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The Honourable Bill Barisoff  
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Honourable Speaker:

I have the pleasure to submit Elections BC's Annual Report for the 2010/11 fiscal year. This document reports on the activities Elections BC has undertaken between April 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011 in support of Elections BC's 2010/11 – 2012/13 Service Plan. This report is filed in accordance with section 13 (1) (a) of the *Election Act*.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CJ' with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Craig James  
Acting Chief Electoral Officer  
British Columbia



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## Message from the Acting Chief Electoral Officer

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This annual report compares the results of Elections BC's activities during the 2010/11 fiscal year to the 2010/11 – 2012/13 Service Plan.

This period in the electoral business cycle is typically dedicated to review and service delivery improvements; however, the 2010/11 fiscal year has instead been focused on preparing for and delivering a variety of different electoral events.

During the 12-month period covered by this report, Elections BC administered and conducted verification of the first successful initiative petition in British Columbia's history. As a result of the HST initiative petition, preparations began for the province's first initiative vote; in March 2011, it was announced that this would be replaced with a mail-based referendum to be conducted between June and August 2011. To support event preparations, the staff conducted a province-wide recruitment campaign and hired 85 District Electoral Officers and 91 Deputy District Electoral Officers, holding introductory training for these local managers in Victoria in March 2011.

Elections BC received applications and registered canvassers for four recall petitions in 2010/11: Oak Bay-Gordon Head, Comox Valley, Kamloops-North Thompson and Maple Ridge-Mission. The Oak Bay-Gordon Head and Comox Valley petitions were submitted with insufficient signatures and did not require verification; submission deadlines for the other two petitions occurred in the next fiscal year.

While much of 2010/11 was event-driven, the office also completed work on a variety of other priorities, including the maintenance of critical information systems and ongoing work on the quality of the voters list. The Electoral Information System (EIS) renovation project began, residential address synchronization between EIS and the Integrated Digital Electoral Atlas (INDEA) was completed and a project was begun to replace INDEA with a new Electoral Geography System which is intended to establish Elections BC as a leader in electoral management while pruning costs. In support of inter-jurisdictional collaboration and learning, in July 2010, Elections BC hosted the annual Conference of Canadian Election Officials, in which Chief Electoral Officers and their senior staff met in Victoria to discuss common issues and shared projects in Canadian electoral administration.

Over the past year, Elections BC's established planning culture has enabled the office to deliver multiple events efficiently, effectively and economically, while maintaining readiness for future events in a climate of considerable uncertainty. I am especially honoured to have presided over Elections BC during this demanding time.

Craig James  
Acting Chief Electoral Officer

## The organization

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Elections BC is an independent, non-partisan Office of the Legislature responsible for conducting provincial general elections, by-elections and referenda, and administering the recall and initiative processes as detailed in provincial legislation.

### **Vision**

To be leaders in electoral administration.

### **Mission**

To serve democracy in British Columbia through the fair and impartial administration of the provincial electoral process.

### **Mandate**

To administer the provincial electoral process in British Columbia in accordance with the *Election Act*, *Recall and Initiative Act*, *Referendum Act* and *Constitutional Amendment Approval Act*.

### **Elections BC's corporate values are:**

- Accountability
- Impartiality
- Independence
- Integrity
- Transparency

By staying true to these corporate values, Elections BC will earn and maintain the trust of its clients and stakeholders.

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## **CORE PROGRAM AREAS**

For operational purposes, in 2010/11 Elections BC comprised five program areas.

### **Executive**

The Executive program area provides organizational leadership and is responsible for Orders and Regulations, partnerships, inter-jurisdictional liaison and collaboration and reporting to the Legislative Assembly.

### **Electoral Finance and Corporate Administration**

The Electoral Finance and Corporate Administration program area is responsible for legislation, compliance, enforcement and investigations, political party and constituency association registration, campaign finance reporting, advertising sponsor registration and financial disclosure as well as conducting compliance reviews of political parties, constituency associations, candidates, advertising sponsors, leadership contestants and recall and initiative participants.

The program area is also responsible for corporate administration, warehouse services and human resource services for Elections BC's core group of 44 public service employees and more than 37,000 temporary staff and election officials during major electoral events.

