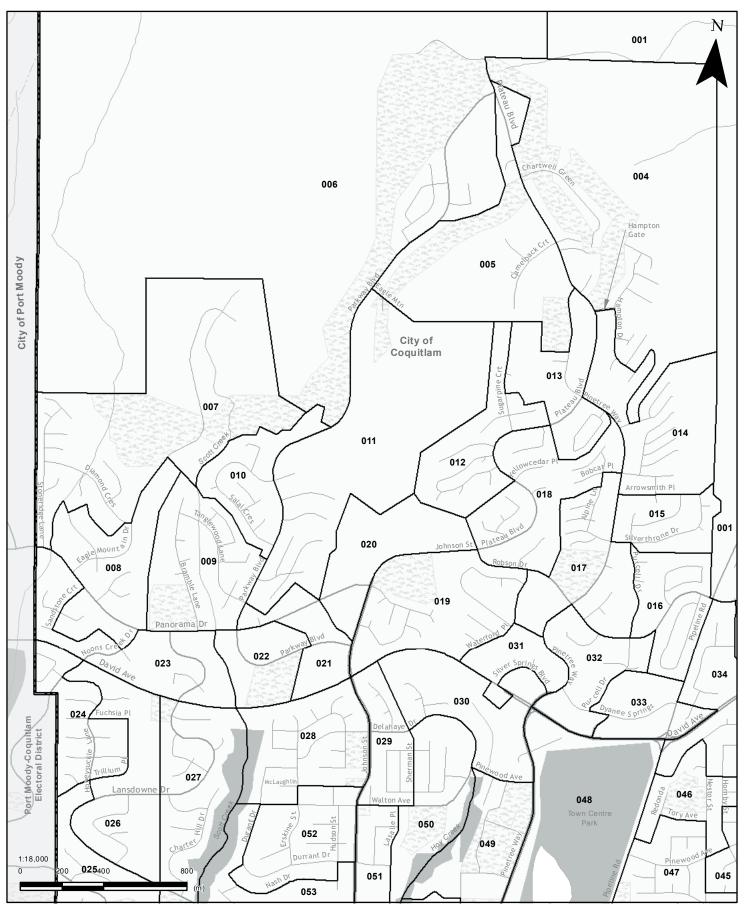
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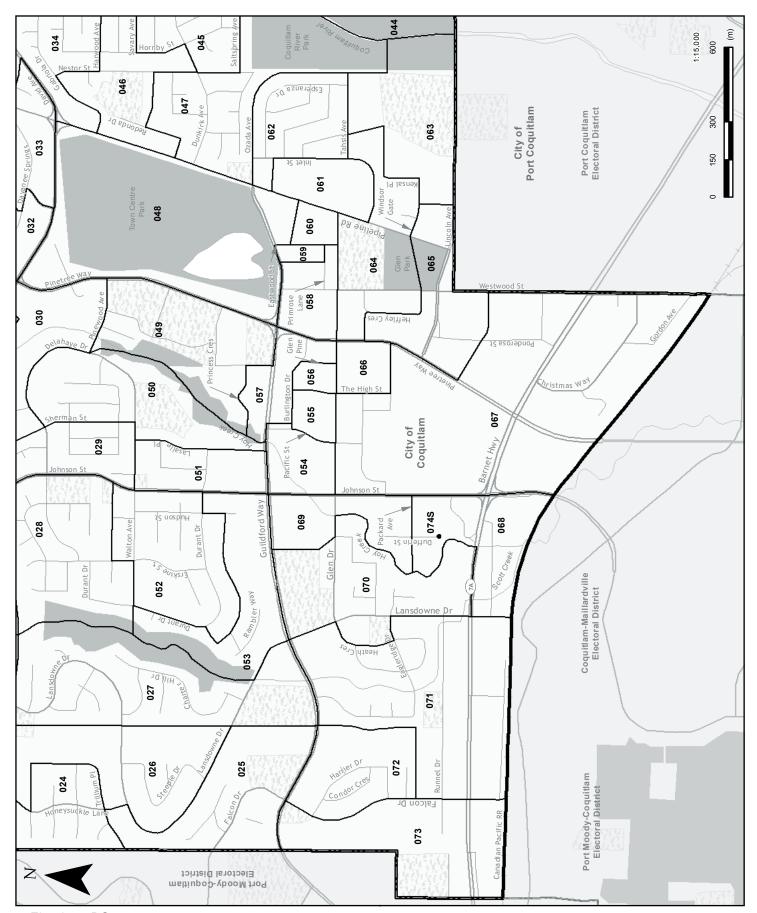
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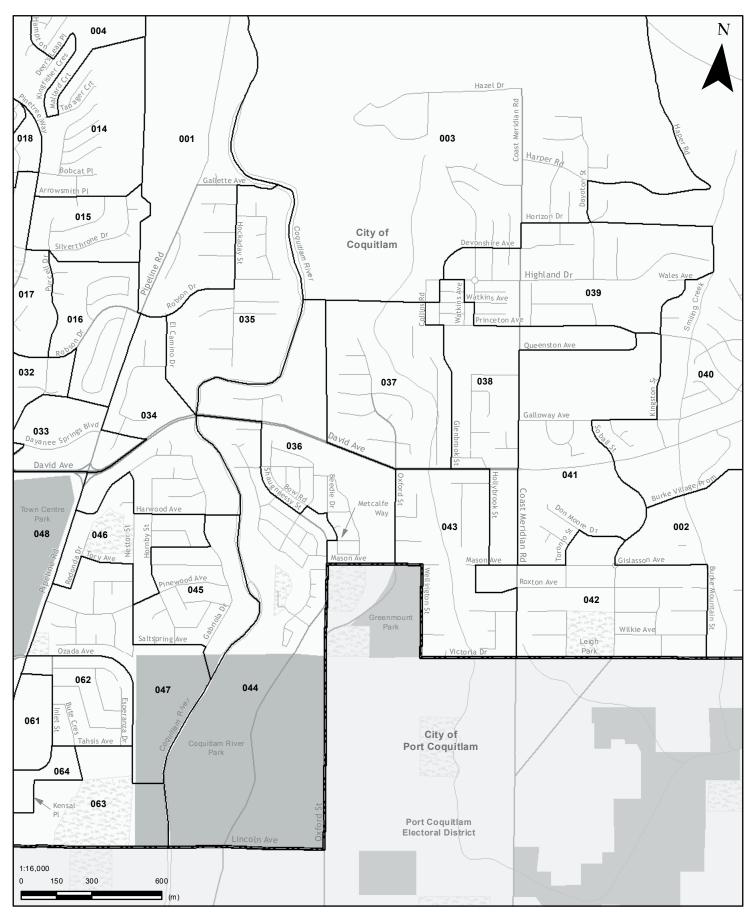
^{*6} Voting areas 73S and 75S combined

