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Honourable Speaker:

I have the honour to present the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the Recall Petitions administered between November 15, 2010 and April 30, 2011.

This report describes the proceedings, the results and the costs of the recall petitions for:

the Honourable Ida Chong, the Member of the Legislative Assembly representing the electoral district of Oak Bay-Gordon Head;

the Honourable Don McRae, the Member of the Legislative Assembly representing the electoral district of Comox Valley;

the Honourable Dr. Terry Lake, the Member of the Legislative Assembly representing the electoral district of Kamloops-North Thompson; and

Marc Dalton, the Member of the Legislative Assembly representing the electoral district of Maple Ridge-Mission.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CJ', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Craig James
Acting Chief Electoral Officer
British Columbia



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Overview

Summary

This report describes the proceedings, the results and the costs of the four recall petitions administered by the Chief Electoral Officer¹ during the period of November 15, 2010 through April 30, 2011.

Table 1: Recall petitions, November 15, 2010 – April 30, 2011

Proponent	Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA)	Electoral district
Michael Roy Hayes	The Honourable Ida Chong	Oak Bay-Gordon Head
Kathryn Jean Elizabeth Askew	The Honourable Don McRae	Comox Valley
Chad Byron Moats	The Honourable Dr. Terry Lake	Kamloops-North Thompson
Wilfred Murdock McIntyre	Marc H.J. Dalton	Maple Ridge-Mission

On February 4, 2011, the petition to recall the Honourable Ida Chong was submitted with insufficient signatures to proceed to the verification process, meaning it was not signed by more than 40% of the eligible registered voters in Oak Bay-Gordon Head, and was therefore determined to have failed.

On March 22, 2011, the petition to recall the Honourable Don McRae was also submitted with insufficient signatures to proceed to the verification process. The recall petition was not signed by more than 40% of the eligible registered voters in Comox Valley and was therefore determined to have failed.

The petition to recall the Honourable Dr. Terry Lake was not submitted by the deadline and was therefore determined to have failed.

On April 6, 2011, the proponent of the petition to recall Marc H. J. Dalton withdrew his recall application and the petition was cancelled.

Elections BC incurred total costs of \$163,475 to administer the four recall petitions.

Table 2: Elections BC costs to administer recall petitions

Electoral district	Elections BC recall administration costs
Oak Bay-Gordon Head	\$109,461 ²
Comox Valley	\$20,503
Kamloops-North Thompson	\$25,525
Maple Ridge-Mission	\$7,986

¹ An Acting Chief Electoral Officer held office during the four recall petitions. For clarity, all references in this report will be to the title of Chief Electoral Officer.

² General expenses related to recall readiness activities have been attributed solely to the Oak Bay-Gordon Head recall petition as the first recall petition administered.

The recall process

Recall is a process governed by the *Recall and Initiative Act* that allows registered voters to petition for the removal of a Member of the Legislative Assembly between elections.

Any registered voter can apply to have a petition issued for the recall of their MLA (the elected Member representing their electoral district in the Legislative Assembly). A registered voter who wants to start a recall petition must obtain an application form from the Chief Electoral Officer. The completed application form must be submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer with a non-refundable processing fee of \$50 and include a statement of why, in the opinion of the applicant, the Member should be recalled. The statement must be 200 words or less. Applications to recall a Member cannot be made during the first 18 months after their election.

If the application is complete and meets the requirements of the *Recall and Initiative Act*, a petition is issued to the applicant (called a “proponent”). The proponent then has 60 days to collect signatures from more than 40% of the voters who were registered to vote in the Member’s electoral district in the last election, and who are currently registered as voters in B.C. The proponent may be helped by volunteers when canvassing for signatures.

When all the signed petition sheets are submitted, the Chief Electoral Officer has 42 days to verify whether a sufficient number of eligible individuals have signed the petition. If enough valid signatures are on the petition, and the financing rules have been met by the proponent, the Member ceases to hold office and a by-election must be called within 90 days. A recalled Member can run as a candidate in the by-election.

Prior to the recall petition for the Honourable Ida Chong, the Chief Electoral Officer had approved 20 recall petitions since the *Recall and Initiative Act* came into force in 1995. Nineteen of the 20 petitions failed as they did not collect sufficient valid signatures. The verification of the other petition was halted because the MLA in question resigned.

The changing recall process

Prior to these recall petitions, the last petition application to be approved by the Chief Electoral Officer was in 2003. Since 2003 a number of changes to how Elections BC administers the recall process have taken place.

Recall application and petition issuance

Due to administrative similarities between recall and initiative petition processes, Elections BC was able to put into practice for these recall petitions many of the same administrative improvements that were first implemented for the 2010 Initiative Petition, “An initiative to end the harmonized sales tax (HST)”. This included the electronic issuance and distribution of the petition and related material, an improvement that yielded efficiency improvements and cost savings. The Chief Electoral Officer sent the recall petition sheets and cover sheets to the proponents by email and received confirmation of receipt similarly. Although each proponent was provided with some paper copies of products, most maps and the Location Index were provided as downloadable files on the Elections BC website. The website also contains other downloadable petition-related documents such as the petition application form. The proponents forwarded the relevant documents to their canvassers by email, allowing the canvassers to print the required documents as needed. Canvasser identification cards were sent electronically to the proponents by Elections BC, thereby reducing the delay between the registration of canvassers and when they could begin to canvass. These new processes were more efficient and economical to administer. As an exception to the electronic distribution method used by Elections BC, the recall voters list for the electoral district was provided to the proponents via courier and the disk on which it was provided was encrypted in order to appropriately protect the personal information of voters.

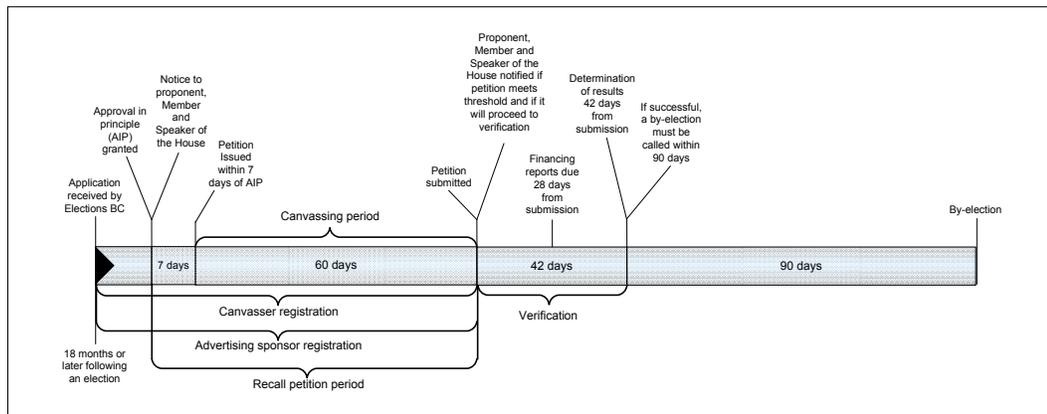
Based upon the continued success of this electronic method of issuing recall petitions and supporting material, Elections BC intends to utilize it for all future petitions except when the applicant is unable to make use of electronic documents.

Verification

Since 2003 there have also been changes to the petition verification process by which the Chief Electoral Officer determines whether the submitted petition meets the requirements of the *Recall and Initiative Act*. In 2004, amendments to the *Election Act* removed the requirement that each voter sign their voter registration application form. The purpose of this change was to allow voters to register online and to allow the sharing of voters list information between Elections BC and Elections Canada. These two changes enabled the efficient registration of hundreds of thousands of B.C. voters. However, this also meant that Elections BC no longer had a database containing the signature of every registered voter in B.C. against which a signature on a petition could be verified. The Regulation containing the requirement to verify

the petition by comparing the signatures on the petition sheets against the voter signature database was amended in 2006 to reflect this change. Consequently, Elections BC developed a new process for verifying a petition by comparing the names and residential addresses on a petition with those on the voters list, and by contacting a statistically significant sample of the signatories to confirm that they signed the petition.

Figure 1: Recall petition timeline



Approval in principle

Under the *Recall and Initiative Act*, a Member cannot be recalled during the first 18 months after their election. The first day after the May 12, 2009 General Election on which an application for a recall petition could be submitted was November 15, 2010.

A recall petition begins with the receipt of an application. The application is then reviewed for completeness and to ensure that legislative requirements have been met. An application must include a completed and signed application form, a non-refundable \$50 application fee and a statement, not exceeding 200 words, setting out why, in the opinion of the applicant, the recall of the Member is warranted³.

Beyond the maximum allowable length of the applicant's recall statement and the requirement that it be in the opinion of the applicant, there is no other criteria that the statement must meet. The Chief Electoral Officer has no authority under the *Recall and Initiative Act* to evaluate the veracity or appropriateness of the statement or to make changes to it when determining whether the recall petition application has met the requirements of the Act.

³ The proponent statement for a petition can be found on the applicable recall petition cover sheet in the appendices.

If satisfied that the application meets the requirements of the Act, the Chief Electoral Officer must grant the application approval in principle and notify the applicant (now called the proponent), the Member subject to the recall petition and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly that he has done so.

The Chief Electoral Officer issued each petition to the proponent within seven days of granting approval in principle to the application and notifying the proponent, Member and Speaker as required by the *Recall and Initiative Act*.

Canvasser registration

A proponent may be helped by volunteers, called canvassers, to gather signatures. Before they can canvass, these individuals must be registered by Elections BC. Canvassers may submit their applications for registration once the petition application has been submitted. Applications for canvasser registration may continue to be submitted throughout the recall petition period.

Canvassers must be registered voters and must have been resident in British Columbia for at least six months before the date on which they intend to begin canvassing. A canvasser does not have to be a registered voter in the Member's electoral district. An individual may be registered as a canvasser for more than one recall petition, but a separate registration must be made for each petition. A proponent who wishes to canvass for signatures must also register as a canvasser.

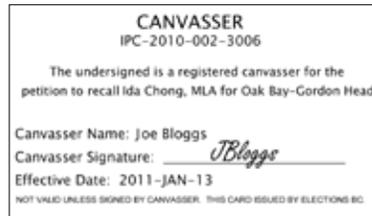
Table 3: Registered canvassers

Recall petition	Registered canvassers
Oak Bay-Gordon Head	289
Comox Valley	139
Kamloops-North Thompson	99
Maple Ridge-Mission	67

All canvasser applications must be signed by the applicant and the proponent. Canvassers must be true volunteers - they must not accept any payment or any other inducement for canvassing.

Canvassers are required to carry identification issued by the Chief Electoral Officer and produce it upon request.

Figure 2: Oak Bay-Gordon Head canvasser ID card



The *Recall and Initiative Act* does not establish a role for individuals who may assist the Member who is subject to a recall petition. The activities of any individuals who act in such a capacity are therefore not governed by the Act.

Canvassing period

The canvassing period begins with the issuance of the recall petition. The proponent, with the assistance of registered canvassers, has 60 days from the date the petition was issued to gather the necessary signatures to meet the threshold.

Table 4: Recall petition canvassing periods

Electoral District	Recall canvassing period
Oak Bay-Gordon Head	December 6, 2010 - February 4, 2011
Comox Valley	January 21, 2011 - March 22, 2011
Kamloops-North Thompson	February 3, 2011 - April 4, 2011
Maple Ridge-Mission	March 10, 2011 - April 6, 2011

In order to be eligible to sign a recall petition an individual must have been a registered voter in the Member's electoral district on the date of the last election of that Member (May 12, 2009), and, on the date the voter signs, the individual must be a registered voter in British Columbia. The individual is not required to have voted in the last election of the Member, but is required to have been on the voters list as of General Voting Day. Individuals who have become registered voters in the Member's electoral district since that date are not eligible to sign the recall petition. An individual who was on the voters list for the Member's electoral district on the date of the last election but now resides in another electoral district is eligible to sign the recall petition for that Member.

The proponent is issued a list of individuals who were registered voters for the electoral district on General Voting Day for the May 12, 2009 General Election. This recall voters list shows the names and addresses of voters who are currently registered and names of voters who are no longer registered voters.

A canvasser must witness each signature on the petition sheets they are responsible to ensure that individuals sign the petition in the appropriate manner and only sign the petition once. However, it is the voter's responsibility to ensure they only sign the petition sheet if they are eligible. It is an offence to sign a petition more than once and if a voter signs a petition sheet when not eligible, their signature is disqualified.