### **Corporate Planning and Event Management**

The Corporate Planning and Event Management program area is responsible for the effective and efficient planning and administration of provincial electoral events, including general elections, by-elections, referenda, recall and initiative petitions and initiative votes. This includes ensuring Elections BC is in a constant state of readiness for on-demand events, as well as leading the planning, preparation and administration of scheduled events.

Corporate Planning and Event Management manages Elections BC's District Electoral Officers, coordinates event support activities across other program areas and leads post-event reporting, evaluation and assessment.

Corporate Planning and Event Management is also responsible for the organization's strategic planning and development and maintenance of Elections BC's planning framework, risk management and performance measurement programs.

Additionally, the program area is responsible for communications and voter outreach, and public education programs regarding voter registration and the electoral process.

## **Voter Registration and Boundaries**

Voter Registration and Boundaries is responsible for voter registration, including enumeration, management and maintenance of the provincial register of voters, maintenance of electoral district and voting area boundaries as well as the production of high-quality electoral data, reports, and other information services.

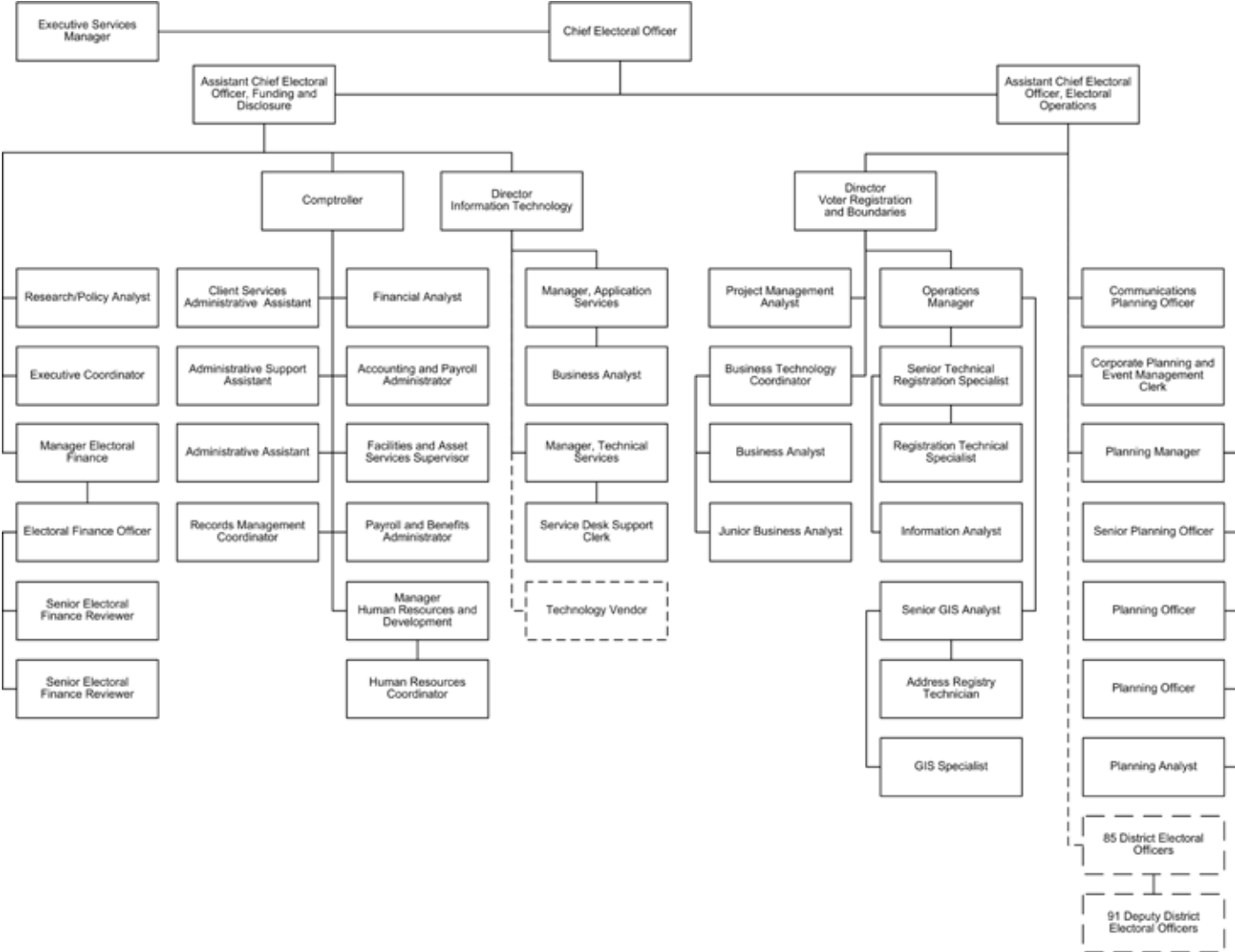
The Voter Registration and Boundaries program area is also responsible for providing a variety of products and reports necessary for the administration of electoral events including the provincial voters list, an address register, the Integrated Digital Electoral Atlas, electoral maps, street indexes and the Location Index, and reports regarding the quality of the voters list.

