



ELECTIONS BC
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Report of the Chief Electoral Officer

By-Election

Abbotsford Electoral District

May 3, 1995

Statement of Votes

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Honourable Speaker:

I have the honour to submit the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer concerning the May 3, 1995, by-election in the Abbotsford Electoral District.

This Report is prepared pursuant to Section 5 (9) of the *Election Act* (1979).

Respectfully submitted,



Robert A. Patterson
Chief Electoral Officer and
Registrar General of Voters

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Summary of By-Election

Vacancy

The November 1, 1994, resignation of Harry De Jong, the Member for the Abbotsford Electoral District, created a vacancy in the membership of the Legislative Assembly.

Voter Registration

In preparation for the conduct of the by-election a number of voter registration initiatives were undertaken. Voter registration booths were set up at eight locations with high pedestrian traffic for two weekends in January. 1,039 new voters were registered and 806 registered voters submitted changes of address. Targeted enumerations were conducted in selected subdivisions. New registrations or updates to the voters list were taken at just 11.1% of all residences visited and enumerators made no contact with residents on 39.7% of their calls.

Also during this period a province-wide voter registration/information campaign was conducted by way of direct mail to all British Columbia households. For Abbotsford, prior to the by-election registration cut-off, a further 1,991 registrations and updates to the voters list were received. Through these initiatives we were also able to confirm for 6,068 voters that their registration was current.

Staff in the office of the Registrar of Voters conducted a telephone canvass of residents in the Cultus Lake and Columbia Valley areas. Out of 1,936 households called, contact was made with 1,240 resulting in 1,035 confirmations of registration, 253 updates of registration, and 221 requests for registration forms. 101 households advised us that they did not wish to participate.

Summary of Voter Registration Activity

	<u>Abbotsford</u>
Voters Registered as of April 5, 1995 (Writ Day)	27,509
Voters Registering April 5-15, 1995 (Days 1-11)*	1,35
Voters Registering at Voting Places	1,015
Voters Registered as of May 3, 1995 (Election Day)	29,877

* Closing Day was advanced one day due to Good Friday falling on April 14, 1995.

The Electoral Event

On April 5, 1995, pursuant to Order in Council 386, a Writ of Election was issued by the Chief Electoral Officer to Stan Forbes, the Returning Officer for the Abbotsford Electoral District. The Writ ordered that an election be held on May 3, 1995.

Friday, April 21, 1995, was designated as the day for the nomination of candidates; early voting in the office of the Returning Officer commenced on Saturday, April 22, 1995; and four consecutive days of advance voting began on Wednesday, April 26, 1995.

13,166 voters voted in by-election. Voter turnout was 44.07%.

Official Results

The official results for the by-election were announced by the Returning Officer on Monday, May 8, 1995. John van Dongen, endorsed by the Liberal Party of British Columbia, was declared duly elected as the Member to represent the Abbotsford Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

Upon return of the Writ of Election and the Certificate of Election from the Returning Officer on May 19, 1995, the Chief Electoral Officer confirmed to the Deputy Attorney General the election of Mr. van Dongen.

<u>Political Affiliations (as printed on the ballot papers)</u>	<u>Abbreviations</u>
NDP/New Democrat	NDP
B.C. Liberal Party	LIB
Alliance *	PDA
B.C. Conservative Party	PC
B.C. Social Credit	SC
Family Coalition Party of B.C.	FCP
Green Party	GP
Reform Party of British Columbia	RP