Petition submission

A recall petition must be submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer for determination of its success or failure within 60 days of the date on which the petition was issued.

The Oak Bay-Gordon Head recall petition was submitted on February 4, 2011, the 60th day after it was issued to the proponent. The proponent did not claim that the recall petition was signed by enough eligible voters to satisfy the requirements of the *Recall and Initiative Act*.

The Comox Valley recall petition was submitted on March 22, 2011, the 60th day after it was issued to the proponent. The proponent did not claim that the recall petition was signed by enough eligible voters to satisfy the requirements of the *Recall and Initiative Act*.

The Kamloops-North Thompson recall petition was not submitted by April 4, 2011, the 60th day after it was issued to the proponent. As the requirements of the *Recall and Initiative Act* were not met, the recall petition was determined to have failed.

On April 6, 2011, the proponent for the Maple Ridge-Mission recall petition advised the Chief Electoral Officer in writing that he was officially withdrawing his recall application. Upon receiving that notice, the Chief Electoral Officer cancelled the recall petition. Completed petition sheets for the recall petition were provided to the Chief Electoral Officer on April 15, 2011.

Verification

From the date a petition is submitted, the Chief Electoral Officer has 42 days in which to determine whether the petition was successful; that is, it was signed by more than 40% of the eligible registered voters, and has met the requirements of the *Recall and Initiative Act*. If at any point during the verification process the petition does not meet the threshold, verification is halted and the Chief Electoral Officer announces that the petition has failed.

As neither the proponent for the Oak Bay-Gordon Head recall petition nor the proponent for the Comox Valley recall petition claimed to have submitted enough signatures and the Maple Ridge-Mission recall petition was cancelled before it was submitted, all three petitions were determined to have failed on receipt and did not go through any verification processes. As the Kamloops-North Thompson recall petition was not submitted by the proponent, as required by the Act, it also failed.

If a proponent were to submit a recall petition containing sufficient signatures to meet the threshold, the following three-stage verification process would be used.

Submission confirmation

Verification of a recall petition begins by confirming that the submitted petition contains enough signatures to potentially exceed the 40% threshold.

A manual count of each petition sheet and signature line (or petition line) is conducted while at the same time staff identify petition lines that are incomplete, not in ink, or had not been witnessed by a canvasser, as any such lines are invalid.

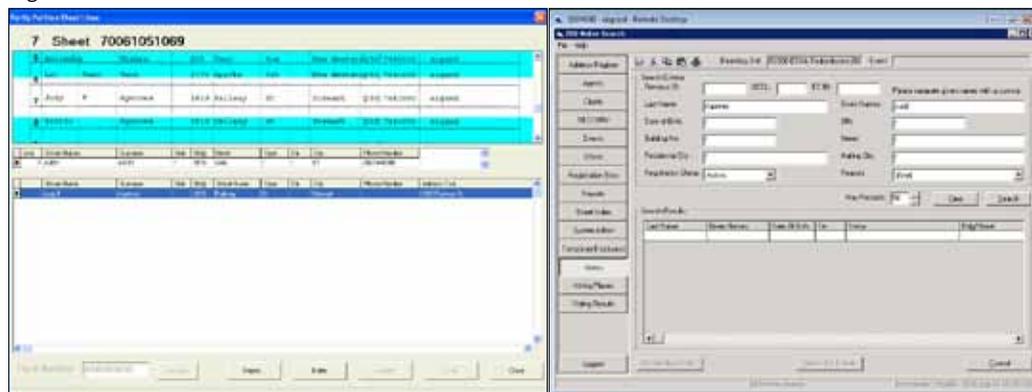
If Elections BC confirms that the submitted petition contains enough signatures to be potentially successful, the petition continues to the next stage of the verification process.

Computer verification

The second stage of the verification process involves a validation of the canvassers who witnessed each petition sheet and a comparison of each signature line on the petition sheets against the recall petition voters list (the list containing individuals who were registered to vote in the Member's electoral district as of the last election of the Member, and who are still registered voters in the province). Canvassers are validated to confirm that they were registered canvassers during the period the signatures were collected, and the comparison of the signature lines on the petition ensures that the signatories were eligible to sign the recall petition.

The petition sheets are first scanned to create a digital copy of the petition for backup purposes. The information on the petition sheets is then data entered. This data entry permits each signature line to be compared against the voters list electronically.

Figure 3: Verification software



Signatory verification

As part of the determination of whether the petition has been signed by enough valid signatories to meet the threshold, Elections BC also contacts a random sample of signatories on the petition to ensure the voters did, in fact, sign the petition.

This stage of verification is conducted by BC Stats on behalf of Elections BC. A statistically significant random sample of the signatories is contacted by telephone and asked to confirm that they did sign the petition.

BC Stats interviews the random sample of signatories by phone in order for the Chief Electoral Officer to be sufficiently confident that the individuals who signed the petition were in fact the registered voters whose names and addresses were on the petition lines. The BC Stats survey enables the Chief Electoral Officer to achieve a confidence level in the accuracy of the petition lines of over 99%, with a margin of error of +/- 0.5%. This level of confidence is higher than that used in many published surveys, where a confidence level of 95% (or 19 times out of 20) is most common.

This signatory verification survey is conducted at the same time as the verification process is conducted by Elections BC staff on the balance of the petition.

Observers

Although not provided for in the *Recall and Initiative Act*, to ensure transparency and procedural fairness, the Chief Electoral Officer authorizes the proponent and MLA to each have up to two observers present during the verification process. Observers watch the process to ensure verification is consistent and complies with the requirements of the *Recall and Initiative Act*. The observers also have the ability to listen to recordings of the interviews made by BC Stats as part of the signatory verification process.

Observers are not scrutineers and may examine the process, but may not challenge or make objections to decisions of Elections BC staff. Observers swear an oath not to publicly disclose the proceedings they observe.

Public information

After granting approval in principle to each recall petition the Chief Electoral Officer published a notice in community newspapers throughout the electoral district notifying voters of the upcoming recall petition and advising potential participants (voters who wished to sign the petition and individuals and groups who wished to conduct recall advertising) of the rules.

Figure 4: “Know the Rules” advertisement

Maple Ridge-Mission
**RECALL PETITION
KNOW THE RULES**

**If you plan to participate in the recall campaign,
it's important that you know the rules.**

- The *Recall and Initiative Act* allows registered voters to petition to remove a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) from office between elections
- On Thursday, March 10, 2011 petition sheets will be issued to proponent Wilfred Murdock McIntyre to recall Marc H.J. Dalton, MLA for the Maple Ridge-Mission electoral district
- The proponent has until 4:30 p.m. Monday, May 9, 2011 to collect signatures from more than 40% of the voters who were registered to vote in the Maple Ridge-Mission electoral district at the May 12, 2009 General Election, and who are currently registered as voters in B.C.
- An individual may only sign a recall petition once; it is an offence to sign more than once
- Only registered canvassers may collect signatures and must be volunteers
- Canvassers must not make false or misleading statements about the petition or the Member
- Recall advertising may only be conducted by the proponent, MLA or registered advertising sponsors

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For each recall petition, Elections BC created a recall petition information page on its website to provide information for voters and media from a single authoritative and neutral source. The web pages included petition, proponent and MLA information, a timeline for the petition period, and a series of frequently asked questions which were updated throughout each recall petition period.

Table 5: Recall petition website page views

Electoral district	Recall petition period	Number of visits to Elections BC recall petition web pages
Oak Bay-Gordon Head	November 30, 2010 - February 4, 2011	1,103
Comox Valley	January 17, 2011 - March 22, 2011	983
Kamloops-North Thompson	January 31, 2011 - April 4, 2011	511
Maple Ridge-Mission	March 3, 2011 - April 6, 2011	389

Petition results

Summary of results

The following page contains the results of the Oak Bay-Gordon Head, Comox Valley, Kamloops-North Thompson and Maple Ridge-Mission recall petitions. The results tables display the number of registered voters in each of the electoral districts as of May 12, 2009 (General Voting Day for the last general election in which the Members were elected), the date on which individuals must have been registered voters in the Member's electoral district in order to be eligible to sign the petition; and the threshold, the number of valid signatures (40% plus one of the number of individuals eligible to sign the petition) required in the electoral district for the petition to meet the requirements of the *Recall and Initiative Act*.

The tables also include the number of unverified signatures submitted by the proponents for the Oak Bay-Gordon Head and Comox Valley electoral district petitions (i.e. the number of signatures submitted as claimed by the proponent). Because in each case the proponent did not submit a sufficient number of signatures, Elections BC did not proceed to the full verification process for either recall petition.

As the Kamloops-North Thompson petition was not submitted and the Maple Ridge-Mission petition was cancelled, the tables do not contain submitted signatures values for these districts.

On the basis that the proponent for the recall of the Honourable Ida Chong, MLA for Oak Bay-Gordon Head did not submit a sufficient number of signatures, the Chief Electoral Officer determined on February 4, 2011 that the petition did not meet the legislated requirements and therefore the petition failed. On the same day the Chief Electoral Officer notified the proponent, the Member and the Speaker of this determination.

On the basis that the proponent for the recall of the Honourable Don McRae, MLA for Comox Valley did not submit a sufficient number of signatures, the Chief Electoral Officer determined on March 22, 2011 that the petition was not signed by more than 40% of the total number of individuals who were entitled to sign the petition and therefore the petition failed. On the same day the Chief Electoral Officer notified the proponent, the Member and the Speaker of this determination.

On the basis that the proponent for the recall of the Honourable Dr. Terry Lake, MLA for Kamloops-North Thompson did not submit the recall petition by the end of the 60 day recall petition period, the Chief Electoral Officer determined on April 4, 2011 that the petition did not meet the requirements of the *Recall and Initiative Act* and therefore failed. On the same day the Chief Electoral Officer notified the proponent, the Member and the Speaker of this determination.

On April 6, 2011, the proponent for the Maple Ridge-Mission recall petition advised the Chief Electoral Officer in writing that he was officially withdrawing his recall application. Upon receiving that notice, the Chief Electoral Officer cancelled the recall petition and on April 7, 2011 notified the proponent, the Member and the Speaker of this determination.

Oak Bay-Gordon Head results

Voter Count	Threshold	Submitted signatures	Rejected signatures	Verified signatures	Threshold met
38,419	15,368	8,870 ⁴	N/A	N/A	No

Comox Valley results

Voter Count	Threshold	Submitted signatures	Rejected signatures	Verified signatures	Threshold met
48,368	19,348	5,181 ⁴	N/A	N/A	No

Kamloops-North Thompson results

Voter Count	Threshold	Submitted signatures	Rejected signatures	Verified signatures	Threshold met
38,246	15,299	N/A ⁵	N/A	N/A	No

Maple Ridge-Mission results

Voter Count	Threshold	Submitted signatures	Rejected signatures	Verified signatures	Threshold met
35,203	14,082	N/A ⁶	N/A	N/A	No

⁴ This is the number of unverified recall petition signatures the proponent submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer.

⁵ The proponent failed to submit the recall petition

⁶ The recall petition application was withdrawn prior to the end of the recall petition period and so the recall petition was cancelled by the Chief Electoral Officer.

Recall petition financing reports

Introduction

Under the *Recall and Initiative Act*, the financial agent for an authorized recall participant must file a recall financing report with the Chief Electoral Officer within 28 days after the end of the recall petition period. Authorized recall participants are the proponent who applies for a petition and the Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) who is the subject of the petition.

Individuals and organizations, other than the authorized participants, that sponsored recall advertising were required to register with Elections BC. Registered recall advertising sponsors who sponsored recall advertising with a value of \$500 or more were required to file recall advertising disclosure reports within 28 days after the end of the recall petition period.

Table 6: Filing deadlines for recall financing reports and recall advertising disclosure reports

Electoral district	Filing deadline
Oak Bay-Gordon Head	March 4, 2011
Comox Valley	April 19, 2011
Kamloops-North Thompson	May 2, 2011
Maple Ridge-Mission	May 4, 2011

Following are summaries of the recall financing reports filed on behalf of the proponents and Members and the recall advertising disclosure reports received by Elections BC. These summaries reflect the reports as filed and do not include subsequent amendments. After the reports were filed, Elections BC staff reviewed the reports for accuracy and completeness. The complete reports and any subsequent amendments are available for viewing on the Elections BC website for up to 10 years.

