

Keith Archer became British Columbia's Chief Electoral Officer on September 1, 2011. He brought over thirty years of experience in electoral administration research and education to the position of Chief Electoral Officer.

Prior to his appointment, Keith Archer was Professor of Political Science at the University of Calgary (1984) and Director of Research at the Banff Centre. He completed BA and MA degrees in Political Science at the University of Windsor, and a Ph.D. at Duke University. His teaching and research has focused on the study of elections and voting. He is the author, co-author or co-editor of seven books and over thirty articles and chapters in the area.

Keith Archer's experience and expertise has contributed to a number of projects including the Administration and Cost of Elections project (a collaborative initiative of the United Nations, the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) and the International Foundation for Election Systems, among others), the Royal Commission on Electoral Reform and Party Financing in Canada (The Lortie Commission), Bill C-16 (Expanded Voting Opportunities) and he has provided expert opinion involving the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms on the section 3 "right to vote."