## **Information Technology**

The Information Technology (IT) program area provides information management systems, computer infrastructure and technical services for Elections BC. The program area leads IT planning, develops and implements IT policies, procedures and standards, implements corporate IT initiatives and performs systems operations, administration, security and maintenance.

## ORGANIZATION CHART

In 2010/11 Elections BC was structured as follows:





## Report on performance

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Elections BC's four corporate goals serve as the basis upon which organizational performance is measured.

The four goals are:

1. Ensure ongoing support and enhancement of the electoral process.
2. Ensure effective and efficient administration of electoral events.
3. Provide an inclusive and accessible electoral process.
4. Be a learning organization that develops and shares best practices.

These goals, which are strategically aligned with the organization's vision and mission, reflect the four key performance areas in which Elections BC must be successful to effectively deliver its mandate. In 2010/11, Elections BC established objectives and conducted projects and activities to achieve these goals for the organization concurrent with implementing lessons learned from the 2009/10 electoral events, as well as any on-demand events. Elections BC's ability to fully implement those strategies and lessons learned was limited by the operational requirements of delivering multiple on-demand events. Elections BC's performance in achieving these goals is assessed against performance measures established for each goal.

## GOAL 1: ENSURE ONGOING SUPPORT AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS

Maintaining organizational and systems readiness for scheduled or on-demand events requires cross-program coordination and integration throughout the business and financial cycle. Keeping the electoral and other information systems up to date, maintaining the policy and legislative framework, providing ongoing investments in voter registration and recruiting appropriately skilled staff are critical to the success of Elections BC.

### Objectives:

Elections BC's 2010/11 objectives were to:

- 1.1** Ensure the ongoing functioning of critical information systems.
- 1.2** Maintain a sound infrastructure that meets our organizational needs.
- 1.3** Ensure efficient and effective management of the voters list, address data and electoral geography.

### Projects:

During 2010/11, Elections BC commenced or continued the following projects and activities in support of these objectives:

- Electoral Information System (EIS) slow renovation (part 1)
- EIS-Integrated Digital Electoral Atlas (INDEA) address synchronization
- Implemented EIS releases
- Electoral Geography System (INDEA evolution)
- Financial Reports and Political Contributions (FRPC) system enhancement
- Adopted Digital Road Atlas 2 (DRA2) road network
- ICBC batch processing improvements
- Voters list non-residential address review
- CEO transition documentation

**Key performance measure for Goal 1** - Elections BC will maintain a high-quality voters list measured through coverage, currency and net currency<sup>1</sup>

Performance Measure	2010/11 Target	2010/11 Actual
Coverage	91%	93.5%
Currency	83%	85.5%
Net currency	76%	79.9%

Thanks in part to the outreach efforts of Elections BC staff to actively encourage compliance, 98.6% of electoral finance clients for the Oak Bay-Gordon Head Recall Petition, the 2010 BC Refed Party Leadership Contest, the HST Initiative Petition and registered political parties and constituency associations filed their financing reports as required by legislation.

**Key performance measure for Goal 1** - Elections BC will measure the compliance of electoral finance clients in meeting filing requirements

Performance Measure	2010/11 Target	2010/11 Actual
Filing compliance ratio	98%	98.6%

<sup>1</sup> Coverage is the percentage of voters on the list compared to the number of eligible voters in the province. Currency is the percentage of voters on the list at the right address. Net currency is the percentage of eligible voters on the list at the right address.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2010/11

### Digital Road Atlas 2

- Began the second phase of the project to align Election BC's geographic data, including electoral district and voting area boundaries, to the new standard for the digital road network throughout B.C. Staff ensured that existing addresses were correctly geocoded under the new road network. This phase of the project will continue into the next fiscal year.

