

Congratulations on becoming a Canadian citizen!

As the Chief Electoral Officers of Canada and British Columbia, we encourage you to celebrate this event with pride. We salute all the efforts you invested in reaching this major milestone, which will allow you to benefit from the rights and responsibilities given to all Canadian citizens.

One of the key rights and privileges that comes with citizenship is the right to vote in different elections. This right is protected by the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* because it is so critical to our social, civic and democratic health.

Voting allows you to voice your opinion on who you would like to represent you in the Parliament of Canada, in your provincial legislature and your municipal councils. As a Canadian citizen, you are also able to run as a candidate for these important positions. You can also work at an election.

We warmly invite you to take part in the democratic life of your community and to exercise your right to vote every time you have the opportunity. Every vote counts! Your first step is to register to vote, which you can do now. You can register by contacting Elections Canada to vote in a federal election and Elections BC to vote in a provincial election. Once you are registered to vote and on the voters list, you will receive a voter information card in the mail when an election is called, which will tell you when and where you can vote.

Please allow us to once again congratulate you on becoming a citizen of Canada and wish you all the best for your future. We sincerely hope that this society, in which your voice counts and democratic values are cherished, will serve as an inspiration to you while encouraging you to exercise your citizenship to the fullest.

Yours sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Stéphane Perreault, consisting of a large, stylized 'S' followed by a wavy line.

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A black ink signature of Anton Boegman, featuring a stylized 'A' and 'B'.

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