^{*7} Sections 98, 104 and 106 combined









Coquitlam-Burke Mountain (CQB) Voting results by voting area

| | Paul | Joan | Joe | Jodie | Total valid | Rejected | Registered |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|----------|------------|
| | Geddes LBN | Isaacs LIB | Keithley GP | Wickens NDP | votes | ballots | voters |
| Advance voting | LDIN | LID | <u> </u> | NDF | | | |
| Coquitlam River Elem School | 9 | 196 | 55 | 250 | 510 | 1 | |
| Evergreen Cultural Centre | 32 | 520 | 160 | 670 | 1,382 | 1 | |
| Panorama Heights Elem School | 9 | 367 | 78 | 227 | 681 | 0 | |
| Tanorama noights Eisin ochool | 3 | 001 | 70 | 221 | 001 | Ü | |
| General voting Voting area | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 1 | 29 | 9 | 12 | 51 | 0 | 388 |
| 2 | 2 | 34 | 8 | 43 | 87 | 0 | 543 |
| 3 | 2 | 52 | 3 | 29 | 86 | 0 | 597 |
| 4 | 0 | 22 | 3 | 28 | 53 | 0 | 529 |
| 5 | 2 | 39 | 9 | 27 | 77 | 0 | 51 |
| 6 | 1 | 25 | 7 | 18 | 51 | 0 | 573 |
| 7 | 1 | 36 | 12 | 18 | 67 | 0 | 533 |
| 8 | 3 | 43 | 4 | 12 | 62 | 0 | 550 |
| 9 | 0 | 34 | 5 | 20 | 59 | 0 | 508 |
| 10 | 3 | 31 | 2 | 23 | 59 | 0 | 43 |
| 11 | 1 | 25 | 4 | 17 | 47 | 0 | 44 |
| 12 | 3 | 26 | 4 | 20 | 53 | 0 | 48 |
| 13 | 3 | 31 | 6 | 25 | 65 | 0 | 580 |
| 14 | 0 | 25 | 7 | 22 | 54 | 1 | 57 |
| 15 *1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 34 |
| 16 *1 | 1 | 38 | 8 | 27 | 74 | 1 | 52 |
| 17 | 1 | 37 | 15 | 34 | 87 | 0 | 600 |
| 18 | 0 | 28 | 3 | 7 | 38 | 0 | 57 |
| 19 | 0 | 21 | 6 | 10 | 37 | 0 | 60 |
| 20 | 1 | 41 | 6 | 22 | 70 | 2 | 50 |
| 21 | 1 | 21 | 8 | 28 | 58 | 0 | 57 |
| 22 | 0 | 10 | 4 | 25 | 39 | 0 | 27 |
| 23 | 2 | 39 | 11 | 23 | 75 | 2 | 47 |
| 24 | 1 | 44 | 14 | 19 | 78 | 0 | 45 |
| 25 | 4 | 37 | 22 | 73 | 136 | 3 | 49 |
| 26 | 0 | 23 | 20 | 25 | 68 | 1 | 40 |
| 27 | 2 | 43 | 26 | 28 | 99 | 0 | 54 |
| 28 | 0 | 18 | 7 | 56 | 81 | 0 | 53 |
| 29 | 3 | 32 | 11 | 36 | 82 | 0 | 42 |
| 30 | 1 | 16 | 16 | 35 | 68 | 1 | 54 |
| 31 | 1 | 5 | 11 | 16 | 33 | 0 | 53- |
| 32 | 0 | 23 | 5 | 14 | 42 | 0 | 50 |
| 33 | 0 | 20 | 4 | 23 | 47 | 0 | 59 |
| 34 | 4 | 38 | 13 | 44 | 99 | 0 | 53 |
| 35 | 2 | 24 | 15 | 11 | 52 | 0 | 54 |
| 36 | 2 | 30 | 20 | 61 | 113 | 0 | 59 |
| 37 | 1 | 33 | 14 | 42 | 90 | 0 | 50 |
| 38 | 1 | 25 | 8 | 43 | 77 | 1 | 599 |
| 39 | 0 | 30 | 8 | 38 | 76 | 0 | 58 |
| 40 | 1 | 35 | 5 | 25 | 66 | 0 | 59 |
| 41 | 0 | 18 | 6 | 29 | 53 | 0 | 57 |
| 42 | 0 | 38 | 8 | 63 | 109 | 0 | 60 |
| 43 | 0 | 36 | 8 | 28 | 72 | 0 | 593 |
| 44 | 1 | 28 | 17 | 68 | 114 | 0 | 56 |
| 45 | 1 | 28 | 23 | 94 | 146 | 0 | 55 |