### Electoral Geography System

- Began work to upgrade the current Geographic Information System (GIS) infrastructure to incorporate new technology and better align to industry and government standards. In this fiscal year a requirements analysis was performed and a solution was designed. Development and delivery of the system are scheduled to be completed in the next fiscal year.

### Electoral Information System

- Began a project to upgrade the programming language of Elections BC's Electoral Information System to ensure it can support the next two scheduled general elections. This project will continue into the next fiscal year.

### Event reporting

- Published the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the Initiative Petition: "An initiative to end the harmonized sales tax (HST)", February 4-August 23, 2010.

### Management and operational review

- Contracted with a former Auditor General to conduct a management and operational review of Elections BC. The review found that EBC "is a very progressive organization that has positioned B.C. well in terms of their overall responsibilities."

### Documenting electoral administration

- Developed a compilation of documents to support the transition to a new Chief Electoral Officer, with a focus on the mandate, services and operations of Elections BC.

### Legislative change

- Published a Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on Recommendations for Legislative Change, reflecting lessons learned activities following the 2009 events and consultation with the Election Advisory Committee.
- Provided support and recommendations to the Local Government Elections Task Force and the resulting multi-agency working group.

### Facilitating compliance

- Conducted investigations into a number of potential canvasser infractions and instances of suspected multiple signatures as a part of administering the HST initiative petition. In all instances, the infractions were found to be inadvertent or unintentional error and no further action was taken.
- Conducted compliance reviews of 141 financial reports filed by registered political parties and registered constituency associations.

## GOAL 2: ENSURE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTORAL EVENTS

Electoral events give British Columbians the opportunity to participate in the democracy of their province. As custodian of that right, Elections BC ensures the efficient and effective administration of electoral events through the implementation of redistributed electoral boundaries, the development of voters lists, organizational readiness and the provision of a wide range of opportunities for eligible voters to participate in events.

### Objectives:

Elections BC's 2010/11 objectives were to:

- 2.1** Ensure Elections BC maintains event readiness for scheduled and on-demand events.
- 2.2** Improve the voting process to better serve voters and realize efficiencies.
- 2.3** Improve the current model for election administration in the field.

### Projects:

During 2010/11, Elections BC commenced or continued the following projects and activities in support of these objectives:

- Develop event plan for by-elections
- Develop event plan for initiative petitions
- Develop event plan for recall petitions
- Begin to prepare 2013 cartographic products
- Update documents and forms for all electoral events
- Voting modernization
- Develop plans for a door-to-door enumeration pilot
- Redefine DEO function and office
- Re-engineer DEO compensation, recruitment and training model

While maintaining event readiness, Elections BC was able to meet or exceed 17 of its 19 quality and performance goals related to the seven events Elections BC prepared for and/or delivered during the 2010/11 fiscal year.

Key performance measure for Goal 2 - Elections BC will report on the percentage of quality and performance goals achieved for each event		
Performance Measure	2010/11 Target	2010/11 Actual
Event goal performance ratio	New measure	89.5%

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2010/11

### Initiative vote readiness

- Developed comprehensive initiative vote readiness plan.
- Conducted a province-wide recruitment campaign and hired 85 District Electoral Officers and 91 Deputy District Electoral Officers.
- Held comprehensive 3-day training session for these managers in March 2011.

### Recall readiness

- Updated recall event plan.
- Revised forms, guides and processes in preparation to administer recall petitions.
- Enhanced Recall and Initiative Verification System (RIVERS)

### By-election readiness

- Updated by-election event plan.
- Revised forms, guides and processes in preparation to administer a pending by-election in the Vancouver-Point Grey electoral district.

### Leadership contestant readiness

- Revised electoral finance forms, guides and processes in preparation for political party leadership contests.

### HST initiative petition

- Administered the first successful initiative petition according to the event plan.
- Registered 6,556 canvassers.
- Conducted verification of over 710,000 submitted signatures, resulting in 557,383 verified signatories.
- The initiative petition threshold was met in every electoral district.
- Total cost to administer the event was \$1,116,835.