Elections BC does not include cents in the summaries and, as a result, there may be small differences from the original reports due to rounding.

Recall petition expenses limits

The base recall expenses limit for a recall petition proponent and the Member who is the subject of the petition is \$25,000. This base amount is increased for electoral districts with more than 25,000 registered voters, and for those electoral districts with a population density of less than two registered voters per square kilometre. It is also adjusted for changes to the Consumer Price Index. The number of registered voters is calculated as of General Voting Day for the 2009 General Election.

Table 7: Recall expenses limits

Electoral district	Recall expenses limits
Oak Bay-Gordon Head	\$35,938.72
Comox Valley	\$39,057.55
Kamloops-North Thompson	\$39,788.55
Maple Ridge-Mission	\$34,829.44

There are no expenses limits for recall advertising sponsors.

Registered political parties and constituency associations were prohibited from incurring recall expenses, unless they registered with Elections BC as a recall advertising sponsor.

Proponent and Member

The recall financing information in this report includes both total inflows and total outflows for the recall proponents and the Members who were the subject of the petitions. Total inflows and total outflows may not be equal. This may occur when items are owned by the proponent or Member prior to the recall petition period, and therefore are reported as recall expenses but not as inflows.

Recall contribution: an amount of money or the value of any property or services provided without compensation by way of donation, advance, deposit, discount or otherwise to an authorized participant in relation to a recall petition.

Fundraising income: the portion of income from fundraising functions that is not reported as recall contributions.

Other income: income related to the recall petition from miscellaneous sources.

Loans received: the original amount of loans received for recall expenses. Some or all of the loan may have been repaid.

Total outflows are segregated as follows:

Recall expenses subject to the limits: the value of property or services used during the recall petition period to promote or oppose, directly or indirectly, the recall of the Member who is the subject of the petition.

The *Recall and Initiative Act* limits the amount of recall expenses an authorized participant can incur during this period.

Recall expenses not subject to the limits: recall expenses specifically excluded from the recall expenses limit (e.g. fees charged by the Chief Electoral Officer, printing of petition sheets). A full list of applicable expenses is described in section 122 of the *Recall and Initiative Act*.

Other expenses: the value of goods or services used outside the recall petition period but in relation to the recall petition.

Independent recall advertising sponsors

The following definitions are relevant to recall advertising sponsors:

Recall advertising: advertising used during a recall petition period to promote or oppose, directly or indirectly, the recall of the Member who is the subject of the petition.

Contributions: money provided to a sponsor of recall advertising during the period beginning six months before the recall petition was issued and ending at the end of the recall petition period.

Amount of sponsor's assets used: the value of the sponsor's assets used to pay for recall advertising. This amount does not include contributions referred to above.

Total value of recall advertising sponsored: the market value of preparing and conducting recall advertising during the recall petition period.

Table 8: Recall petition periods

Electoral district	Recall petition period
Oak Bay-Gordon Head	November 30, 2010 - February 4, 2011
Comox Valley	January 17, 2011 - March 22, 2011
Kamloops-North Thompson	January 31, 2011 - April 4, 2011
Maple Ridge-Mission	March 3, 2011 - April 6, 2011

All recall advertising sponsors must be registered. Under section 147 of the *Recall and Initiative Act*, a recall advertising sponsor is not required to file a disclosure report if, during the recall petition period, the advertising sponsored by the sponsor did not have a total value of \$500 or more.

The summaries of disclosure reports for recall advertising sponsors who sponsored recall advertising with a total value of \$500 or more in relation to the Oak Bay-Gordon Head, Comox Valley, Kamloops-North Thompson and Maple Ridge-Mission recall petitions are included in this report.

The following recall advertising sponsors indicated that they did not sponsor recall advertising with a value of \$500 or more:

Oak Bay-Gordon Head

BC Recalls Society
Fight HST
Siklenka, Terrence

Comox Valley

Fight HST

Kamloops-North Thompson

BC Recalls Society
Fight HST

Maple Ridge-Mission

Fight HST

Oak Bay-Gordon Head: Proponent

Proponent	Michael Roy Hayes
	\$
Inflows	
Contributions	
Individuals	16,873
Corporations	1,313
Unincorporated businesses/commercial organizations	4,000
Trade unions	8,433
Non-profit organizations	-
Other identifiable contributors	54
Anonymous contributions	993
Total contributions	31,666
Fundraising income	-
Other income	-
Loans received	2,500
Total inflows	34,166
Outflows	
Recall petition expenses subject to limits	30,009
Recall petition expenses not subject to limits	455
Other expenses	1,839
Total outflows	32,303
Recall petition expenses limit	35,938.72

Oak Bay-Gordon Head: MLA

MLA	Ida Chong
	\$
Inflows	
Contributions	
Individuals	100
Corporations	1,000
Unincorporated businesses/commercial organizations	-
Trade unions	-
Non-profit organizations	-
Other identifiable contributors	27,431
Anonymous contributions	-
Total contributions	28,531
Fundraising income	-
Other income	-
Loans received	25,000
Total inflows	53,531
Outflows	
Recall petition expenses subject to limits	28,431
Recall petition expenses not subject to limits	100
Other expenses	-
Total outflows	28,531
Recall petition expenses limit	35,938.72

Oak Bay-Gordon Head: Recall Advertising Sponsors

Recall Advertising Sponsor	Comox Valley Anti-Recall Campaign	Independent Contractors and Businesses Association of BC	Thomson, John
	\$	\$	\$
Inflows			
Contributions			
Individuals	-	100	-
Corporations	-	2,000	-
Unincorporated businesses/commercial organizations	-	-	-
Trade unions	-	-	-
Non-profit organizations	-	-	-
Other identifiable contributors	20,000	18,850	-
Anonymous contributions	-	-	-
Total contributions	20,000	20,950	-
Amount of sponsor's assets used	-	22,174	817
Total inflows	20,000	43,124	817
Total value of recall advertising sponsored	10,054	43,124	817
Recall advertising spending is not limited			

Comox Valley: Proponent

Proponent	Kathryn Jean Elizabeth Askew
	\$
Inflows	
Contributions	
Individuals	2,998
Corporations	261
Unincorporated businesses/commercial organizations	200
Trade unions	5,150
Non-profit organizations	2,350
Other identifiable contributors	-
Anonymous contributions	187
Total contributions	11,146
Fundraising income	1,116
Other income	-
Loans received	-
Total inflows	12,262
Outflows	
Recall petition expenses subject to limits	9,786
Recall petition expenses not subject to limits	105
Other expenses	1,551
Total outflows	11,442
Recall petition expenses limit	39,057.55

Comox Valley: MLA

MLA	Don McRae
	\$
Inflows	
Contributions	
Individuals	-
Corporations	334
Unincorporated businesses/commercial organizations	-
Trade unions	-
Non-profit organizations	-
Other identifiable contributors	20,000
Anonymous contributions	-
Total contributions	20,334
Fundraising income	-
Other income	-
Loans received	-
Total inflows	20,334
Outflows	
Recall petition expenses subject to limits	7,542
Recall petition expenses not subject to limits	-
Other expenses	11,181
Total outflows	18,723
Recall petition expenses limit	39,057.55

Comox Valley: Recall Advertising Sponsors

Recall Advertising Sponsor	Siklenka, Terrence
	\$
Inflows	
Contributions	
Individuals	-
Corporations	-
Unincorporated businesses/commercial organizations	-
Trade unions	-
Non-profit organizations	-
Other identifiable contributors	-
Anonymous contributions	-
Total contributions	-
Amount of sponsor's assets used	-
Total inflows	-
Total value of recall advertising sponsored	7,773
Recall advertising spending is not limited	

Kamloops-North Thompson: Proponent

Proponent	Chad Byron Moats
	\$
Inflows	
Contributions	
Individuals	1,560
Corporations	14
Unincorporated businesses/commercial organizations	45
Trade unions	3,100
Non-profit organizations	4,200
Other identifiable contributors	-
Anonymous contributions	631
Total contributions	9,550
Fundraising income	-
Other income	-
Loans received	2,500
Total inflows	12,050
Outflows	
Recall petition expenses subject to limits	3,942
Recall petition expenses not subject to limits	5,559
Other expenses	-
Total outflows	9,501
Recall petition expenses limit	39,788.55

Kamloops-North Thompson: MLA

MLA	Terry Lake
	\$
Inflows	
Contributions	
Individuals	-
Corporations	-
Unincorporated businesses/commercial organizations	-
Trade unions	-
Non-profit organizations	-
Other identifiable contributors	-
Anonymous contributions	-
Total contributions	-
Fundraising income	-
Other income	-
Loans received	-
Total inflows	-
Outflows	
Recall petition expenses subject to limits	-
Recall petition expenses not subject to limits	-
Other expenses	-
Total outflows	-
Recall petition expenses limit	39,788.55

Maple Ridge-Mission: Proponent

Proponent	Wilfred Murdock McIntyre
	\$
Inflows	
Contributions	
Individuals	195
Corporations	-
Unincorporated businesses/commercial organizations	-
Trade unions	700
Non-profit organizations	-
Other identifiable contributors	-
Anonymous contributions	-
Total contributions	895
Fundraising income	2,180
Other income	-
Loans received	-
Total inflows	3,075
Outflows	
Recall petition expenses subject to limits	726
Recall petition expenses not subject to limits	217
Other expenses	886
Total outflows	1,829
Recall petition expenses limit	34,829.44

Maple Ridge-Mission: MLA

MLA	Marc H. J. Dalton
	\$
Inflows	
Contributions	
Individuals	350
Corporations	-
Unincorporated businesses/commercial organizations	-
Trade unions	-
Non-profit organizations	-
Other identifiable contributors	10,500
Anonymous contributions	-
Total contributions	10,850
Fundraising income	-
Other income	-
Loans received	-
Total inflows	10,850
Outflows	
Recall petition expenses subject to limits	4,747
Recall petition expenses not subject to limits	-
Other expenses	-
Total outflows	4,747
Recall petition expenses limit	34,829.44

Elections BC expenses

The following expenses were incurred by Elections BC in administering the four recall petitions.

Oak Bay-Gordon Head expenses

Expense categories	Combined totals for fiscal years 2010/2011 and 2011/2012	
Salaries	\$	31,743
Professional services		50,188
Information systems		20,745
Advertising and publications		4,501
General office expenses		2,283
Total	\$	109,460

Total number of registered voters on May 12, 2009	38,419
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Cost per registered voter	\$ 2.85
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Comox Valley expenses

Expense categories	Combined totals for fiscal years 2010/2011 and 2011/2012	
Salaries	\$	4,609
Professional services		11,923
Information systems		-
Advertising and publications		3,608
General office expenses		363
Total	\$	20,503

Total number of registered voters on May 12, 2009	48,368
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Cost per registered voter	\$ 0.42
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Kamloops-North Thompson expenses

Expense categories	Combined totals for fiscal years 2010/2011 and 2011/2012	
Salaries	\$	2,719
Professional services		17,283
Information systems		-
Advertising and publications		5,460
General office expenses		63
Total	\$	25,525

Total number of registered voters on May 12, 2009	38,246
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Cost per registered voter	\$ 0.67
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Maple Ridge-Mission expenses

Expense categories	Combined totals for fiscal years 2010/2011 and 2011/2012	
Salaries	\$	3,039
Professional services		-
Information systems		-
Advertising and publications		3,621
General office expenses		1,326
Total	\$	7,986

Total number of registered voters on May 12, 2009	35,203
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Cost per registered voter	\$ 0.23
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Recommendations of the Chief Electoral Officer

Overview

In November 2003 the Chief Electoral Officer submitted a report on the recall process in British Columbia. That report contained a review of the recall portion of the *Recall and Initiative Act* and provided a summary of the aspects of the recall process that Elections BC believed should be reviewed.

Since 2003, no further applications for recall petitions were made until November 2010. However, while administering these four most recent recall petitions, the Chief Electoral Officer has again become aware of technical aspects of the recall process that deserve further review in order to improve the administration of the recall process in British Columbia.

The five issues are described below in some detail, along with recommendations for technical amendments to the *Recall and Initiative Act* to address those issues.

