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Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Parliament Buildings Victoria, British Columbia V8V 1X4

Honourable Speaker:

Section 13 of the *Election Act* requires the Chief Electoral Officer to present a report following each electoral event.

I have the honour to submit the Statement of Votes of the Surrey-White Rock by-election held on September 15, 1997.

This report includes an overview of the election, a list of candidates, summaries of results, and detailed results by voting area.

Respectfully submitted,

obert A. Patterson Chief Electoral Officer

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## **Summary of Surrey-White Rock By-Election**

## **Reason for By-Election**

On May 2, 1997, Liberal Wilf Hurd resigned as MLA for the Surrey-White Rock electoral district to become a candidate in the federal election which was called on April 27, 1997. The by-election was held to fill the resulting vacancy in the Legislative Assembly.

#### The Electoral Event

This by-election was the first by-election conducted under the *Election Act* which was brought into force September 1, 1995.

On August 18, 1997, pursuant to Order in Council 984, a Writ of Election was issued by the Chief Electoral Officer to Lorraine Livesey, the District Electoral Officer for the Surrey-White Rock electoral district. The Writ ordered that an election be held on September 15, 1997.

At the commencement of the by-election, temporary voter registration centres were set up in the electoral district at four locations with high pedestrian traffic. The centres were open from August 19, 1997 (Day 1) up to and including August 25, 1997 (Day 7).

Voter Registration Activity:

Number of registered voters on Writ Day (Day 0) 40,766 Number of registered voters at the close of general registration period (Day 7) 41,324 Number of registered voters at the conclusion of general voting (Day 28) 41,975

Under section 41 of the *Election Act*, voter registration and updating was available at all voting opportunities for qualified individuals who were not registered or who were no longer registered at the correct address.

There were 1,149 voter registration transactions completed at the time of voting, resulting in 651 new registrations and 498 updates to the Voters List for the Surrey-White Rock electoral district.

Nominations filed under section 56 of the *Election Act* were accepted by the District Electoral Officer from 9:00 a.m. Monday, August 25 until 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2, 1997. At the close of nominations, six candidates had filed with the District Electoral Officer. All six candidates were endorsed by registered political parties.

No standing nominations were filed with the Chief Electoral Officer under section 57 of the *Election Act*.

Alternative Absentee Voting commenced in the office of the District Electoral Officer on Tuesday, August 19, 1997.

The four consecutive days of Advance Voting began September 10, 1997, and 1,677 voters cast ballots during the Advance Voting period.

General Voting Day was Monday, September 15, 1997, and voting places were open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. At the election, 20,322 voters, or 48.4% of registered voters turned out to vote.

# **Final Count**

Section 128 of the *Election Act* requires a 12-day delay before commencing Final Count unless an earlier time is authorized by the Chief Electoral Officer. At a by-election, however, the period of delay is the time required to prepare for Final Count. As there were no coincidental by-elections, there was no Absentee Voting outside the electoral district, and consequently, no need to wait for ballots from other electoral districts. The Chief Electoral Officer, authorized the District Electoral Officer to begin Final Count on September 19, 1997, and the count was concluded that day.

## **Official Results**

At the conclusion of the Final Count on Friday, September 19, 1997, Gordon Hogg, the candidate endorsed by the Liberal Party of British Columbia, was declared elected as the Member to represent the Surrey-White Rock electoral district in the Legislative Assembly. On Monday, September 29, 1997, the District Electoral Officer returned the Writ of Election to the Chief Electoral Officer, and on that date the Chief Electoral Officer delivered a certified report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly confirming the election of Mr. Hogg.

#### **Candidates**

Candidates*	Registered Political Party	Party Name as on Ballot Paper
GARDNER, Bill	Progressive Democratic Alliance	Progressive Democratic Alliance
HESSELS, Jim	The Family Coalition Party of B.C.	Family Coalition Party of B.C.
HOGG, Gordon	British Columbia Liberal Party	British Columbia Liberal Party
PARKER, Stuart	Green Party Political Association of British Columbia	Green Party
SECORD, David	Reform Party of British Columbia	Reform BC
THOMPSON, David	New Democratic Party of B.C.	B.C. New Democratic Party

<sup>\*</sup> Listed in the order in which they appeared on the ballot paper.

## **Financial Reporting**

The deadline for filing campaign finance information was December 15, 1997. Details of these reports can be found starting on page 9.

# **Sponsorship of Election Advertising** by Registered Political Parties

The following issue is presented for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly.