### Recall petitions

- Issued four recall petitions.
- The petitions to recall the Honourable Ida Chong, Oak Bay-Gordon Head and the Honourable Don McRae, Comox Valley were fully administered during the fiscal year; neither petition was successful and verification was not conducted as neither petition was submitted with sufficient signatures.
- Total cost to administer these two petitions was \$129,963.
- The petitions to recall the Honourable Dr. Terry Lake and Marc H. J. Dalton were completed during the following fiscal year.

## GOAL 3: PROVIDE AN INCLUSIVE AND ACCESSIBLE ELECTORAL PROCESS

This goal recognizes the need for the province's electoral processes to be inclusive and accessible for all British Columbia's voters. Ensuring the organization makes information and services available that meet voters' needs is fundamental to the success of Elections BC and the province's democracy.

### Objectives:

Elections BC's 2010/11 objective was to:

- 3.1 Provide high-quality services to clients in a manner that is responsive to their needs.

### Projects:

During 2010/11, Elections BC commenced or continued the following projects and activities in support of these objectives:

- Online fillable recall and initiative forms

In 2010/11, Elections BC was unable to conduct its planned client survey due to significant operational and on-demand event-related requirements. However, despite not conducting a survey, Elections BC continued to provide client service and did receive verbal and written notices of appreciation from satisfied clients.

Key performance measure for Goal 3 - Elections BC will conduct an annual survey of selected client groups to evaluate client responses to specific programs or services.		
Performance Measure	2009/10 Target	2009/10 Actual
Percentage average annual satisfaction score	N/A	N/A

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2010/11

Support to clients before, during, and after events

- Provided information and expertise on electoral finance provisions related to political party leadership contests.
- Provided timely information and expertise on initiative petition and recall petition administration processes to event participants.

Helping voters with special needs

- Established a process to allow voters who were physically unable to sign a recall or initiative petition to participate in those events.
- Researched and reviewed voting technologies that could allow enhanced participation by disabled voters.

B.C. Social Studies Teachers Association Fall Conference

- Elections BC attended to promote Elections BC's Grade 5 and Grade 11 school resources for inclusion in their lesson plans.

B.C. Teachers' Institute on Parliamentary Democracy

- Senior staff made a presentation providing teachers with insight into the role of Elections BC with respect to administering the *Recall and Initiative Act*, as well as key aspects of accessible voter registration and the election candidate nomination process.

*" We felt working with you and in turn Elections BC was a great experience and will forever have nothing but good things to say."*

*Authorized Participant  
Recall Campaign*

*"Thank you so very much for your assistance in helping us register our [organization]. I was most impressed with your professionalism and knowledge."*

*Financial Agent*

## GOAL 4: BE A LEARNING ORGANIZATION THAT DEVELOPS AND SHARES BEST PRACTICES

Elections BC is a highly focused and dynamic organization that is ready to respond to scheduled and on-demand electoral events. The organization is committed to the development and implementation of sound business and human resource policies and procedures that encourage best practices, partnerships with external clients and support for the organization's staff.

### Objectives:

Elections BC's 2010/11 objective was to:

- 4.1** Participate in, encourage and support partnerships and inter-jurisdictional cooperation.

### Projects:

During 2010/11, Elections BC commenced or continued the following projects and activities in support of these objectives:

- 2010 Conference of Canadian Election Officials
- Inter-jurisdictional event observation

Although learning and investment in training and development continued to be important at Elections BC, we were unable to achieve the educational and partnership goals targeted for 2010/11 due to significant on-demand event and operational requirements.

<b>Key performance measure for Goal 4</b> - Elections BC will encourage staff participation in a variety of education activities		
<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>2010/11 Target</b>	<b>2010/11 Actual</b>
Percentage calculated learning index <sup>2</sup> score for Elections BC's permanent staff	80%	71.3%

<sup>2</sup> The learning index is an aggregate measure of Elections BC staff participation in workshops, conferences, the CCEO Electoral Technology Committee, partnership agreements, inter-jurisdictional sharing and employee training.

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2010/11

### Inter-jurisdictional cooperation

- Drafted memorandums of understanding with CivicInfo BC and the Local Government Management Association (LGMA) for the provision of data to support Elections BC's proposed role in local government elections. Elections BC made presentations at LGMA workshops on Elections BC's proposed role. Legislation implementing this role was postponed in the 2011/12 fiscal year until after the 2011 local government elections.
- Hosted the 2010 Conference of Canadian Election Officials in Victoria.
- Staff attended Elections Canada's National Register of Electors Workshop. This workshop was used to facilitate sharing of information on data sources and best practices related to voters list maintenance.
- Met with staff from Elections Ontario to review and provide feedback on their enhanced voting model.