Recommendations for technical amendments to the *Recall and Initiative Act*

Correcting errors by voters

It is an offence under the *Recall and Initiative Act* for a voter to sign a recall petition more than once. However, during the administration of each recall petition, Elections BC encounters instances of what appear to be multiple signatures from the same individual on consecutive lines of the petition.

In every such case we find that the voter has made an error in the completion of the first petition line and has attempted to resolve it by completing it correctly on a subsequent line. Because recall petition canvassers are prohibited by the Recall Petition Administration Regulation from removing, crossing out or otherwise interfering with a signature on the petition, these voters appear to Elections BC to be signing the petition more than once.

Elections BC expends considerable time and energy identifying and investigating these cases. While the voter has contravened the Act by signing the petition more than once, their intent was simply to correctly sign the petition and it is highly unlikely that a prosecution against the voter would be approved in these circumstances. However, to remove the risk of prosecution against these voters and to allow Elections BC to focus its investigative attention on other potential contraventions of the *Recall and Initiative Act*, canvassers should be permitted to cross out a petition line at the request of a voter who has made an error and wishes to complete another petition line correctly.

➤ *Recommendation*

Recall Petition Administration Regulation, section 6

Establish that canvassers be permitted to cross out a petition line at the request of the voter, if the voter has made an error in completing that petition line.

Petition submission

While the position of Elections BC is that the Recall Petition Administration Regulation requires the proponent of a recall petition to submit all petition sheets to Elections BC by the end of the recall petition period, our experience of the Kamloops-North Thompson recall tells us that the legislation requires further clarity of the legislators' intent.

Requiring all recall petition sheets to be submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer reinforces the principle that the Chief Electoral Officer is the administrator of the recall petition process and has sole discretion to adjudicate on the success or failure of a petition under the *Recall and Initiative Act*. This will also reassure voters who have signed the petition that their personal information will be protected as required by law, which includes the confidential destruction of the petition sheets after the legislated retention period.

If the intent is that all recall petition sheets must be submitted regardless of the number of canvassed signatures, failure to submit a petition should be made an offence and a penalty for failure to comply with this requirement should also be considered.

➤ *Recommendation*

Recall and Initiative Act, section 23

Clarify that this section only sets the success criteria against which the submitted recall petition will be judged, and it does not establish criteria for a determination of whether the petition should be submitted.

Recall Petition Administration Regulation, section 7

Clarify that all petitions must be submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer regardless of the number of signatures claimed to be canvassed by the proponent.

MLA Observers

The *Recall and Initiative Act* regulates the conduct of recall canvassers who act on behalf of the recall proponent to canvass for signatures. While not contemplated by the Act, Members subject to a recall petition also have representatives commonly referred to as “observers”. These observers typically follow the activities of canvassers and communicate with voters on behalf of the Member.

During a recall petition period, Elections BC regularly hears from both the Member and the proponent about the activities of both sets of representatives and receives requests from both authorized participants for the establishment of guidelines that observers and canvassers must follow when interacting with voters and each other.

However, as observers are not regulated by the Act, Elections BC has no authority to regulate their conduct or to take action when conflicts arise. For the purpose of administrative fairness, the roles of representatives of both authorized participants should be regulated.

➤ *Recommendation*

Recall Petition Administration Regulation, section 5.1, 6.1, new sections

Establish a registration regime for observers that mirror the registration regime for canvassers. Establish duties and standards of conduct for observers.

Independence of recall advertising sponsors

Unlike the election advertising sponsors under the *Election Act*, the *Recall and Initiative Act* does not require recall advertising sponsors to be independent of the proponent or MLA. While the title heading for section 147 reads “Independent sponsors must file disclosure reports”, section headings are not part of the enactment and there is no other reference to the independence of registered advertising sponsors. This appears contrary to the spirit and intent of the legislation.

Since there is no spending limit for recall advertising sponsors it is important for recall advertising sponsors to be independent of the campaigns of the authorized participants.

Such an independence requirement would be consistent with the *Election Act* which requires third party election advertising sponsors to be independent of registered political parties, registered constituency associations, candidates, agents of candidates and financial agents.

➤ *Recommendation*

Recall and Initiative Act, section 147

Require recall advertising sponsors to be independent of the proponent and MLA.

Regulatory authority of the Chief Electoral Officer

The Chief Electoral Office does not have authority to make Regulations under the *Recall and Initiative Act*. The Act establishes that some reports and petition sheets must be in the form prescribed by Regulation, but allows the Chief Electoral Officer to specify other forms. Regulations have considerable administrative overhead for Cabinet and other government organizations. For efficiency, it would be preferable that the Act be amended to establish authority for the Chief Electoral Officer to specify all forms rather than requiring Regulations.

➤ *Recommendation*

Recall and Initiative Act, sections 20(1)(b), 148(1), new sections

Establish authority for the Chief Electoral Officer to specify forms under the Act rather than requiring Regulations.

Legislators could also consider an amendment to section 171 of the Act to establish exclusive authority for the Chief Electoral Officer to make Regulations in relation to the recall process in the same manner as Regulations under the *Election Act*. This would be consistent with the principle of independent administration and oversight of electoral processes, of which recall is a component. For certainty, as the initiative process is not an electoral process, the same principle of independent administration does not apply.

Appendices

Appendix A: Oak Bay-Gordon Head recall petition cover sheet

MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE PETITION:		MEMBER'S ELECTORAL DISTRICT:
Ida Chong		Oak Bay-Gordon Head
DATE PETITION ISSUED (YYYY/MM/DD): 2010/12/06	PETITION DUE DATE (YYYY/MM/DD): 2011/02/04	RECALL PETITION NO. RP-OBG-2010-002

PROPONENT'S OPINION OF WHY THE RECALL OF THE MEMBER IS WARRANTED:

I am proposing the recall of Oak Bay-Gordon Head Member of the Legislative Assembly, Ida Chong, because she supported the deceptive introduction of the Harmonized Sales Tax and refuses to represent the clear wishes of her constituents, in the Legislative Assembly.

During the two thousand and nine election, the Premier and Finance Minister stated that the Harmonized Sales Tax was NOT on their agenda, and British Columbia voters re-elected them significantly on that assurance. Only seventy two days later, British Columbia Liberals, with NO public consultation, debate or enabling legislation, implemented this tax through an "Order in Council". The successful Fight-Harmonized Sales Tax Initiative Petition campaign to repeal the Harmonized Sales Tax was an undeniable message to Ms. Chong, but was without effect.

Ms. Chong supports a costly Harmonized Sales Tax referendum (over thirty million dollars!) more than a year later, creating economic uncertainty, that is harming businesses and consumers.

Oak Bay-Gordon Head voters deserve honesty and accountability from elected representatives. A successful Recall unequivocally tells this, and future governments, that they must openly and fairly represent those who elected them.

NOTE: THIS STATEMENT HAS NOT BEEN EDITED OR ALTERED IN ANY WAY BY ELECTIONS BC

PROPONENT		FINANCIAL AGENT	
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PHONE:	250-507-2204	PHONE:	250-590-5355
FAX:	250-590-5871	FAX:	250-590-5871
EMAIL:	mhayes1@shaw.ca	EMAIL:	carberrygardens@shaw.ca

NOTE TO SIGNERS

Only voters who were registered in the electoral district of Oak Bay-Gordon Head on May 12, 2009 and who are still registered voters in a provincial electoral district may sign this petition.

- Print your full name **clearly** in the space provided on attached petition sheet. If your name or address is unreadable, your signature will not be counted.
- Provide your full residential address where registered as a voter, or a physical description of the location if there is not an address. **Postal addresses will not be accepted.** Do not include PO Box #s or other postal information.
- Provide your phone number as you may be contacted to confirm that you signed the petition.
- **It is illegal** to sign more than once.
- **It is illegal** to sign any person's name other than your own.
- If you wish to have your residential address and phone number obscured from public inspection, check the box to the right of your signature.

NOTE TO CANVASSER

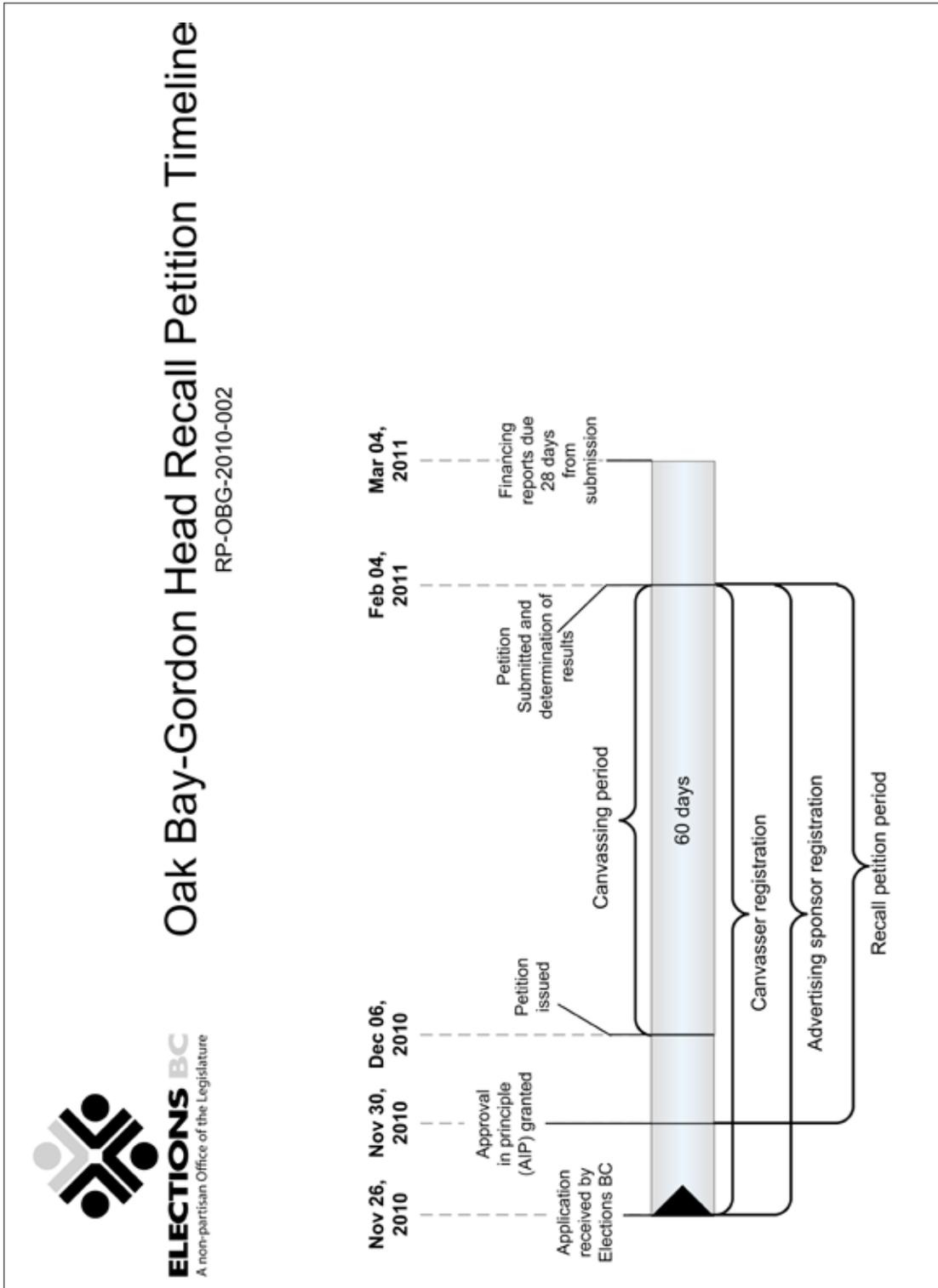
- Petitions must be signed in ink, no "gel type" pens.
- Each row must be completed in full. Phone number is not mandatory.
- Only canvassers registered with the Chief Electoral Officer may circulate petition sheets.
- It is illegal for a canvasser to knowingly make a false or misleading statement about the petition or the Member who is subject of the petition.
- It is illegal for canvassers to receive any payment or other inducement for gathering signatures.