| | Paul | Joan | Joe | Jodie | Total valid | Rejected | Registered |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| | Geddes | Isaacs | Keithley | Wickens | votes | ballots | voters |
| 46 | LBN | 26 | GP 21 | NDP 62 | 109 | | 496 |
| | 0 | | | | | 0 | |
| 47 | 0 | 21 | 23 | 67 | 111 | 0 | 560 |
| 48 | 0 | 17 | 2 | 24 | 43 | 0 | 493 |
| 49 | 1 | 22 | 14 | 22 | 59 | 0 | 505 |
| 50 | 3 | 38 | 10 | 63 | 114 | 0 | 551 |
| 51 | 0 | 28 | 16 | 40 | 84 | 0 | 492 |
| 52 | 3 | 30 | 15 | 48 | 96 | 0 | 590 |
| 53 | 0 | 28 | 8 | 39 | 75 | 0 | 522 |
| 54 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 41 | 57 | 0 | 575 |
| 55 *2 | 1 | 19 | 4 | 45 | 69 | 1 | 485 |
| 56 *2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 535 |
| 57 | 0 | 16 | 7 | 36 | 59 | 0 | 554 |
| 58 | 5 | 14 | 8 | 28 | 55 | 0 | 516 |
| 59 | 0 | 12 | 2 | 30 | 44 | 0 | 471 |
| 60 | 1 | 51 | 11 | 48 | 111 | 2 | 562 |
| 61 | 2 | 10 | 12 | 43 | 67 | 0 | 559 |
| 62 | 2 | 14 | 24 | 39 | 79 | 0 | 587 |
| 63 | 0 | 15 | 11 | 22 | 48 | 0 | 570 |
| 64 | 0 | 11 | 9 | 34 | 54 | 0 | 512 |
| 65 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 16 | 29 | 0 | 591 |
| 66 | 4 | 13 | 5 | 17 | 39 | 0 | 576 |
| 67 | 2 | 12 | 1 | 13 | 28 | 0 | 535 |
| 68 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 20 | 31 | 0 | 229 |
| 69 | 3 | 39 | 6 | 56 | 104 | 0 | 676 |
| 70 | 0 | 28 | 17 | 57 | 102 | 0 | 436 |
| 71 | 3 | 28 | 20 | 74 | 125 | 1 | 529 |
| 72 | 0 | 19 | 31 | 67 | 117 | 1 | 531 |
| 73 | 4 | 20 | 35 | 40 | 99 | 0 | 494 |
| 74S | 3 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 26 | 11 | 58 |
| Sub totals | 145 | 2,954 | 1,051 | 3,607 | 7,757 | 20 | 38,393 |
| s. 98 Special | 3 | 36 | 4 | 29 | 72 | 0 | |
| s. 99 Absentee - in ED | 9 | 137 | 52 | 180 | 378 | 0 | |
| s. 100 Absentee - out of ED | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| s. 101 Absentee - advance | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| s. 104 Voting in DEO office | 0 | 19 | 7 | 20 | 46 | 0 | |
| s. 104 Voting in DEO office | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 5. TOO VOLING BY MAIN | U | U | U | <u> </u> | U | U | |
| Grand totals | 157 | 3,146 | 1,114 | 3,836 | 8,253 | 20 | |
| % of valid votes | 1.90% | 38.12% | 13.50% | 46.48% | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | |

| Summary | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------|-------------------|
| Valid votes - General and advance | 7,757 | 93.99% | Total valid votes |
| s. 98 Special | 72 | 0.87% | Total valid votes |
| s. 99 Absentee - in ED | 378 | 4.58% | Total valid votes |
| s. 100 Absentee - out of ED *3 | 0 | 0.00% | Total valid votes |
| s. 101 Absentee - advance | 0 | 0.00% | Total valid votes |
| s. 104 Voting in DEO office *3 | 46 | 0.56% | Total valid votes |
| s. 106 Voting by mail *3 | 0 | 0.00% | Total valid votes |
| Total valid votes | 8,253 | | |
| Rejected ballots | 20 | 0.24% | Ballots cast |
| Registered voters who voted | 8,273 | 21.55% | Registered voters |
| Registered voters | 38,393 | | |
| Candidate elected: | Jodie Wickens (NDP) | | |

^{*1} Voting areas 15 and 16 combined

^{*2} Voting areas 55 and 56 combined

^{*3} Sections 100, 104, and 106 combined

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Election financing

Introduction

Under the *Election Act*, financial agents for candidates, registered political parties represented by a candidate in the by-election and associated registered constituency associations are required to file election financing reports with the Chief Electoral Officer within 90 days after General Voting Day. Individuals and organizations that sponsor election advertising are required to register with Elections BC. Registered election advertising sponsors who sponsor election advertising with a value of \$500 or more are required to file election advertising disclosure reports within 90 days after General Voting Day.