During the Surrey-White Rock by-election, an issue arose around the legislated provisions regarding expenditures by a registered political party during a by-election.

Section 230 of the *Election Act* prohibits indirect sponsorship of election advertising. When a registered political party spends on behalf of its candidate, these expenditures are required to be reported as expenditures by the candidate and included in the candidate's expense limit.

When a registered political party advertises during a by-election, it is difficult to differentiate between a message in support of the party, and a message in support of its candidate. At a single by-election, the party is fielding only one candidate. Therefore when the registered political party spends to promote itself, is not the party indirectly promoting its sole candidate?

Should some legislated accommodation be provided to ensure that expenditures by a registered political party to promote itself in a by-election are clearly not considered to be indirectly supporting its candidate, and therefore not considered to be an expense against the candidate's spending limit?

	Bill Gardner PDA	Jim Hessels FCP	Gordon Hogg LIB	Stuart Parker GP	David Secord RP	David Thompson NDP	Total Valid Votes	Rejected Ballots	No. of Registered Voters
Advance Voting Seaview Pentecostal Church	. 68	15	832	62	491	208	1,676	1	
General Voting Voting Area									
1		2	63	15	18	17	118	1	267
2		0	83	38	14	17	157	0	315
3	0	0 0	79 73	20 27	15 32	17 20	135 160	2 0	353 376
5	c	2	73 74	23	36	19	160	0	333
6	10	1	65	4	38	9	129	0	342
7		1	63	1	16	6	87	0	213
8	•	2 1	69 49	0 7	32 27	4	110 95	0 0	245 232
9	4	5	49 85	7	27 25	5 17	143	0	445
11	_	1	65	1	42	9	123	0	340
12	. 5	0	55	1	28	3	92	0	250
13		0	88	3	38	2	140	1	357
14		0	45 68	4 3	28 31	12 6	91 110	0 0	249 271
16	•	0	89	3	67	8	173	0	392
17	0	1	87	2	55	17	170	1	378
18		1	19	6	15	4	47	0	182
19	_	1	66	3	44	25	148	0	361
20	4.4	1	97 62	4 2	44 72	18 33	172 181	0 0	375 302
22	40	3	54	0	47	26	148	0	285
23	•	2	70	1	42	23	144	0	277
24		3	35	3	40	19	105	0	373
25	0	0	55 47	1	22	20	101	1	265
26	0	0 3	47 90	3 3	18 47	17 13	88 165	0 0	278 420
28	4	1	65	4	35	10	116	0	288
29	C	1	69	3	33	8	120	0	298
30		2	121	4	59	7	198	1	451
31	7	1 1	59	10	42	35	153	0	352
32	_	0	81 87	12 4	40 27	14 20	155 143	0 0	301 274
34	C	2	64	10	32	14	128	0	286
35	0	2	86	4	33	9	136	0	310
36		1	95	7	36	11	155	0	361
37		0	75 74	2	27	7	117	0	286
38	0	0 4	74 129	4 9	30 41	3 5	116 191	0 1	282 429
40	•	0	87	3	63	19	181	Ö	334
41	. 7	0	79	5	53	18	162	0	336
42	0	0	71	5	58	20	170	0	369
43	47	1 0	56 115	5 12	27 67	21 30	112 241	0 0	366 480
45	40	2	62	4	33	35	149	0	315
46	0	1	77	8	26	20	140	0	368
47	. 5	2	58	6	24	21	116	0	334
48	0	2	57	6	26	19	115	0	396
49	4.0	1 0	51 104	8 3	44 62	29 56	142 241	2 0	355 536
50	0	0	53	3 7	26	15	104	1	265
52	•	5	65	7	49	24	159	0	373
538	. 1	1	42	2	18	10	.74	1	150
54	_	0	74	3	38	10	137	0	348
55	•	0 0	50 77	6 5	19 47	15 10	95 148	1 0	295 369
57	_	3	90	ວ 1	47 79	28	206	0	459
58	_	2	66	5	33	24	135	0	327
	-			-				•	