Failure to comply with the legislated responsibilities of a canvasser is a serious offence. Any individual or organization who commits such an offence is liable to fines up to \$10,000 and/or imprisonment [Recall and Initiative Act, s. 159, 162]

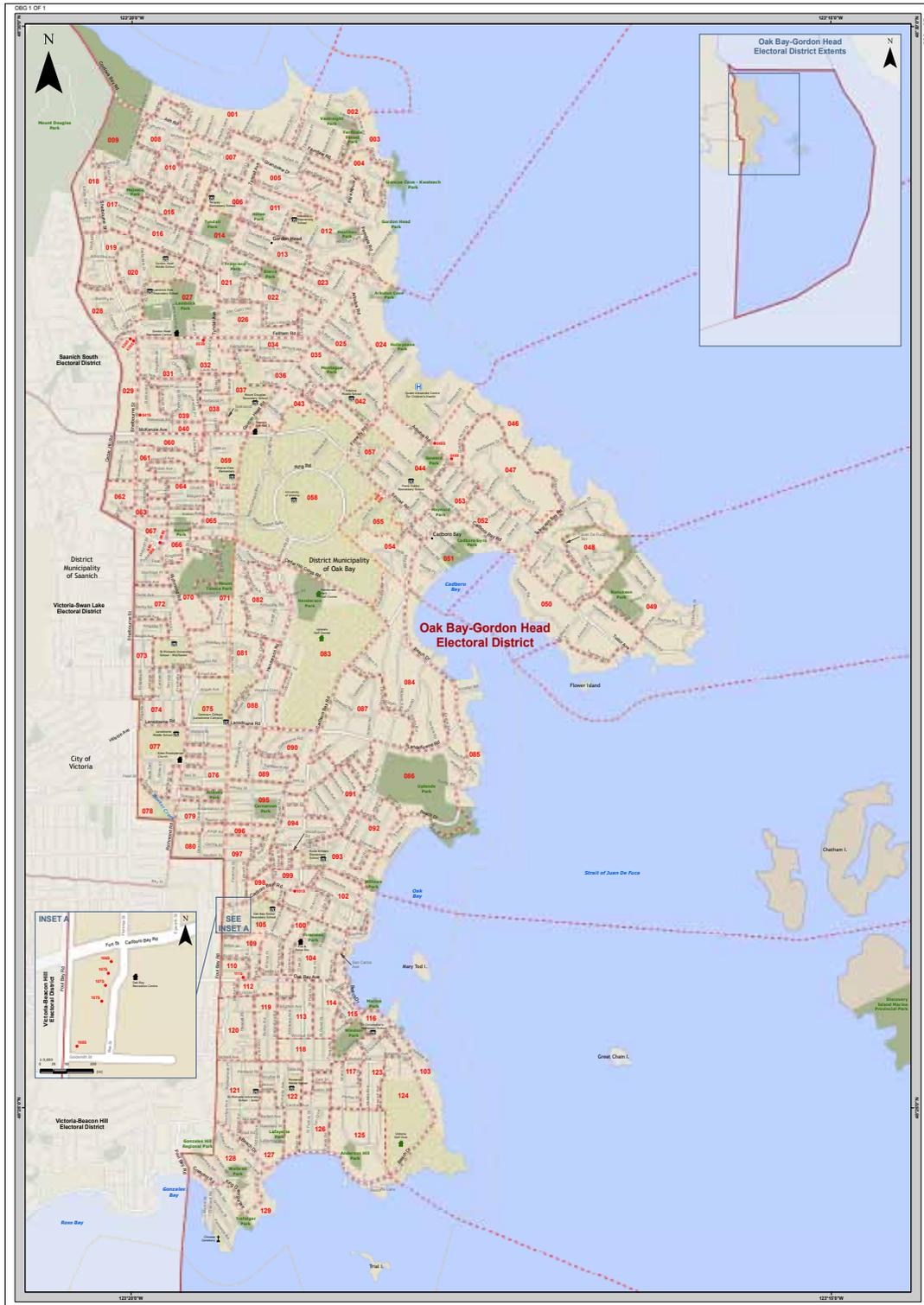
Appendix B: Oak Bay-Gordon Head recall petition sheet

 ELECTIONS BC <small>A non-partisan Office of the Legislature</small>		RECALL PETITION SHEET			962 (10/11)	
MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BEING RECALLED Ida Chong		ELECTORAL DISTRICT Oak Bay-Gordon Head		PETITION NUMBER RP-OBG-2010-002		
NOTE TO SIGNERS Be sure to read the attached cover sheet before signing this petition. You may be contacted to confirm that you signed this petition. Use the residential address where you are registered as a voter under the <i>Election Act</i> . Postal addresses will not be accepted.						
<p>PLEASE PRINT We, the undersigned, declare our support of this petition. We are qualified to sign this petition and have not previously signed.</p>						
e.g.	FIRST NAME GEORGE	MIDDLE NAME (S) DAVID	LAST NAME REYNOLDS		SIGNATURE <i>GDR Reynolds</i>	I request that my address and phone number be obscured from public inspection.
	APT / UNIT 201	NUMBER 12455	STREET GRANDVILLE ST	CITY / TOWN VANCOUVER	PHONE 604-123-4567	
1	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME (S)	LAST NAME		SIGNATURE	<input type="checkbox"/>
	APT / UNIT	NUMBER	STREET	CITY / TOWN	PHONE	
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	APT / UNIT	NUMBER	STREET	CITY / TOWN	PHONE	
10	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME (S)	LAST NAME		SIGNATURE	<input type="checkbox"/>
	APT / UNIT	NUMBER	STREET	CITY / TOWN	PHONE	
ELECTIONS BC OFFICE USE ONLY		<p>I declare that I am a registered canvasser of this petition and that each signature on this page was signed in my presence, was not obtained through fraud, deceit or misrepresentation and was obtained by me on the canvass date noted below. To the best of my knowledge and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be and the person who signed the petition was qualified to do so.</p>			<p>CANVASSER: You must sign and date the petition sheets daily.</p> <p>Failure to comply with the legislated responsibilities of a canvasser is a serious offence. Any individual or organization who commits such an offence is liable to fines up to \$10,000 and/or imprisonment. <small>[Recall and Initiative Act, s. 159, 162]</small></p>	
		NAME OF CANVASSER (PRINT)		CANVASSER NUMBER		
		SIGNATURE OF CANVASSER		YYYY	MM	DD
		RPC-OBG-2010-002-				

Appendix C: Oak Bay-Gordon Head recall petition timeline



Appendix D: Oak Bay-Gordon Head electoral district map



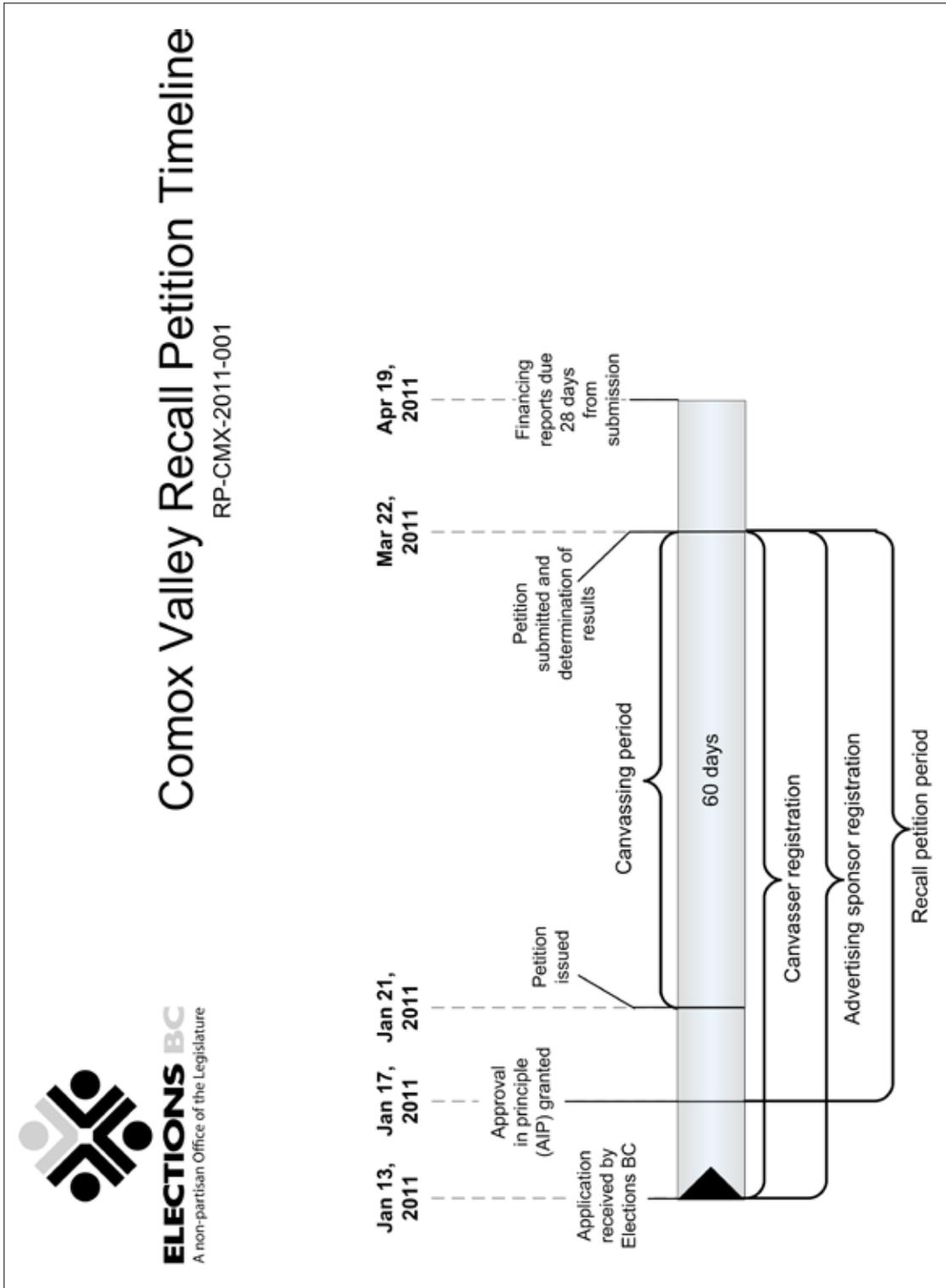
Appendix E: Comox Valley recall petition cover sheet

RECALL PETITION COVER SHEET			925 (10/11)
MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE PETITION: Don McRae		MEMBER'S ELECTORAL DISTRICT: Comox Valley	
DATE PETITION ISSUED (YYYY/MM/DD): 2011/01/21	PETITION DUE DATE (YYYY/MM/DD): 2011/03/22	RECALL PETITION NO. RP-CMX-2011-001	
PROPONENT'S OPINION OF WHY THE RECALL OF THE MEMBER IS WARRANTED:			
<p>I am proposing the recall of the Comox Valley Member of the Legislative Assembly, Don McRae, because he continues to support the Harmonized Sales Tax and does not represent the clear wishes of his constituents.</p> <p>During the last election campaign, the Premier and Finance Minister stated that the Harmonized Sales Tax was NOT on their agenda. British Columbian voters re-elected them believing in that assurance. Only seventy-two days later, the British Columbia Liberals, with NO public consultation, debate or enabling legislation, implemented this tax through an order in council. The successful campaign to repeal the Harmonized Sales Tax was a clear message to Mr. McRae and the government, collecting twelve thousand fifty-one signatures, or twenty-five point two percent of registered voters in the Comox Valley Riding.</p> <p>Don McRae supports an expensive provincial referendum (over thirty million dollars) in September of this year, creating economic uncertainty which is harming many businesses and consumers.</p> <p>Comox Valley voters deserve honesty and accountability from their elected representatives. A successful recall tells this and future governments that they must openly and fairly represent those who elected them.</p>			
NOTE: THIS STATEMENT HAS NOT BEEN EDITED OR ALTERED IN ANY WAY BY ELECTIONS BC			
PROPONENT		FINANCIAL AGENT	
NAME:	Kathryn Jean Elizabeth Askew	NAME:	Norman Garrett Reynolds
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CITY/POSTAL CODE:	Courtenay, BC V9N 1M2	CITY/POSTAL CODE:	Courtenay, BC V9N 9A2
PHONE:	(250) 334-7891	PHONE:	
FAX:		FAX:	
EMAIL:	recallcomoxvalley@gmail.com	EMAIL:	
NOTE TO SIGNERS			
<p>Only voters who were registered in the electoral district of Comox Valley on May 12, 2009 and who are still registered voters in a provincial electoral district may sign this petition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print your full name clearly in the space provided on attached petition sheet. If your name or address is unreadable, your signature will not be counted. • Provide your full residential address where registered as a voter, or a physical description of the location if there is not an address. Postal addresses will not be accepted. Do not include PO Box #s or other postal information. • Provide your phone number as you may be contacted to confirm that you signed the petition. • It is illegal to sign more than once. • It is illegal to sign any person's name other than your own. • If you wish to have your residential address and phone number obscured from public inspection, check the box to the right of your signature. 			
NOTE TO CANVASSER			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petitions must be signed in ink, no "gel type" pens. • Each row must be completed in full. Phone number is not mandatory. • Only canvassers registered with the Chief Electoral Officer may circulate petition sheets. • It is illegal for a canvasser to knowingly make a false or misleading statement about the petition or the Member who is subject of the petition. • It is illegal for canvassers to receive any payment or other inducement for gathering signatures. <p>Failure to comply with the legislated responsibilities of a canvasser is a serious offence. Any individual or organization who commits such an offence is liable to fines up to \$10,000 and/or imprisonment [Recall and Initiative Act, s. 159, 162]</p>			