* Progressive Democratic Alliance

Poll by Poll Results - Abbotsford

Polling Division	Keith NDP	van Dongen LIB	Goodfellow PDA	Skilnick PC	Mellalieu SC	Toth FCP	Horn GP	Kilpatrick RP	Valid Votes	Rejected Votes	Registered Voters
Early Voting	4	17	0	0	1	0	1	15	38	0	
Advance Poll											
Returning Office	56	202	15	4	2	15	0	201	495	2	
Yarrow	9	22	2	0	0	0	1	27	61	1	
1	9	129	5	0	0	0	0	43	186	0	323
2	8	105	4	1	0	0	1	28	147	4	341
3	8	68	1	0	5	2	1	51	136	0	258
4	19	99	6	3	4	5	2	136	274	1	582
5	2	19	1	0	0	0	0	22	44	0	113
6	14	50	4	2	0	6	0	87	163	1	443
7	15	60	4	3	2	2	2	67	155	1	418
8	7	42	3	0	0	2	0	66	120	0	320
9	6	64	1	2	4	0	0	59	136	1	315
10	6	74	1	0	0	3	0	47	131	1	315
11	8	77	6	2	1	1	0	64	159	1	368
12	11	72	3	1	4	2	1	44	138	0	339
13	3	53	3	2	0	4	1	46	112	0	294
14	9	42	11	1	0	0	0	65	128	0	275
15	11	38	3	2	1	3	0	58	116	0	305
16	14	44	1	7	1	2	1	48	118	2	360
17	4	89	2	2	1	3	1	95	197	2	361
18	25	117	5	4	6	2	1	183	343	2	572
19	5	98	2	2	1	1	0	75	184	8	293
20	7	75	1	3	2	6	1	79	174	6	328
21	11	95	10	3	5	1	1	48	174	0	372
22	19	33	6	0	4	2	1	46	111	1	313
23	9	61	8	1	2	0	0	41	122	2	381
24	17	39	2	2	0	3	0	45	108	0	298
25	8	15	3	0	0	0	2	10	38	1	99
26	11	28	2	0	1	2	0	43	87	1	289
27	19	93	4	3	2	2	2	55	180	0	331
28	4	42	3	1	2	4	1	44	101	1	321
29	9	48	3	1	0	4	2	43	110	1	387
30	10	94	7	1	3	2	0	62	179	3	416
31	13	48	3	1	1	0	0	55	121	1	326
32	10	48	2	1	0	2	0	54	117	0	265
33	19	63	3	2	2	3	0	101	193	2	328
34	18	56	0	2	0	0	0	89	165	1	367
35	10	47	5	1	0	1	1	62	127	1	300
36	13	68	9	6	0	2	0	53	151	1	347
37	7	67	6	1	1	3	2	58	145	3	414
38	9	38	0	1	3	0	0	32	83	1	296
39	26	52	6	1	2	0	0	35	122	2	394
40	17	64	10	3	5	1	1	36	137	2	389
41	10	28	2	3	3	0	2	30	78	0	226
42	15	49	1	3	0	4	0	37	109	1	295
43	10	61	3	2	1	4	0	44	125	1	349
44	13	51	8	4	1	1	0	40	118	0	342
45	8	57	7	1	1	1	0	43	118	0	339
46	17	70	2	4	0	3	2	71	169	1	437
47	8	32	2	3	1	1	1	22	70	0	361
48	11	64	3	2	0	1	0	61	142	1	322
49	15	37	5	5	3	1	4	33	103	1	339
50	20	53	3	3	4	1	2	36	122	2	312
51	9	44	7	1	2	2	0	48	113	1	323
52	16	39	5	1	0	1	0	50	112	0	330
53	15	52	7	1	0	0	0	45	120	1	261
54	14	44	5	0	1	0	0	39	103	0	306
55	19	55	6	2	0	4	2	83	171	4	395
56	17	79	9	2	1	0	2	45	155	2	334
57	11	60	5	0	2	9	0	48	135	1	307
58	12	84	9	1	0	3	1	63	173	0	360
59	9	30	2	3	0	4	1	39	88	0	308
60	10	54	5	2	2	7	0	34	114	0	388
61	15	46	5	0	3	4	0	25	98	2	386

Poll by Poll Results - Abbotsford (cont'd).