Voting Area (continued)	Bill Gardner PDA	Jim Hessels FCP	Gordon Hogg LIB	Stuart Parker GP	David Secord RP	David Thompson NDP	Total Valid Votes	Rejected Ballots	No. of Registered Voters
50	7	2	06	11	27	01	17/	0	276
59	6	0	96 64	11 3	37 33	21 21	174 127	0	376 300
61S	3	2	36	0	18	7	66	2	155
62	9	0	73	8	39	24	153	0	331
63	2	4	103	4	52	16	181	0	404
64	3 6	0	104 86	6 6	27 40	19 18	160 156	0 0	361 355
66	4	1	65	5	31	3	109	0	241
67	2	1	98	0	37	5	143	0	307
68	4	1	99	2	41	19	166	0	289
69	5 5	1	63	14	39	14 13	136	0	299
70	9	0	117 62	11 16	22 59	28	169 174	0	409 381
71	12	3	108	11	33	21	188	0	340
73	7	1	95	1	34	31	169	Ō	348
74	8	1	74	18	38	28	167	0	431
75	11	4	55	8	37	24	139	0	362
76	6 8	3	78 81	8 13	33 55	10 19	136 179	0 1	268 388
78	0	1	77	4	30	18	130	0	259
79	6	1	105	6	29	10	157	Ö	332
80	7	1	70	5	32	10	125	0	337
81	5	0	86	5	40	18	154	0	362
82S *1	0 4	0 8	0 113	0 5	0 58	0 20	0 208	0 0	75 327
83 *1	3	2	75	3	22	20	125	0	311
85	7	0	84	3	45	18	157	Ö	302
86	7	1	37	7	31	19	102	0	283
87	8	2	70 70	3	33	34	150	0	327
88	6 8	2 5	79 73	4 5	50 29	29 24	170	0 2	329 315
90	12	1	73 112	11	67	41	144 244	0	595
918	2	4	32	3	10	13	64	2	172
92	5	1	50	4	12	5	77	0	240
93	5	1	92	7	44	19	168	0	348
94	9 6	8	89 89	15 6	47 30	22 17	190 149	0 0	396 299
96	9	3	99	5	46	10	172	0	346
97	7	0	66	3	48	22	146	0	344
98	1	1	77	8	36	25	148	0	332
99	10	2	80	2	38	12	144	0 0	361
100	7 8	2 1	53 86	3 7	33 46	18 20	116 168	0	340 402
102	5	Ó	74	3	39	23	144	0	315
103	4	0	62	6	26	15	113	0	255
104	_	3	65	8	25	17	122	0	267
105	_	1	63	7	24	21	122	0	328
106		0 2	77 87	12 4	39 43	17 12	148 152	1 0	402 359
108		2	84	8	63	22	190	0	371
109		2	62	6	28	26	131	0	254
1108		0	26	1	5	8	42	2	121
111		0	70	4	29	20	126	1	394
112	3 5	1 0	67 65	11 9	26 25	17 18	125 122	0 0	356 328
114		0	50	13	20	22	109	0	351
115	_	0	82	15	36	29	169	Õ	344
116		0	96	14	28	22	166	1	350
117	_	0	78 60	10	44 26	23	159	0	381
118	_	2 2	69 60	10 7	26 32	20 18	133 127	0 0	372 341
120	-	6	55	6	42	31	148	0	379
121	10	0	59	4	20	25	118	0	267
122	_	2	62	1	44	12	126	0	233
123	_	1	87 69	4	38	16	155	2	383
124	_	0 1	68 73	4	41 45	9 15	125 143	1 0	289 326
	J	'	70	7	70	10	170	0	020