Following are summaries of election financing reports and election advertising disclosure reports received by Elections BC. The summaries reflect the financing reports as filed and do not include subsequent amendments. After filing, Elections BC staff review the reports for accuracy and completeness. The filed reports and any subsequent amendments are available for viewing on the Elections BC website. Because Elections BC does not include cents in the summaries, there may be some small differences from the original reports due to rounding.

The financial filing deadline was 4:30 p.m. on May 2, 2016.

Election expenses limits

The base election expenses limit for candidates and registered political parties during the campaign period was \$70,000. The base expenses limit for election advertising sponsors was \$3,000 in relation to a single electoral district. These base amounts were adjusted to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index.

The expenses limits for the by-elections were:

- \$75,941.64 for registered political parties
- \$75,941.64 for candidates
- \$3,254.64 in each electoral district for election advertising sponsors

Registered constituency associations are prohibited from incurring election expenses except on behalf of a candidate, and any such expenses are considered to be election expenses of the candidate. Therefore, constituency associations do not have an election expenses limit.

Registered political parties

The election financing information in this report includes both the total inflows and total outflows for each registered political party which endorsed a candidate. Total inflows and total outflows may not be equal. This commonly occurs because the reporting periods are different for inflows and outflows.

Total inflows include income and loans received. Except for other income, total inflows are reported from January 1, 2016 to the close of voting on General Voting Day. Other income is miscellaneous income related to the election only.

Political contributions: amount of money or the value of any property or services provided without compensation by way of donation, advance, deposit, discount or otherwise.

Transfers received: non-reciprocal receipts of money, goods or services from a registered constituency association, a candidate or a leadership contestant.

Fundraising income: the portion of income from fundraising functions that is not reported as political contributions.

Other income: income related to the election from miscellaneous sources.

Loans received: the original amount of loans received for election expenses. Some or all of the loan may have been repaid.

Total outflows are related to the campaign only and are categorized as follows:

Election expenses subject to the expenses limits: the value of property or services used during the campaign period, by or on behalf of a registered political party, registered constituency association, or a candidate to promote or oppose a registered political party or a candidate (e.g. advertising and campaign office expenses). The campaign period is the time between when an election is called (January 5, 2016) and the close of general voting (February 2, 2016). The *Election Act* limits the amount of election expenses a registered political party or candidate can incur during this period.

Election expenses not subject to the expenses limits: election expenses specifically excluded from the election expenses limits (e.g. audit fees). This type of expense is described in section 203 of the *Election Act*.

Other expenses: the value of goods and services used outside the campaign period but in relation to the election.

Transfers given: non-reciprocal provisions of money, goods or services to a registered constituency association, a candidate or a leadership contestant.

Registered constituency associations

Registered constituency associations are prohibited from incurring election expenses, except on behalf of a candidate. All election expenses incurred on behalf of a candidate must be included in the candidate's election expenses. Therefore, constituency associations do not report any expenses in their election financing reports. The only outflows reported are transfers given between January 1, 2016 and General Voting Day. Total inflows include income and loans received. Income is from January 1, 2016 to the close of voting on General Voting Day.

Political contributions: amount of money or the value of any property or services provided without compensation by way of donation, advance, deposit, discount or otherwise.

Transfers received: non-reciprocal receipts of money, goods or services from a registered political party or a candidate.

Fundraising income: the portion of income from fundraising functions that is not reported as political contributions.

Loans received: the original amount of loans received for election expenses. Some or all of the loan may have been repaid.

The only outflows reported by registered constituency associations in election financing reports are:

Transfers given: non-reciprocal provisions of money, goods or services to a registered political party or a candidate.

Candidates

The election financing information for candidates in this report includes both the total inflows and outflows. Total inflows and total outflows may not be equal. This commonly occurs when items owned by a candidate prior to a campaign period are used, and therefore reported as election expenses but not as inflows.

Political contributions: amount of money or the value of any property or services provided without compensation by way of donation, advance, deposit, discount or otherwise.

Transfers received: non-reciprocal receipts of money, goods or services from a registered political party or a registered constituency association.

Fundraising income: the portion of income from fundraising functions that is not reported as political contributions.

Other income: income related to the election from miscellaneous sources.

Loans received: the original amount of loans received for election expenses. Some or all of the loan may have been repaid.

Total outflows are categorized as follows:

Election expenses subject to the expenses limits: the value of property or services used during the campaign period, by or on behalf of a registered political party, registered constituency association, or a candidate to promote or oppose a registered political party or a candidate (e.g. advertising and campaign office expenses). The campaign period is the time between when an election is called (January 5, 2016) and the close of general voting (February 2, 2016). The *Election Act* limits the amount of election expenses a registered political party or candidate can incur.

Election expenses not subject to the expenses limits: election expenses specifically excluded from the election expenses limits (e.g. nomination deposits and audit fees). This type of expense is described in section 203 of the *Election Act*.

Other expenses: the value of goods and services used outside the campaign period but in relation to the election.

Transfers given: non-reciprocal provisions of money, goods or services to a registered political party or a registered constituency association.

Election advertising sponsors

The following definitions are relevant to election advertising sponsors:

Election advertising: the transmission, by any means, of an advertising message to the public that:

- is transmitted during the campaign period, and
- promotes or opposes, directly or indirectly, a registered political party or the election of a candidate. This includes taking a position on an issue with which a candidate or registered political party is associated.

Election advertising does not include documents sent directly by a person or group to their members, employees or shareholders, or the transmission by an individual, on a non-commercial basis on the Internet, or by telephone or text messaging, of their personal political views.