Polling Division	Keith NDP	van Dongen LIB	Goodfellow PDA	Skilnick PC	Mellalieu SC	Toth FCP	Horn GP	Kilpatrick RP	Valid Votes	Rejected Votes	Registered Voters
62	20	55	8	3	2	3	1	48	140	1	372
63	7	48	3	0	1	1	1	37	98	1	314
64	18	43	1	1	1	0	3	39	106	2	302
65	24	94	8	4	0	4	0	96	230	4	409
66	6	84	1	0	2	0	1	54	148	0	277
67	10	52	7	2	2	2	0	69	144	1	335
68	9	48	4	2	2	2	0	63	130	1	238
69	9	64	3	1	10	3	2	68	160	0	376
70	6	67	1	3	1	1	0	79	158	2	387
71	2	103	0	1	0	2	0	55	163	0	280
72	15	97	8	13	4	9	1	107	254	0	588
73	11	57	7	1	3	2	1	95	177	1	428
74	0	62	1	3	5	2	0	36	109	1	258
75	6	71	2	1	3	0	0	61	144	2	279
76	0	113	4	3	1	2	6	60	189	2	367
77	10	27	6	2	0	2	0	30	77	1	141
78	22	47	4	1	5	4	1	57	141	1	375
79	11	38	5	2	4	2	1	66	129	0	326
80	5	33	1	0	0	1	0	51	91	0	282
81	15	22	1	0	8	3	1	58	108	1	312
82	7	34	0	0	0	0	2	48	91	1	368
83	31	58	8	1	1	1	2	47	149	2	365
84	14	22	3	2	0	1	0	20	62	0	329
85	13	54	2	3	0	0	0	47	119	0	329
86	19	48	4	1	0	0	0	52	124	1	319
87	16	40	2	0	4	2	0	45	109	2	302
88	23	64	3	1	2	0	0	64	157	1	342
89	20	44	9	0	0	3	2	31	109	1	301
Totals	1,142	5,433	383	166	154	194	69	5,137	12,678	104	29,877
Section 80.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Absentee Section 115	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Absentee Section 117	28	151	8	4	7	5	6	147	356	7	
Absentee Section 118	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Absentee Section 118.1	0	4	0	1	0	2	0	13	20	1	
Grand Totals	1,170	5,588	391	171	161	201	75	5,297	13,054	112	29,877
Percentages of Valid Votes	8.96%	42.81%	3.00%	1.31%	1.23%	1.54%	0.57%	40.58%	100.00%		

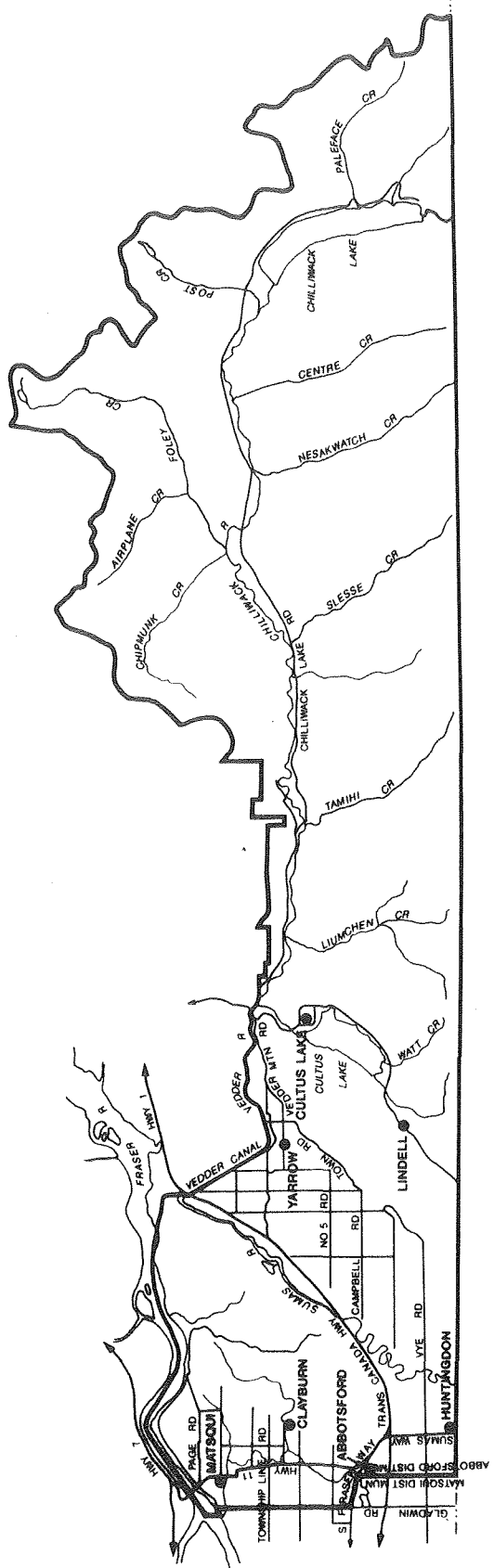
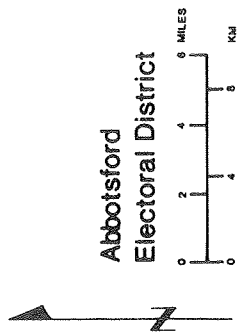
REGISTERED VOTERS WHO VOTED: 13,166 (44.07% of Registered Voters)