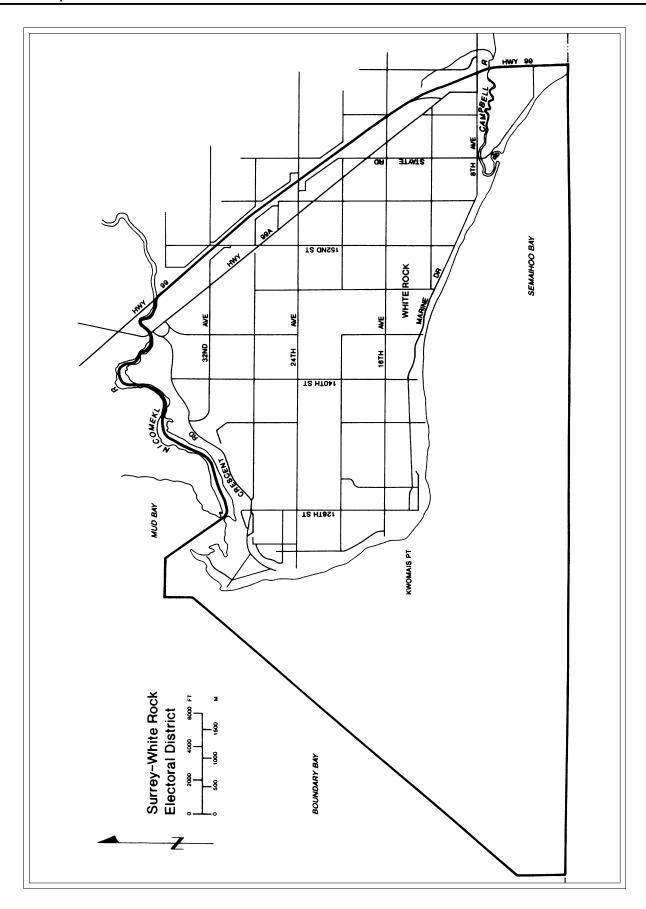
Voting Area (continued)	Bill Gardner PDA	Jim Hessels FCP	Gordon Hogg LIB	Stuart Parker GP	David Secord RP	David Thompson NDP	Total Valid Votes	Rejected Ballots	No. of Registered Voters
126	1	3	51	6	23	17	101	0	283
127	•	0	80	5	33	27	153	0	348
128	3	0	78	12	36	12	141	1	330
Sub Totals	845	185	10,167	884	5,092	2,460	19,633	30	41,975
S. 98 Mobiles	1	0	48	1	21	17	88	0	
S. 99 Absentee - in ED		10	156	23	83	27	311	2	
S. 100 Absentee - out of ED		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
S. 101 Absentee - Advance		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
S. 104 Voting in DEO office	9	3	123	2	94	13	244	0	
S. 106 Voting by mail		0	3	0	8	3	14	0	
Grand Totals	867	198	10,497	910	5,298	2,520	20,290	32	41,975
% of Valid Votes	4.27%	0.98%	51.73%	4.49%	26.11%	12.42%			

#### Summary:

Valid Votes - General and Advance	19,633	96.76%	Total Valid Votes
S. 98 Mobiles	88	0.43%	<b>Total Valid Votes</b>
S. 99 Absentee - in ED	311	1.53%	<b>Total Valid Votes</b>
S. 100 Absentee - out of ED	0	0.00%	<b>Total Valid Votes</b>
S. 101 Absentee - Advance	0	0.00%	<b>Total Valid Votes</b>
S. 104 Voting in DEO office	244	1.20%	<b>Total Valid Votes</b>
S. 106 Voting by mail	14	0.07%	<b>Total Valid Votes</b>
Total Valid Votes	20,290		
Rejected Ballots	32	0.16%	Ballots Cast
Registered Voters Who Voted	20,322	48.41%	Registered Voters

Candidate Elected: Gordon Hogg (LIB)

<sup>\*1</sup> Voting Areas 82S and 83 combined



Surrey-White Rock	Bill Gardner PDA	Jim Hessels FCP	Gordon Hogg LIB	Stuart Parker GP	David Secord RP	David Thompson NDP
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
nflows	·	·	·	·	·	
Political Contributions						
Individuals	4,962	_	27,372	4,473	15,872	_
Corporations	350	_	21,150	-	3,250	_
Unincorporated Businesses	-	-	932	-	-	-
Trade Unions	-	-	-	-	-	650
Non-Profit Organizations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anonymous Contributions	<del>-</del>	-	-	-	<u>-</u>	226
otal Political Contributions	5,312	-	49,454	4,473	19,122	876
Fundraising Income	<del>-</del>	-	100	-	100	-
otal Income	5,312	_	49,554	4,473	19,222	876
Transfers Received	1,910	2,619	16,523	-,	1,945	59,444
Fotal Inflows	7,222	2,619	66,077	4,473	21,167	60,320
Outflows						
lection Expenses						
Bank Charges	12	-	117	-	99	3
Candidate's Nomination Deposit	100	100	100	100	100	100
Candidate's Personal Expenses	160 281	100	=	200 40	-	-
Fundraising Functions	201 -	- -	-	<del>-</del> -	-	-
Furniture & Equipment	308	=	321	80	1,011	=
Media Advertising	2,628	-	11,745	1,670	10,348	27,051
Newsletters to Membership	-	-	-	-	-	-
Office Rent, Insurance & Utilities	-	-	2,177	400	1,698	3,868
Office Supplies	149	80 10	2,044 4,804	218	127 70	1,471 2,506
Professional Services	-	-	1,250	210 -	1,500	500
Research & Polling	-	-	-	=	-	-
Salaries & Benefits	-	-	2,145	-	-	5,484
Signs & Brochures	3,352	400	23,711	1,783	5,311	7,694
Social Functions	232	-	7,147	-	370	852
Telecommunications	=	75	8,944	=	786	3,992
Travel	-	-	1,419	-	-	488
otal Election Expenses	7.222	765	65,923	4.491	21,419	54.008
Transfers Given	-	-	-	4,491	-	600
otal Outflows	7,222	765	65,923	4,491	21,419	54,608
election Expense Limit	58,750	58,750	58,750	58,750	58,750	58,750
Election Expenses Subject to Limits	6,730	565	55,890	4,191	21,319	53,408
Election Expenses not Subject to Limits	492	200	10,033	300	100	600
in accordance with section 203 of the <i>Election Act</i> )						