### Learning culture

- Evaluated new technologies, processes and procedures as observers to the September 2010 New Brunswick Provincial General Election.

### Professional development

- Staff attended courses, workshops and conferences on topics such as: project management, financial accounting, writing and communications skills, career development, privacy and security, and various computer software.
- The Assistant Chief Electoral Officer (Funding and Disclosure) served as Vice-Chair for the Professional Development Review Committee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of B.C.
- The Assistant Chief Electoral Officer (Funding and Disclosure) was the 2010 President of the international Council on Governmental Ethics Laws (COGEL) and made several presentations on electoral finance at their annual conferences.

## Financial report

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The Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services has responsibility for considering and making recommendations on the budgets of Elections BC.

During the budget development process every fall, the Committee meets with each of the Officers of the Legislature to review their upcoming budget requirements and service plans. The Acting Chief Electoral Officer, Assistant Chief Electoral Officer (Funding and Disclosure), Assistant Chief Electoral Officer (Electoral Operations) and Director of Information Technology met with the Committee on November 23, 2010. Elections BC provided the Committee with a comprehensive review of Election BC's financial results for the previous fiscal year and a budget proposal for fiscal years 2011/12 to 2013/14. The proposal detailed the budget requirements for ongoing operations, event preparations for the 2013 General Election and the province-wide door-to-door enumeration required by the *Election Act*, and the conduct of the 2011 Initiative Vote. (It should be noted that the initiative vote has since been cancelled and replaced by the HST Referendum conducted during the summer of 2011.) The budget proposal was supplemented by a Leasehold Accommodation Proposal which provided detailed information about a recommended office move for Elections BC.

In its report of December 8, 2010, the Committee recommended that Elections BC's ongoing (non-event) operating budget for fiscal year 2011/12 be \$8,134,000 and that for financial planning purposes, the ongoing budget for fiscal years 2012/13 and 2013/14 also be set at \$8,134,000.

The Committee also approved the Leasehold Accommodation Proposal and during the remainder of fiscal 2010/11 Elections BC prepared for an office move.

The 2010/11 operating budget and results shown on the next page include the operating costs incurred to administer the HST Initiative Petition and several recall petitions during fiscal 2010/11.



## Operating budget

	<b>2010/11 Budget</b>	<b>2010/11 Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Funding</b>			
Estimates	7,740,000	7,740,000	-
Other authorizations (Note 1)	2,917,970	2,917,970	-
<b>Total Funding</b>	<u>10,657,970</u>	<u>10,657,970</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Expenses</b> (Note 2)			
Salaries of permanent and temporary employees	3,172,000	3,973,528	(801,528)
Employee benefits	807,000	1,102,664	(295,664)
	<u>3,979,000</u>	<u>5,076,192</u>	<u>(1,097,192)</u>
Travel	87,000	100,751	(13,751)
Professional services	231,000	725,459	(494,459)
Information systems	1,873,000	2,153,804	(280,804)
Office and business expenses	263,000	1,157,666	(894,666)
Advertising and publications	36,000	134,375	(98,375)
Utilities, supplies, operating equipment	11,000	8,700	2,300
Amortization	578,000	658,060	(80,060)
Building occupancy - Short-term Non-ARES	678,000	589,955	88,045
Other expenses (Note 3)	2,921,970	15,653	2,906,317
<b>Total Expenses</b> (Note 4)	<u>10,657,970</u>	<u>10,620,615</u>	<u>37,355</u>
<b>Funding Returned</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,355</u>	

Note 1 - Other authorizations represents Election BC's share of the contingency vote related to the HST Initiative Petition, preparation for the HST Initiative Vote and recall petitions.

Note 2 - The budget is the Estimates budget based upon anticipated activities at the beginning of the year and does not include reallocations of budget made during the fiscal year, hence actual expenses differ from the budget.

Note 3 - The 'other expenses' budget includes \$2,917,970 for the HST Initiative Petition preparation, HST Initiative Vote and recall petitions.

Note 4 - The ongoing (non-event) operating budget for 2010/11 was \$7,740,000.



