

Political Party Newsletter



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Elections BC Event Readiness Update

With 2024 upon us, Elections BC headquarters and field staff are busy preparing for the upcoming enumeration and provincial general election. Recently, Elections BC completed comprehensive simulations of voting and counting processes to confirm that our systems are working as expected. Over the spring, District Electoral Officers will complete their electoral district plans including office and voting place selection and planning outreach activities for the enumeration.

Our warehouse is quickly filling up with the supplies needed to run the election including voting and counting equipment and printed products.

A major focus for February is our public awareness campaign emphasizing the recent electoral district redistribution changes.

My District App

Elections BC's My District app is now available. This application allows users to find their electoral district for the next election based on their address. They can also view

and compare the 2024 and 2020 electoral district boundaries. It is available at elections.bc.ca/mydistrict.

Redistribution Mailout

On February 19th, Elections BC will launch a public education campaign about the new electoral districts that will be used in the upcoming provincial general election. The key messages of this campaign are:

- 2024 is an election year for B.C.
- There will be new electoral districts for this election.
- Knowing your electoral district can make voting easier.
- Voters can find information about their electoral district at elections.bc.ca/mydistrict

As part of the campaign Elections BC will mail a brochure to every residential address in B.C. The brochure will include a map of electoral districts in that region and will be accompanied by a province-wide advertising campaign.

Voters List Release

A Voters List and Street Index based on the 93 electoral districts which will be in effect for the next provincial general election will be available to political parties on **February 21st**. Instructions for submitting requests for lists will be detailed in a bulletin sent to registered political parties at that time.

Electoral Finance: Important Dates and Training Opportunities

Annual Financial Report Deadline: April 2, 2024

- All registered political parties must file an annual financial report for the 2023 calendar year by **April 2, 2024**.
- An online training video is available to assist with understanding the reporting requirements: <https://youtu.be/znhqFgxhDXw>
- A live virtual information session is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 13th** from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Please **RSVP** to electoral.finance@elections.bc.ca for a meeting link.

2024 Contribution Limits

- The contribution limit has been updated to account for changes to the Consumer Price Index. The updated amount is **\$1,450.82**.
- This is the **maximum amount** that eligible individuals may contribute to a political party in 2024, including any candidates or nomination contestants endorsed by the party.

- More information: [Making a Political Contribution | Elections BC](#)

2024 Expense Limits (estimated)

- To help campaigns plan their spending for the election, Elections BC has estimated the election expenses limits using the current CPI and number of voters on the Provincial Voters List. The estimated amounts are:
 - For candidates: **\$69,807.30**
 - For political parties: **\$5,062,020.79**
- These limits apply to expenses used during the campaign period (September 21 to October 19, 2024).
- These are **estimates only** and will be updated based on changes to CPI and the number of voters. The final election expense limits will be calculated at the start of the campaign period. Any changes to the expense limit amount will be communicated to all parties and financial agents by Elections BC's Electoral Finance Department.

Candidate Nominations

- Elections BC is accepting nomination applications for the next Provincial General Election.
- Political parties can check candidate applications submitted via the Candidate Nomination Application System (CNAS) by submitting a Request for Party Access form: [Request for Party Access \(elections.bc.ca\)](#)
- Watch for an invitation soon to learn more about CNAS and the candidate nomination process.
- More information: [Candidate Nominations | Elections BC](#)

Expression of Interest: Spring Political Party Information Session

Depending on the level of interest, Elections BC is considering hosting a Political Party Information Session in spring 2024. The session would include updates on Elections BC's event readiness activities, misinformation and disinformation prevention, mitigation, and response, and the implementation of a political party advisory opinion policy for the election period.

Please email executive.services@elections.bc.ca to indicate your interest in attending this session. We would appreciate your input regarding format (in-person, hybrid, virtual) and the relevant topics you would like brought forward.

If you have any questions or have suggestions for how we can share information with political participants, please email correspondence@elections.bc.ca.