Contributions: money provided to a sponsor of election advertising during the period beginning six months before an election is called and ending on General Voting Day.

Amount of sponsor's assets used: the value of the sponsor's assets used to pay for election advertising. This amount does not include contributions referred to above.

Value of election advertising: the market value of preparing and conducting election advertising.

All election advertising sponsors must be registered. Under section 244 of the *Election Act*, an election advertising sponsor is not required to file a disclosure report if, during the campaign period, the advertising sponsored did not have a total value of \$500 or more.

No election advertising sponsors sponsored election advertising with a total value of \$500 or more in relation to either by-election.

The election advertising sponsors registered with Elections BC indicated they did not sponsor election advertising with a total value of \$500 or more or did not file disclosure reports. Since the registered advertising sponsors that did not file disclosure reports were registered prior to the start of the by-elections and no election advertising valued at \$500 or more has come to our attention, Elections BC has assumed that they also did not sponsor election advertising with a value of \$500 or more. A full listing of all registered election advertising sponsors is available on the Elections BC website.

Filing deadlines

All election financing reports for both by-elections were due on Monday, May 2, 2016. The Chief Electoral Officer granted one extension to a candidate in Vancouver-Mount Pleasant due to extraordinary circumstances. All other reports were submitted by the filing deadline.

Vancouver-Mount Pleasant

| Candidates | Gavin Dew | Pete Fry | Jeremy Gustafson | Bonnie Boya Hu | Melanie Mark |
|--|--------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | LIB | GP | YPP | LBN | NDP |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Inflows | | | | | |
| Political contributions | | | | | |
| Individuals | - | 8,505 | - | - | 4,500 |
| Corporations | - | - | - | - | - |
| Unincorporated businesses/commercial organizations | - | 6,550 | - | - | 375 |
| Trade unions | - | 1,000 | - | - | 13,252 |
| Non-profit organizations | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other identifiable contributors | - | - | - | - | - |
| Anonymous contributions | - | 675 | - | - | - |
| Total political contributions | - | 16,730 | - | - | 18,127 |
| Transfers received | 69,817 | 35,484 | 704 | - | 99,184 |
| Fundraising income | - | 1,236 | - | - | - |
| Other income | - | 1,488 | - | - | 257 |
| Loans received | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total inflows | 69,817 | 54,938 | 704 | - | 117,568 |
| Outflows | | | | | |
| Election expenses subject to expenses limit | 64,247 | 28,935 | 454 | - | 71,603 |
| Election expenses not subject to expenses limit | 250 | 1,922 | 250 | - | 9,411 |
| Other expenses | 5,320 | 23,646 | - | - | 40,124 |
| Transfers given | - | 435 | - | - | 1,000 |
| Total outflows | 69,817 | 54,938 | 704 | - | 122,138 |

Vancouver-Mount Pleasant

| Registered political parties | BC Green Party | BC Liberal Party | BC NDP | Libertarian | YPP |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|---------|-------------|------|
| | GP | LIB | NDP | LBN | YPBC |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Inflows | | | | | |
| Political contributions | | | | | |
| Individuals | 46,663 | 283,870 | 203,866 | - | 960 |
| Corporations | 1,230 | 269,512 | 4,100 | - | - |
| Unincorporated businesses/commercial organizations | 45 | 30,175 | - | - | - |
| Trade unions | - | 225 | 162,738 | - | - |
| Non-profit organizations | - | 250 | - | - | - |
| Other identifiable contributors | - | 36,250 | - | - | - |
| Anonymous contributions | 195 | 10 | 25 | - | - |
| Total political contributions | 48,133 | 620,292 | 370,729 | - | 960 |
| Transfers received | 281 | 383 | 6,975 | - | - |
| Fundraising income | - | 7,635 | 6,500 | - | - |
| Other income | 9 | - | - | - | - |
| Loans received | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total inflows | 48,423 | 628,310 | 384,204 | - | 960 |
| Outflows | | | | | |
| Election expenses subject to expenses limit | 8,096 | 40,945 | 14,491 | 209 | 207 |
| Election expenses not subject to expenses limit | 25,952 | 62,149 | 14,350 | 500 | - |
| Other expenses | 20,962 | _ | - | - | 55 |
| Transfers given | 44,065 | 169,594 | 128,873 | - | 704 |
| Total outflows | 99,075 | 272,688 | 157,714 | 709 | 966 |

Vancouver-Mount Pleasant

| Registered constituency association | NDP |
|--|--------|
| | \$ |
| Inflows | |
| Political contributions | |
| Individuals | - |
| Corporations | - |
| Unincorporated businesses/commercial organizations | - |
| Trade unions | - |
| Non-profit organizations | - |
| Other identifiable contributors | - |
| Anonymous contributions | - |
| Total political contributions | - |
| Transfers received | 327 |
| Fundraising income | - |
| Loans received | - |
| Total inflows | 327 |
| Transfers given | 10,897 |