# Appendices

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Appendix A: Political party registrations and deregistrations

Appendix B: Constituency association registrations and deregistrations

Appendix C: Orders of the Chief Electoral Officer

## Appendix A - Political party registrations and deregistrations

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As of March 31, 2011, there were 24 political parties registered in B.C.

The following political party registrations and deregistrations occurred between April 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011.

### **Political party registrations**

- BC First Party
- BC Heritage Party

### **Voluntary political party deregistrations**

- Western Party, The

## Appendix B - Constituency association registrations and deregistrations

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As of March 31, 2011, there were 119 constituency associations registered in B.C.

The following constituency association registrations occurred between April 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011.

### **Constituency association registrations**

#### British Columbia Conservative Party:

- Abbotsford-Mission Constituency Association British Columbia Conservative Party
- Abbotsford South Constituency Association British Columbia Conservative Party
- Abbotsford West Constituency Association British Columbia Conservative Party
- Alberni-Pacific Rim Constituency Association British Columbia Conservative Party
- Boundary-Similkameen Constituency Association British Columbia Conservative Party
- Comox Valley Constituency Association British Columbia Conservative Party
- Cowichan Valley Constituency Association British Columbia Conservative Party
- Esquimalt-Royal Roads Constituency Association British Columbia Conservative Party
- Juan de Fuca Constituency Association British Columbia Conservative Party
- Nanaimo Constituency Association British Columbia Conservative Party
- Nanaimo-North Cowichan Constituency Association British Columbia Conservative Party
- Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Constituency Association British Columbia Conservative Party
- New Westminster Constituency Association British Columbia Conservative Party
- North Island Constituency Association British Columbia Conservative Party
- North Vancouver-Seymour Constituency Association British Columbia Conservative Party
- Oak Bay-Gordon Head Constituency Association British Columbia Conservative Party
- Parksville-Qualicum Constituency Association British Columbia Conservative Party
- Port Coquitlam Constituency Association British Columbia Conservative Party
- Saanich North and the Islands Constituency Association British Columbia Conservative Party
- Saanich South Constituency Association British Columbia Conservative Party
- Surrey-Cloverdale Constituency Association British Columbia Conservative Party
- Surrey-Green Timbers Constituency Association British Columbia Conservative Party
- Surrey-White Rock Constituency Association British Columbia Conservative Party
- Vernon-Monashee Constituency Association British Columbia Conservative Party

British Social Credit Party:

- Abbotsford West Constituency Association British Columbia Social Credit Party

Independent:

- Delta South Constituency Association Independent MLA Vicki Huntington

**Constituency association deregistrations**

No constituency associations deregistered during the 2010/11 fiscal year.

## Appendix C: Orders of the Chief Electoral Officer

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Section 280 of the *Election Act* establishes the authority of the Chief Electoral Officer to make specific or general Orders under certain circumstances. Between April 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011, six Orders were made by the Chief Electoral Officer. The Orders are summarized below:

**ORD001-2010****July 16, 2010**

The financial agent for a candidate in Vancouver-Fraserview was requested to submit a supplementary financing report for the 2009 General Election. It was subsequently discovered that the financial records had been seized by the RCMP. The filing deadline was extended to 30 days after the financial records are received by the financial agent from the RCMP.

**ORD002-2010****July 26, 2010**

The Advocational International Democratic Party of British Columbia was granted an extension to August 13, 2010, to file a supplementary 2009 annual financial report.

**ORD003-2010****September 7, 2010**

The proponent for the initiative petition “An initiative to end the harmonized sales tax (HST)” was granted an extension to September 13, 2010, to file a supplementary initiative petition financing report.

**ORD004-2010****September 28, 2010**

The financial agent for a candidate in Vancouver-Fraserview was granted an extension to the filing deadline for submitting a supplementary election financing report to 30 days after the financial agent receives disclosure from the RCMP or the Special Prosecutor of additional financial transactions that are apparently election-related.

**ORD005-2010****December 2, 2010**

The financial agent for a candidate in Vancouver-Fraserview was granted a further extension to the filing deadline for submitting a supplementary election financing report to 30 days after December 2, 2010.

**ORD001-2011****March 31, 2011**

The Westside-Kelowna Constituency Association BC NDP was granted an extension to April 29, 2011, to file its 2010 annual financial report.

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