SUMMARY

Ordinary Votes	97.12% of Total Valid Votes
Absentee Votes	2.88% of Total Valid Votes
Rejected Votes	0.85% of Total Votes Considered

Ballot Envelopes Unopened: 2

Candidate Elected: **John van Dongen [Liberal]**



**Expenditures - Candidates and Political Parties
Abbotsford Electoral District**

Candidates

Keith, Rollie	(NDP)	4,251.48
van Dongen, John	(LIB)	99,750.53
Goodfellow, Cathy	(PDA)	9,514.19
Skilnick, Kenneth D.	(PC)	14,741.56
Mellalieu, Chris R.	(SC)	NIL
Toth, Kathleen M.	(FCP)	4,788.07
Horn, Michael	(GP)	274.79
Kilpatrick, Bill	(RP)	47,503.50
Total Election Expenses of Candidates		\$ 180,824.12

Political Parties

The B.C. New Democratic Party	(NDP)	28,052.32
Liberal Party of British Columbia	(LIB)	69,901.60
Progressive Democratic Alliance	(PDA)	1,365.90
Progressive Conservative Party of B.C.	(PC)	NIL
British Columbia Social Credit Party	(SC)	19,656.94
The Family Coalition Party of B.C.	(FCP)	4,654.88
Green Party Party of B.C.	(GN)	NIL
Reform Party of B.C.	(RP)	NIL
Total Election Expenses of Political Parties		\$ 123,631.64

Expenditures - Election Administration Abbotsford Electoral District

Returning Officer

Fees, Travel and Training	8,929
Office Rental and Utilities	5,000
Office Expenses	2,351
Printing	909
Office Staff Salaries	5,898
Advertising	825
Telephone	<u>2,702</u>
Total \$	26,614

Election Clerk

Fees and Travel	Total \$ 6,689
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Voting

Early and Advance Voting Officials	2,735
Regular Voting Officials	33,295
Training	5,260
Voting Place Rentals	<u>4,420</u>
Total \$	45,710

Registrar of Voters and Regional Coordinator

Registration/Collection Centre Rentals	1,100
Registration Clerks' Fees and Expenses	13,564
Registration Assistants' Salaries	38,657
Regular Employees' Overtime	9,311
Travel	276
Voters List Printing	<u>2,103</u>
Total \$	65,011

Chief Electoral Office

Advertising	81,171
Travel	1,385
Printing	2,630
Postage and Courier	12,739
Data Processing	16,500
Office Expenses	476
Temporary Staff Salaries	<u>2,760</u>
Total \$	117,661

Grand Total	\$ 261,685
Cost per Registered Voter	\$ 8.76

Standings of Political Parties in the Legislative Assembly*

The B.C. New Democratic Party	50
Liberal Party of British Columbia	15
Reform Party of B.C.	4
British Columbia Social Credit Party	1
Progressive Democratic Alliance	2
Independent	3
Total Seats	<hr/> 75

* as of July 20, 1995