| Candidates | Paul Geddes | Joan Isaacs | Joe Keithley | Jodie Wickens |
|--|----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | LBN | LIB | GP | NDP |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Inflows | | | | |
| Political contributions | | | | |
| Individuals | - | - | 8,475 | - |
| Corporations | - | 137 | - | - |
| Unincorporated businesses/commercial organizations | - | - | - | - |
| Trade unions | - | - | - | - |
| Non-profit organizations | - | - | - | - |
| Other identifiable contributors | - | - | - | - |
| Anonymous contributions | - | - | - | - |
| Total political contributions | - | 137 | 8,475 | - |
| Transfers received | - | 99,776 | 8,106 | 113,637 |
| Fundraising income | - | - | - | - |
| Other income | - | 250 | - | 253 |
| Loans received | - | - | - | - |
| Total inflows | - | 100,163 | 16,581 | 113,890 |
| Outflows | | | | |
| Election expenses subject to expenses limit | - | 68,500 | 11,070 | 69,695 |
| Election expenses not subject to expenses limit | - | 250 | 2,875 | 38,632 |
| Other expenses | - | 31,030 | 9,009 | 2,000 |
| Transfers given | - | 383 | - | - |
| Total outflows | - | 100,163 | 22,954 | 110,327 |

| Registered political parties | BC Green Party | BC Liberal Party | BC NDP | Libertarian |
|--|----------------|------------------|---------|-------------|
| | GP | LIB | NDP | LBN |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Inflows | | | | |
| Political contributions | | | | |
| Individuals | 46,663 | 283,870 | 203,866 | - |
| Corporations | 1,230 | 269,512 | 4,100 | - |
| Unincorporated businesses/commercial organizations | 45 | 30,175 | - | - |
| Trade unions | - | 225 | 162,738 | - |
| Non-profit organizations | - | 250 | - | - |
| Other identifiable contributors | - | 36,250 | - | - |
| Anonymous contributions | 195 | 10 | 25 | - |
| Total political contributions | 48,133 | 620,292 | 370,729 | - |
| Transfers received | 281 | 383 | 6,975 | - |
| Fundraising income | - | 7,635 | 6,500 | - |
| Other income | 9 | - | - | - |
| Loans received | - | - | - | - |
| Total inflows | 48,423 | 628,310 | 384,204 | - |
| Outflows | | | | |
| Election expenses subject to expenses limit | 8,096 | 40,945 | 37,705 | 209 |
| Election expenses not subject to expenses limit | 25,952 | 62,149 | 21,125 | 500 |
| Other expenses | 20,962 | - | - | - |
| Transfers given | 44,065 | 169,594 | 128,873 | - |
| Total outflows | 99,075 | 272,688 | 187,703 | 709 |

| Registered constituency association | NDP |
|--|----------|
| | <u> </u> |
| Inflows | |
| Political contributions | |
| Individuals | - |
| Corporations | - |
| Unincorporated businesses/commercial organizations | - |
| Trade unions | - |
| Non-profit organizations | - |
| Other identifiable contributors | - |
| Anonymous contributions | - |
| Total political contributions | - |
| Transfers received | - |
| Fundraising income | - |
| Loans received | - |
| Total inflows | - |
| | |
| Transfers given | 4,575 |

Elections BC expenses

Vancouver-Mount Pleasant by-election expenses

The following expenses were incurred by Elections BC in administering the Vancouver-Mount Pleasant by-election:

Central office expenses

| Expense categories | fiscal year 2015/2016 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Salaries | \$19,470 |
| Professional services | 5,247 |
| Travel | 13,670 |
| Information systems | 70,346 |
| General office expenses | 35,799 |
| Voter notice postage/printing | 35,507 |
| Advertising and publications | 126,582 |
| Total | \$306,621 |

District electoral office expenses

| Expense categories | fiscal year 2015/2016 |
|---|-----------------------|
| District Electoral Officer salary and benefits | \$24,895 |
| Deputy District Electoral Officer salary and benefits | 19,904 |
| Election official fees | 106,455 |
| Support staff salaries | 37,702 |
| Travel | 44 |
| General office expenses | 26,940 |
| Ballot printing | 9,416 |
| Voting place rental | 10,105 |
| Office rental | 32,000 |
| Total | \$267,461 |
| | |
| Total election expenses | \$574,082 |
| Number of registered voters on General Voting Day | 40,561 |
| | |
| Cost per registered voter | \$14.15 |

Coquitlam-Burke Mountain by-election expenses

The following expenses were incurred by Elections BC in administering the Coquitlam-Burke Mountain by-election:

Central office expenses

| Expense categories | fiscal year 2015/2016 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Salaries | \$19,371 |
| Professional services | 5,378 |
| Travel | 13,897 |
| Information systems | 70,272 |
| General office expenses | 36,300 |
| Voter notice postage/printing | 28,680 |
| Advertising and publications | 106,562 |
| Total | \$280,460 |

District electoral office expenses

| Expense categories | fiscal year 2015/2016 |
|---|-----------------------|
| District Electoral Officer salary and benefits | \$24,895 |
| Deputy District Electoral Officer salary and benefits | 19,094 |
| Election official fees | 123,395 |
| Support staff salaries | 32,246 |
| Travel | 341 |
| General office expenses | 20,164 |
| Ballot printing | 9,307 |
| Voting place rental | 15,130 |
| Office rental | 24,600 |
| Total | \$269,172 |
| | |
| Total election expenses | \$549,632 |
| Number of registered voters on General Voting Day | 38,393 |
| | |
| Cost per registered voter | \$14.32 |

Appendices

Appendix A: Orders of the Chief Electoral Officer

Section 280 of the *Election Act* establishes the authority of the Chief Electoral Officer to make specific or general Orders under certain circumstances. Four Orders were made by the Chief Electoral Officer relating to the Vancouver-Mount Pleasant by-election. The Orders are summarized below.