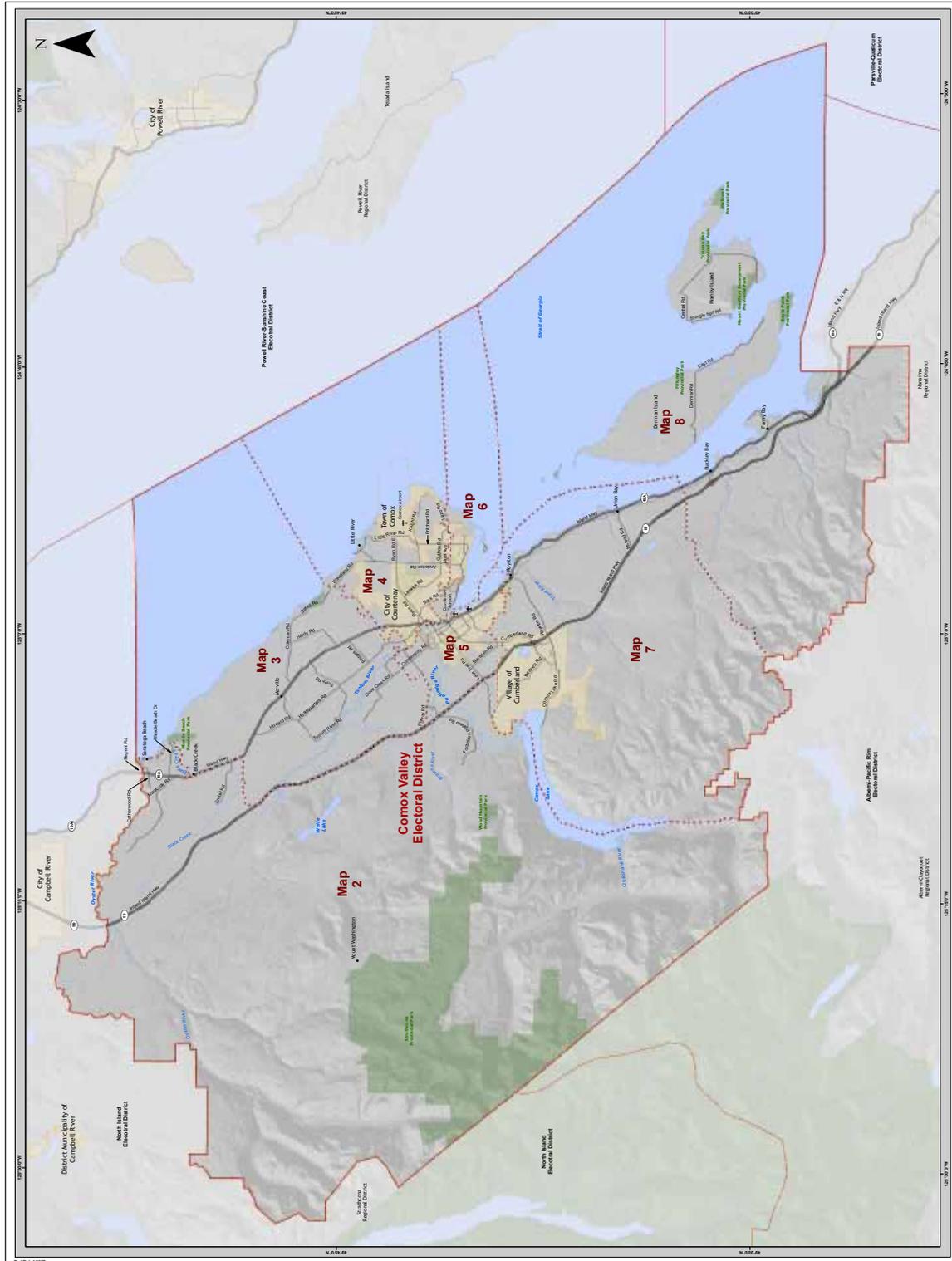
Appendix F: Comox Valley recall petition sheet

 ELECTIONS BC <small>A non-partisan Office of the Legislature</small>		RECALL PETITION SHEET			962 (10/11)	
MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BEING RECALLED Don McRae		ELECTORAL DISTRICT Comox Valley		PETITION NUMBER RP-CMX-2011-001		
NOTE TO SIGNERS		Be sure to read the attached cover sheet before signing this petition. You may be contacted to confirm that you signed this petition. Use the residential address where you are registered as a voter under the <i>Election Act</i> . Postal addresses will not be accepted.				
PLEASE PRINT		We, the undersigned, declare our support of this petition. We are qualified to sign this petition and have not previously signed .				
e.g.	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME (S)	LAST NAME		SIGNATURE	I request that my address and phone number be obscured from public inspection.
	GEORGE	DAVID	REYNOLDS		<i>GDR Reynolds</i>	
	APT / UNIT 201	NUMBER 12455	STREET GRANDVILLE ST	CITY / TOWN VANCOUVER	PHONE 604-123-4567	
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ELECTIONS BC OFFICE USE ONLY		I declare that I am a registered canvasser of this petition and that each signature on this page was signed in my presence, was not obtained through fraud, deceit or misrepresentation and was obtained by me on the canvass date noted below. To the best of my knowledge and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be and the person who signed the petition was qualified to do so.				
		NAME OF CANVASSER (PRINT)		CANVASSER NUMBER		
				RPC-CMX-2011-001-		
		SIGNATURE OF CANVASSER		YYYY	MM DD	
		CANVASSER: You must sign and date the petition sheets daily. Failure to comply with the legislated responsibilities of a canvasser is a serious offence. Any individual or organization who commits such an offence is liable to fines up to \$10,000 and/or imprisonment. [Recall and Initiative Act, s. 159, 162]				

Appendix G: Comox Valley recall petition timeline



Appendix H: Comox Valley electoral district map



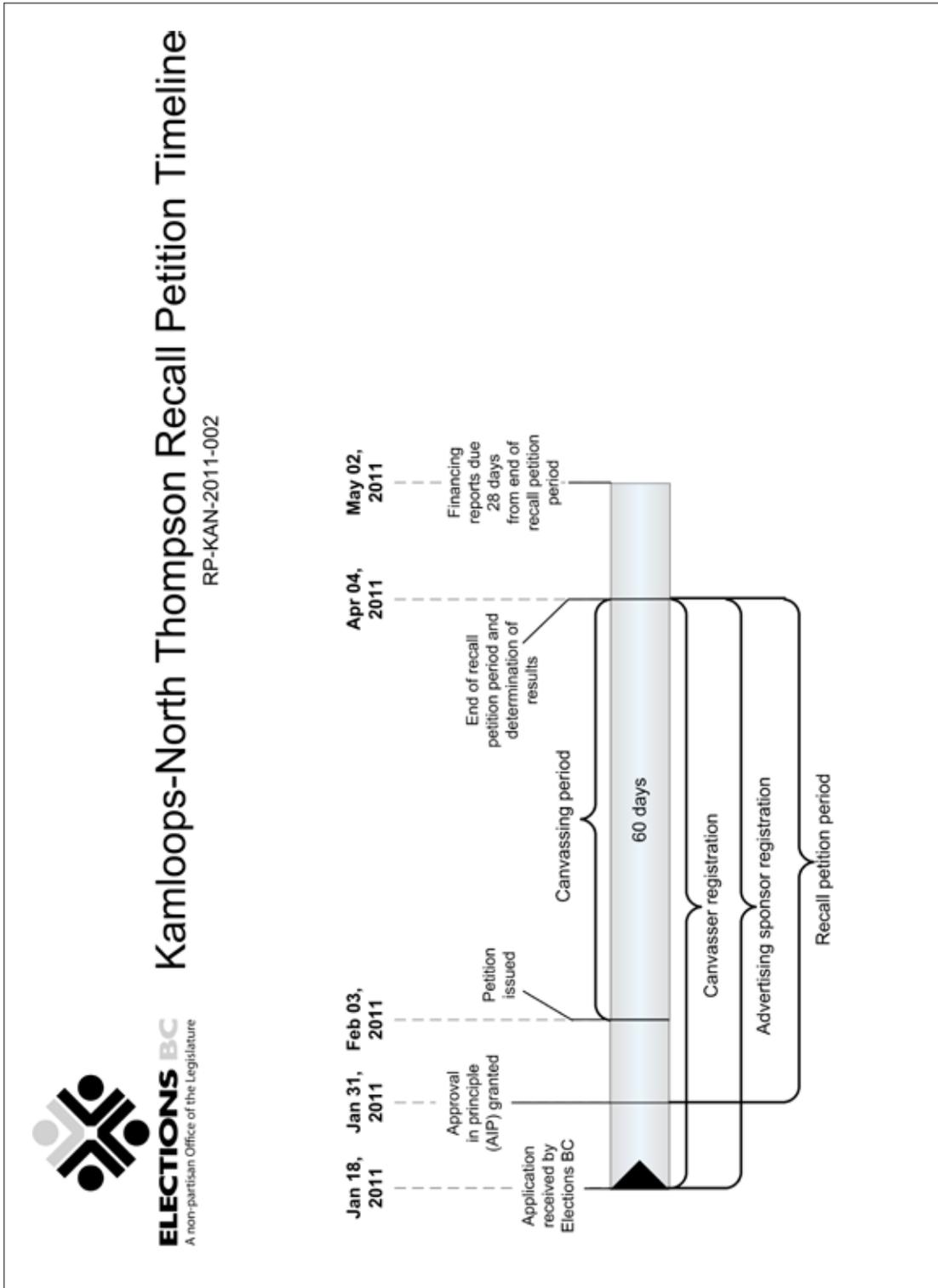
Appendix I: Kamloops-North Thompson recall petition cover sheet

RECALL PETITION COVER SHEET			925 (10/11)
MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE PETITION: Dr. Terry Lake		MEMBER'S ELECTORAL DISTRICT: Kamloops-North Thompson	
DATE PETITION ISSUED (YYYY/MM/DD): 2011/02/03	PETITION DUE DATE (YYYY/MM/DD): 2011/04/04	RECALL PETITION NO. RP-KAN-2011-002	
PROPONENT'S OPINION OF WHY THE RECALL OF THE MEMBER IS WARRANTED:			
<p>I am proposing the recall of Kamloops-North Thompson Member of the Legislative Assembly, Terry Lake, because he supported the deceptive introduction of the Harmonized Sales Tax. He refuses to represent the clear wishes of his constituents as expressed in the successful Initiative Petition to end the tax and return to a Provincial Sales Tax in its previous form. Instead, he has chosen to represent the interests of the British Columbia Liberal Party and their supporters in big business over those of his voters in Kamloops-North Thompson. Therefore, the voters of Kamloops-North Thompson wish to recall Terry Lake and elect a Member of the Legislative Assembly who will better represent them.</p>			
NOTE: THIS STATEMENT HAS NOT BEEN EDITED OR ALTERED IN ANY WAY BY ELECTIONS BC			
PROPONENT		FINANCIAL AGENT	
NAME:	Chad Byron Moats	NAME:	Rocky Shawn McAfee
ADDRESS:	259 Tranquille Rd	ADDRESS:	PO Box 1225
CITY/POSTAL CODE:	Kamloops, BC V2B 3G2	CITY/POSTAL CODE:	Kamloops, BC V2C 6H3
PHONE:	250-376-0500	PHONE:	250-573-1951
FAX:		FAX:	
EMAIL:	kanrecall@gmail.com	EMAIL:	skullranch@telus.net
NOTE TO SIGNERS			
<p>Only voters who were registered in the electoral district of Kamloops-North Thompson on May 12, 2009 and who are still registered voters in a provincial electoral district may sign this petition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print your full name clearly in the space provided on attached petition sheet. If your name or address is unreadable, your signature will not be counted. • Provide your full residential address where registered as a voter, or a physical description of the location if there is not an address. Postal addresses will not be accepted. Do not include PO Box #s or other postal information. • Provide your phone number as you may be contacted to confirm that you signed the petition. • It is illegal to sign more than once. • It is illegal to sign any person's name other than your own. • If you wish to have your residential address and phone number obscured from public inspection, check the box to the right of your signature. 			
NOTE TO CANVASSER			
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<p>Failure to comply with the legislated responsibilities of a canvasser is a serious offence. Any individual or organization who commits such an offence is liable to fines up to \$10,000 and/or imprisonment [Recall and Initiative Act, s. 159, 162]</p>			

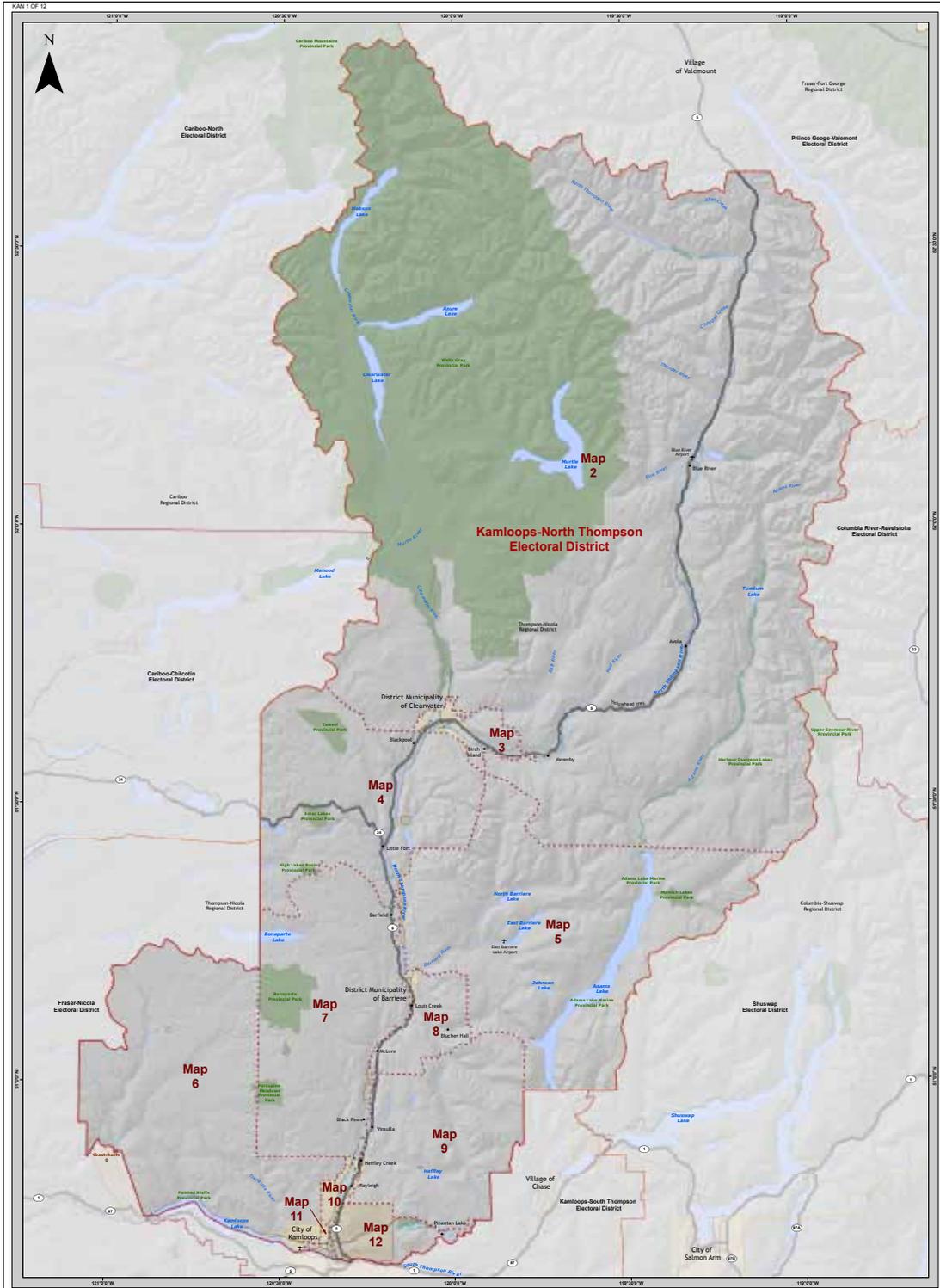
Appendix J: Kamloops-North Thompson recall petition sheet

 ELECTIONS BC <small>A non-partisan Office of the Legislature</small>		RECALL PETITION SHEET			962 (10/11)	
MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BEING RECALLED Dr. Terry Lake		ELECTORAL DISTRICT Kamloops-North Thompson		PETITION NUMBER RP-KAN-2011-002		
NOTE TO SIGNERS		Be sure to read the attached cover sheet before signing this petition. You may be contacted to confirm that you signed this petition. Use the residential address where you are registered as a voter under the <i>Election Act</i> . Postal addresses will not be accepted.				
PLEASE PRINT		We, the undersigned, declare our support of this petition. We are qualified to sign this petition and have not previously signed .				
e.g.	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME (S)	LAST NAME		SIGNATURE	I request that my address and phone number be obscured from public inspection.
	APT / UNIT 201	NUMBER 12455	STREET GRANDVILLE ST	CITY / TOWN VANCOUVER	PHONE 604-123-4567	
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ELECTIONS BC OFFICE USE ONLY		I declare that I am a registered canvasser of this petition and that each signature on this page was signed in my presence, was not obtained through fraud, deceit or misrepresentation and was obtained by me on the canvass date noted below. To the best of my knowledge and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be and the person who signed the petition was qualified to do so.			CANVASSER: You must sign and date the petition sheets daily. Failure to comply with the legislated responsibilities of a canvasser is a serious offence. Any individual or organization who commits such an offence is liable to fines up to \$10,000 and/or imprisonment. [Recall and Initiative Act, s. 159, 162]	
		NAME OF CANVASSER (PRINT)		CANVASSER NUMBER		
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Appendix K: Kamloops-North Thompson recall petition timeline



Appendix L: Kamloops-North Thompson electoral district map



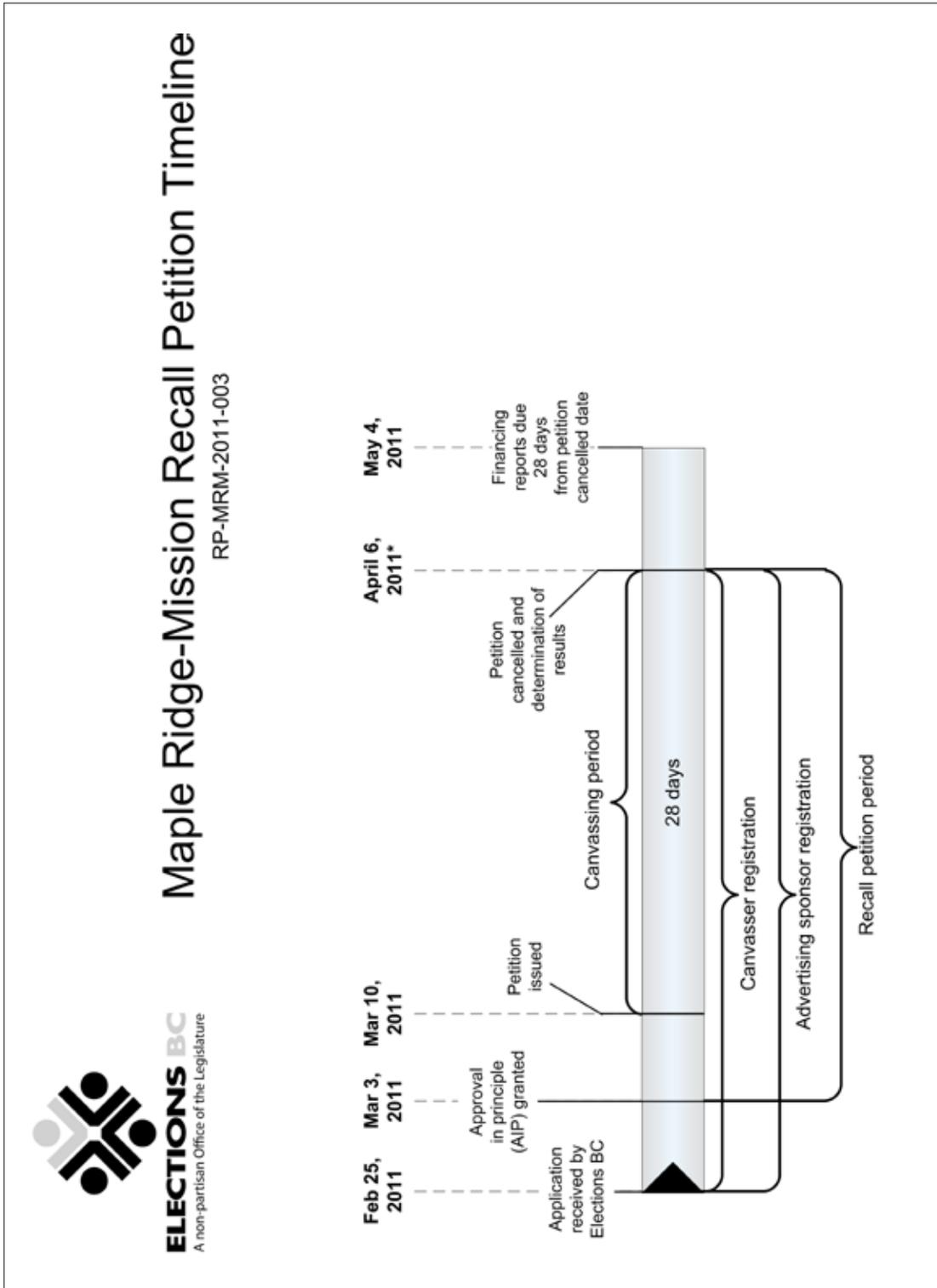
Appendix M: Maple Ridge-Mission recall petition cover sheet