EA-ORD001-2016

February 2, 2016

Election officials at some voting stations in Vancouver-Mount Pleasant erred in not having all voters sign the general voting books as required by s. 96 of the *Election Act*. The ballots were considered at initial count as if the voters had signed the necessary declaration in the voting books.

EA-ORD002-2016

February 3, 2016

Some voters at an alternative absentee voting station in Vancouver-Mount Pleasant were issued write-in ballots instead of ordinary ballots. The ballots cast by these voters were not rejected at final count on the basis that the incorrect ballots were used.

EA-ORD003-2016

February 15, 2016

Election officials at an advance voting opportunity in Vancouver-Mount Pleasant made an error in recording the valid vote totals by candidate on the Initial Count Reconciliation form and the error was not discovered until after the conclusion of final count. The error did not affect the election of the candidate as declared by the District Electoral Officer at the conclusion of final count. The Initial Count Reconciliation form was amended and the results for the election were adjusted accordingly.

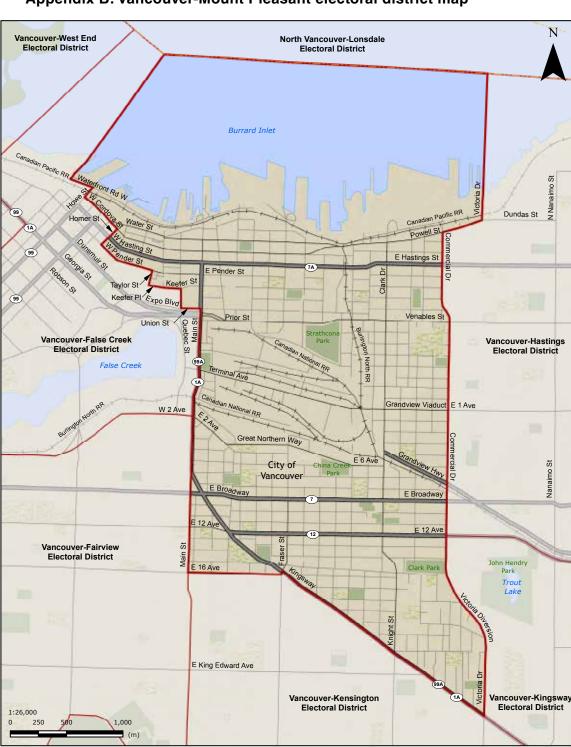
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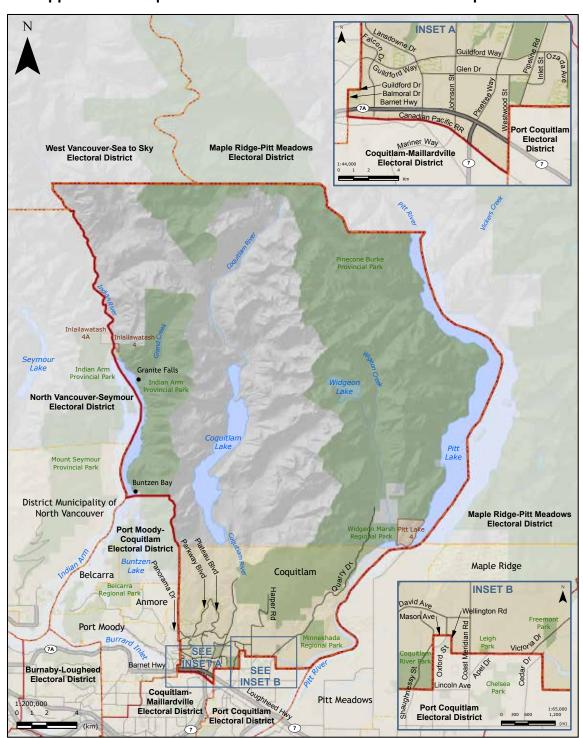
May 2, 2016

Pete Fry, a candidate in Vancouver-Mount Pleasant was granted an extension to June 1, 2016, from the May 2, 2016 deadline to file an election financing report for the Vancouver-Mount Pleasant by-election.

¹ EA-ORD004-2016 was unrelated to the by-elections.



Appendix B: Vancouver-Mount Pleasant electoral district map



Appendix C: Coquitlam-Burke Mountain electoral district map

Appendix D: Participation statistics in comparison

The following table is a comparison of voter participation in the Vancouver-Mount Pleasant electoral district in the 2016 by-election and the 2013 Provincial General Election expressed as a percentage of registered voters.

| Vancouver-Mount Pleasant | Date | Voter turnout |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 2016 By-election | February 2 2016 | 23.17% |
| 2013 Provincial General Election | May 14, 2013 | 49.77% |

The following table is a comparison of voter participation in the Coquitlam-Burke Mountain electoral district in the 2016 by-election and the 2013 Provincial General Election expressed as a percentage of registered voters.

| Coquitlam-Burke Mountain | Date | Voter turnout |
|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 2016 By-election | February 2, 2016 | 21.55% |
| 2013 Provincial General Election | May 14, 2013 | 53.23% |

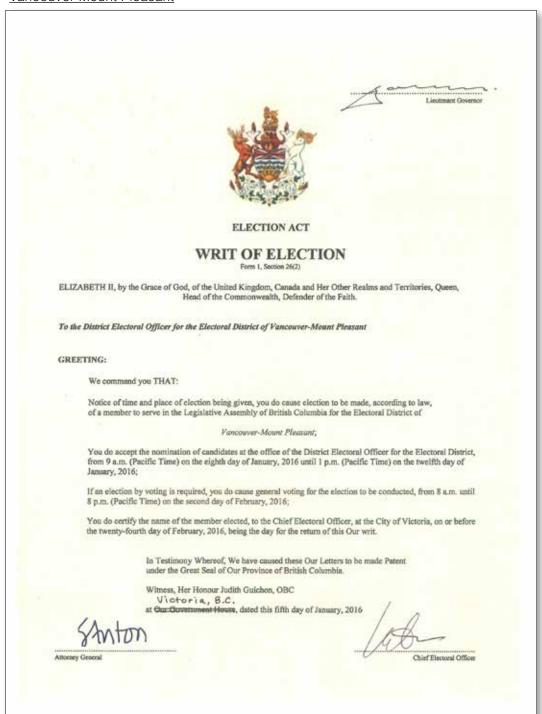
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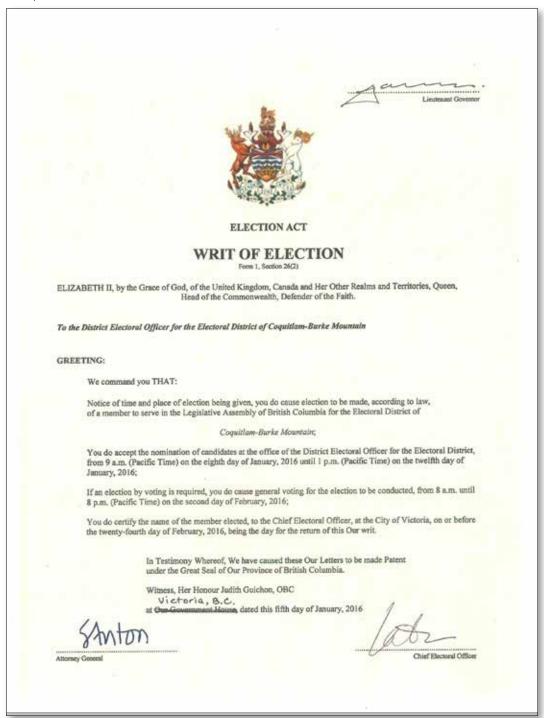
| Electoral District | Date | Voter turnout |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Vancouver-Mount Pleasant | February 2, 2016 | 23.17% |
| Coquitlam-Burke Mountain | February 2, 2016 | 21.55% |
| Westside-Kelowna | July 10, 2013 | 40.84% |
| Chilliwack-Hope | April 19, 2012 | 41.12% |
| Port Moody-Coquitlam | April 19, 2012 | 32.07% |
| Vancouver-Point Grey | May 11, 2011 | 38.94% |
| Vancouver-Burrard | October 29, 2008 | 23.21% |
| Vancouver-Fairview | October 29, 2008 | 26.93% |
| Surrey-Panorama Ridge | October 28, 2004 | 52.15% |
| Delta South | December 7, 1999 | 59.78% |
| Parksville-Qualicum | December 14, 1998 | 60.09% |
| Surrey-White Rock | September 15, 1997 | 48.40% |

February 2, 2016

Appendix E: Writs of election

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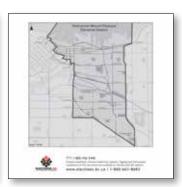
Appendix F: Public information / advertising examples

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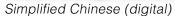






Householder / unaddressed mailer (English)

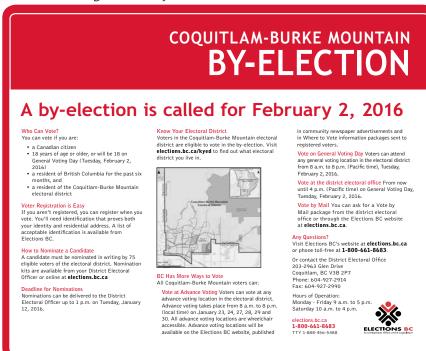






Vietnamese (digital)

Print advertising - Statutory advertisement #1

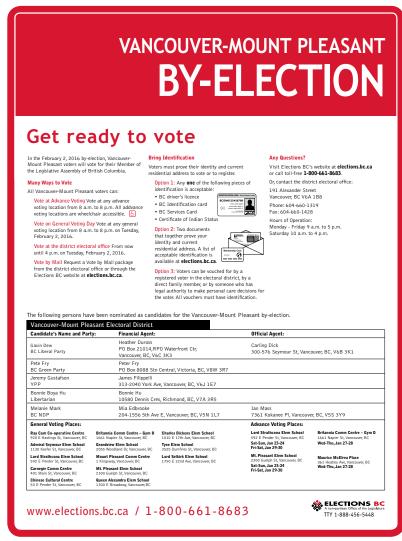


English



Traditional Chinese

Statutory advertisement #2

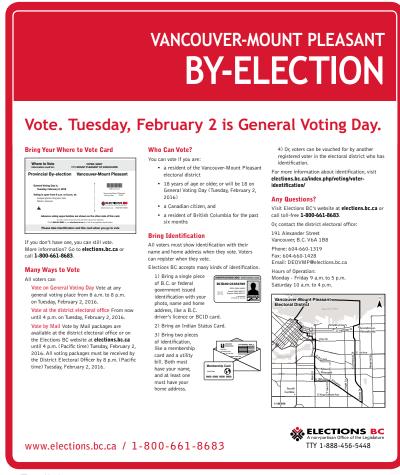




Traditional Chinese

English

Non-statutory advertisement





Traditional Chinese

English

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