RECALL PETITION COVER SHEET			925 (10/11)
MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE PETITION: Marc Dalton		MEMBER'S ELECTORAL DISTRICT: Maple Ridge-Mission	
DATE PETITION ISSUED (YYYY/MM/DD): 2011/03/10	PETITION DUE DATE (YYYY/MM/DD): 2011/05/09	RECALL PETITION NO. RP-MRM-2011-003	
PROPONENT'S OPINION OF WHY THE RECALL OF THE MEMBER IS WARRANTED:			
<p>I am proposing the recall of Maple Ridge-Mission Member of the Legislative Assembly, Marc Dalton, because he supported the deceptive introduction of the Harmonized Sales Tax and refuses to represent the clear wishes of his constituents, in the Legislative Assembly.</p> <p>During the two thousand and nine election, the Premier and Finance Minister stated that the Harmonized Sales Tax was NOT on their agenda, and British Columbia voters re-elected them significantly on that assurance. Only seventy two days later, British Columbia Liberals, with NO public consultation, debate or enabling legislation, implemented this tax through an "Order in Council." The successful Fight-Harmonized Sales Tax Initiative Petition campaign to repeal the Harmonized Sales Tax was an undeniable message to Mr. Dalton, but was without effect.</p> <p>Mr. Dalton supports a costly Harmonized Sales Tax referendum (over thirty million dollars!) more than a year later, creating economic uncertainty that is harming businesses and consumers.</p> <p>Maple Ridge-Mission voters deserve honesty and accountability from elected representatives. A successful Recall unequivocally tells this, and future governments, that they must openly and fairly represent those who elected them.</p>			
NOTE: THIS STATEMENT HAS NOT BEEN EDITED OR ALTERED IN ANY WAY BY ELECTIONS BC			
PROPONENT		FINANCIAL AGENT	
NAME: Wilfred Murdock McIntyre	ADDRESS: PO Box 21015	CITY/POSTAL CODE: Maple Ridge, BC V2X 1P7	PHONE: 604-466-9477
FAX:	EMAIL:	NAME: Wilfred Murdock McIntyre	ADDRESS: PO Box 21015
		CITY/POSTAL CODE: Maple Ridge, BC V2X 1P7	PHONE: 604-466-9477
		FAX:	EMAIL:
NOTE TO SIGNERS			
<p>Only voters who were registered in the electoral district of Maple Ridge-Mission on May 12, 2009 and who are still registered voters in a provincial electoral district may sign this petition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print your full name clearly in the space provided on attached petition sheet. If your name or address is unreadable, your signature will not be counted. • Provide your full residential address where registered as a voter, or a physical description of the location if there is not an address. Postal addresses will not be accepted. Do not include PO Box #s or other postal information. • Provide your phone number as you may be contacted to confirm that you signed the petition. • It is illegal to sign more than once. • It is illegal to sign any person's name other than your own. • If you wish to have your residential address and phone number obscured from public inspection, check the box to the right of your signature. 			
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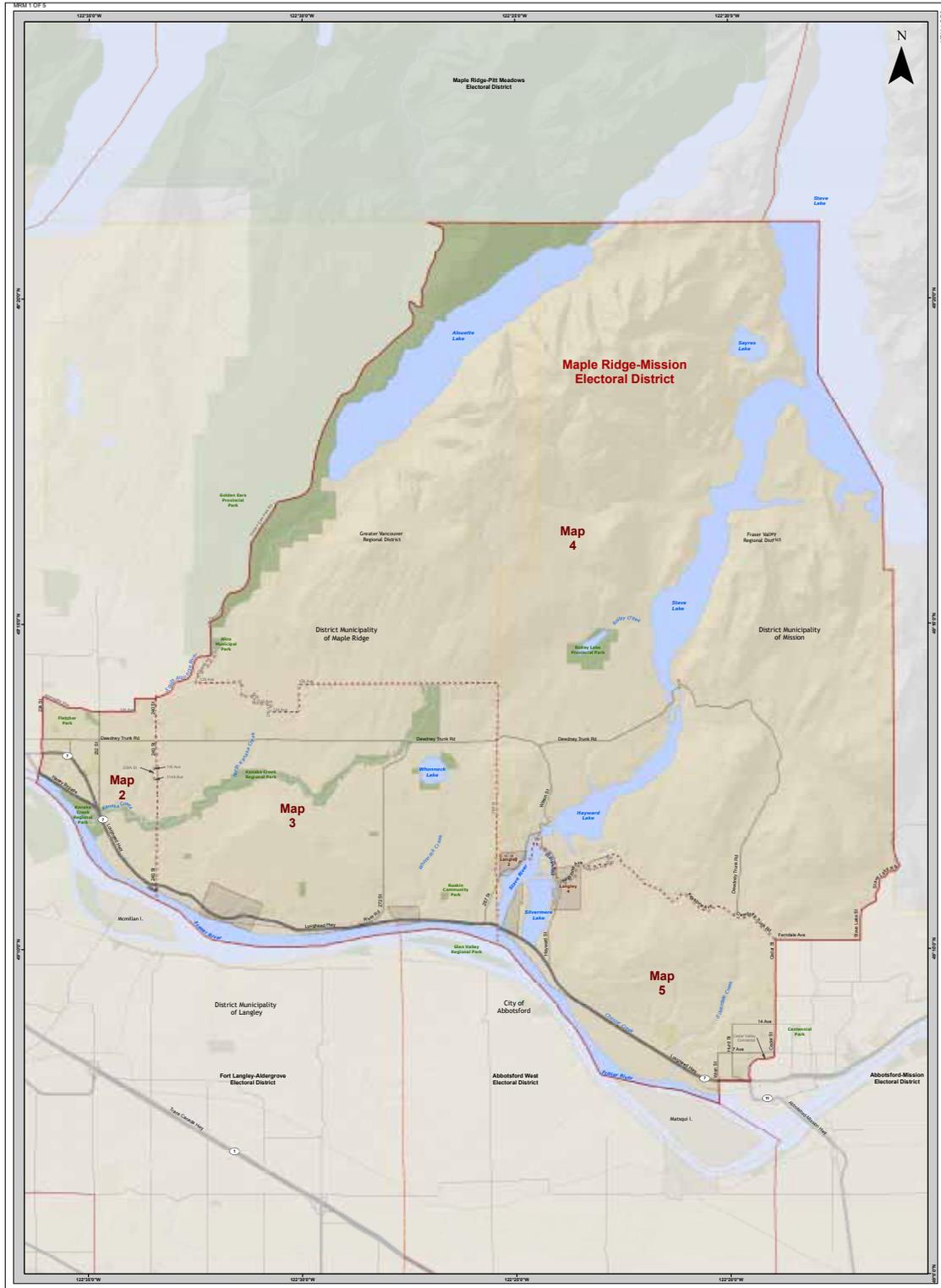
Appendix N: Maple Ridge-Mission recall petition sheet

 ELECTIONS BC <small>A non-partisan Office of the Legislature</small>		RECALL PETITION SHEET			962 (10/11)	
MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BEING RECALLED Marc Dalton		ELECTORAL DISTRICT Maple Ridge-Mission		PETITION NUMBER RP-MRM-2011-003		
NOTE TO SIGNERS		Be sure to read the attached cover sheet before signing this petition. You may be contacted to confirm that you signed this petition. Use the residential address where you are registered as a voter under the <i>Election Act</i> . Postal addresses will not be accepted.				
PLEASE PRINT		We, the undersigned, declare our support of this petition. We are qualified to sign this petition and have not previously signed.				
e.g.	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME (S)	LAST NAME		SIGNATURE	I request that my address and phone number be obscured from public inspection.
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		NAME OF CANVASSER (PRINT)		CANVASSER NUMBER		
		SIGNATURE OF CANVASSER		RP-MRM-2011-003- YYYY MM DD		

Appendix O: Appendix N: Maple Ridge-Mission recall petition timeline



Appendix P: Maple Ridge-Mission electoral district map



Appendix Q: Advertisements



Oak Bay-Gordon Head RECALL PETITION KNOW THE RULES

**If you plan to participate in the recall campaign,
it's important that you know the rules.**

- The *Recall and Initiative Act* allows registered voters to petition to remove a Member of the Legislative Assembly from office between elections
- On Monday, December 6, 2010 petition sheets will be issued to proponent Michael Roy Hayes to recall the Honourable Ida Chong, Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for the Oak Bay-Gordon Head electoral district
- The proponent has 60 days to collect signatures from more than 40% of the voters who were registered to vote in the Oak Bay-Gordon Head electoral district at the May 12, 2009 General Election, and who are currently registered as voters in B.C.
- The petition must be submitted to Elections BC by 4:30 p.m. Friday, February 4, 2011
- An individual may only sign a recall petition once
- Only registered canvassers may collect signatures and must be volunteers
- Recall advertising may only be conducted by the proponent, MLA or registered advertising sponsors



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and the conduct of referenda under the *Referendum Act*.

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Comox Valley RECALL PETITION KNOW THE RULES

If you plan to participate in the recall campaign, it's important that you know the rules.

- The *Recall and Initiative Act* allows registered voters to petition to remove a Member of the Legislative Assembly from office between elections
- On Friday, January 21, 2011 petition sheets will be issued to proponent Kathryn Jean Elizabeth Askew to recall Don McRae, Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for the Comox Valley electoral district
- The proponent has 60 days to collect signatures from more than 40% of the voters who were registered to vote in the Comox Valley electoral district at the May 12, 2009 General Election, and who are currently registered as voters in B.C.
- The petition must be submitted to Elections BC by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, 2011
- An individual may only sign a recall petition once; it is an offence to sign more than once
- Only registered canvassers may collect signatures and must be volunteers
- Recall advertising may only be conducted by the proponent, MLA or registered advertising sponsors



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Appendix R: Glossary

Advertising	Advertising is any public promotional material including, but not limited to leaflets, lawn signs, billboards, brochures, buttons, badges, websites, newspapers, radio, television, newsletters and public address systems.
Approval in principle	Approval in principle is when the Chief Electoral Officer has determined that the application meets the requirements of the <i>Recall and Initiative Act</i> . The Chief Electoral Officer notifies the proponent, the Member and the Speaker that approval in principle has been granted and that a petition will be issued.
Authorized participant	The authorized participants for a recall petition are the proponent of the petition and the Member who is the subject of the petition.
Canvasser	A registered voter who volunteers to assist a proponent by canvassing for signatures on a recall petition. Canvassers must be registered with the Chief Electoral Officer prior to canvassing for signatures, and must not accept any pay or other inducement for canvassing.
Chief Electoral Officer	An Officer of the Legislature. The Chief Electoral Officer is responsible for the administration of the <i>Recall and Initiative Act</i> .
Computer verification	The second verification phase, during which canvassers are validated and each line of the petition is compared against the recall petition voters list, electronically.
Conduct	Conducting advertising means to publish or sponsor recall advertising. Publish means the dissemination of recall advertising through various media: print, electronic (radio, television and websites) and public address systems.
Independent recall advertising sponsor	See Recall Advertising Sponsor.
Member/MLA	A Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA).

Observer	An individual permitted by the Chief Electoral Officer to observe the verification of a recall petition.
Petition	See Recall petition.
Proponent	See Recall petition proponent.
Recall	A process that allows registered voters to petition for the removal of a Member of the Legislative Assembly between elections.
Recall advertising sponsor	A recall advertising sponsor is an individual or organization who pays for recall advertising to be conducted or who has recall advertising conducted on their behalf, or who receives the services of conducting recall advertising without charge as a contribution. Other than a proponent or Member, a sponsor of recall advertising must be registered with the Chief Electoral Officer.
<i>Recall and Initiative Act</i>	Legislation that establishes the recall and initiative processes in B.C. The Act was passed in 1994 and came into force in 1995.
Recall contribution	A recall contribution is an amount of money or the value of any property or services provided without compensation by way of donation, advance, deposit, discount or otherwise to an authorized participant at any time in relation to a recall petition.
Recall expense	A recall expense is the value of property or services used during a recall petition period to promote or oppose, directly or indirectly, the recall of the Member who is the subject of the recall petition.
Recall petition	A petition issued by the Chief Electoral Officer under the <i>Recall and Initiative Act</i> for the recall of a Member of the Legislative Assembly.
Recall petition period	The period starting on the day on which a recall petition application is approved in principle by the Chief Electoral Officer and ending either 60 days from the date on which the petition was issued by the Chief Electoral Officer, or on the day on which the petition is submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer, if earlier.

Recall petition proponent	The registered voter who applied for the issuance of a recall petition. For the purposes of recall financing and recall advertising, a recall proponent includes an individual who intends to become a proponent or who was a proponent.
Recall petition voters list	The list containing voters who were registered to vote in the electoral district as of the last election of the Member, and who are still registered voters in the province. The list of individuals who are entitled to sign the recall petition. This list shows the names and addresses of voters who are currently registered and names of voters who are no longer registered voters. More than 40% of the individuals on this list must sign the recall petition for it to meet the threshold.
Signatory	An individual who signs a recall petition.
Signatory verification	The third verification phase, during which a random sample of individuals who signed the petition are contacted to confirm that they did sign the petition in order for the Chief Electoral Officer to be sufficiently confident in the accuracy of the petition.
Speaker	The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.
Submission confirmation	The first verification phase, during which a manual count of petition sheets and signature lines is conducted in order to confirm that the submitted petition contains enough signatures to potentially meet the threshold of more than 40% of the total number of individuals who are entitled to sign the recall petition.
Threshold	The minimum number of valid signatures which must be collected in order for the recall petition to be successful.
Verification	A process by which the Chief Electoral Officer determines whether the petition has been signed by more than 40% of the total number of individuals who are entitled to sign the recall petition. The three phases of the verification process are: Submission Confirmation, Computer Verification and Signatory Verification.

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