Electoral District	Surrey-White Roo
Political Party	NDP
	\$
Inflows	
Political Contributions	
Individuals	2,891
Corporations	-
Unincorporated Businesses	=
Trade Unions	- -
Other Contributors	900
Anonymous Contributions	254
Total Political Contributions	4,045
Fundraising Income	624
Transfers Received	832
Loans Received	-
Total Inflows	5,501
Transfers Given	-

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	British Columbia Liberal Party	The Family Coalition Party of B.C.	Green Party Political Association of British Columbia
	\$	\$	\$
nflows			
Political Contributions			
Individuals	180.170	3,030	7,137
Corporations	505,224	-	-
Unincorporated Businesses	34,005	-	-
Trade Unions	<u>-</u> -	-	-
Non-Profit Organizations	14,500	-	-
Other Contributors	800 320	-	-
Anonymous Contributions		2 020	7.137
otal Political Contributions	735,019	3,030	7,137
Fundraising Income	41,999 50,821	-	3,349
Other Income	827,839	2 020	10.486
otal Income	027,039	3,030	10,400
Transfers Received	<del>-</del>	725	<del>-</del>
otal Inflows*	827,839	3,755	10,486
		·	,
Outflows			
lection Expenses			
Bank Charges	315	-	-
Conventions and Meetings	-	-	-
Fundraising Functions	43,580	-	-
Furniture and Equipment	958	-	-
Media Advertising	6,468	212	-
Newsletters to Membership Office Rental, Insurance and Utilities	5,381	133	-
Office Supplies	2,590	_	_
Postage	3,560	289	-
Professional Services	34,103	- -	-
Research and Polling	4,373	-	-
Salaries and Benefits	11,541	-	-
Signs and Brochures	<del>-</del>	423	-
Social Functions	-	-	-
Telecommunications	4,633	34	-
Travel	1,141	-	
otal Election Expenses	118,643	 1,091	
Transfers Given	16,524	2,619	-
		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-
otal Outflows	135,167	3,710	<u> </u>
lection Expense Limit	52,177	52,177	52,177
Election Expenses Subject to Limits	31,183	1,091	-
lection Expenses not Subject to Limits	87,460		

<sup>\*</sup> Total inflows may be significantly greater than total outflows because the reporting periods are different. Total inflows includes all political contributions received since January 1, 1997. Total outflows are related to the election period only.

	New Democratic Party of B.C.	Progressive Democratic Alliance	Reform Party of British Columbia
	\$	\$	\$
iflows	•	·	·
olitical Contributions			
Individuals	2,279,386	30.274	35,378
Corporations	42,766	8,548	5,243
Unincorporated Businesses	910	<u>-</u>	
Trade Unions	91,600	<del>-</del>	
Non-Profit Organizations	100	-	
Other Contributors	-	-	-
Anonymous Contributions	-	-	650
otal Political Contributions	2,414,762	38,822	41,271
Fundraising Income	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	29,098
otal Income	2,414,762	38,822	70,369
Transfers Received	600	, -	, -
Loans Received	-	6,638	-
otal Inflows*	2,415,362	45,460	70,369
utflows			
ection Expenses			
Bank Charges	-	2,570	-
Conventions and Meetings	-	6,885	-
Fundraising Functions	-	-	-
Furniture and Equipment	12.052	- 117	-
Media Advertising	13,052	117	-
Office Rental, Insurance and Utilities	_	3,600	_
Office Supplies	-	1,440	<u>-</u>
Postage	-	-	
Professional Services	-	1,749	-
Research and Polling	26,750	-	-
Salaries and Benefits	5,152	9,050	-
Signs and Brochures	-	-	-
Social Functions	2 162	- 6 214	-
Telecommunications	3,163	6,314 13	-
Other	- -	-	_
otal Election Expenses	48,117	31,738	
Transfers Given	59,094	135	500
	· ·		500
otal Outflows	107,211	31,873	500
ection Expense Limit	52,177	52,177	52,177
ection Expenses Subject to Limits	48,117	1,500	
•	•	30,238	

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	Expenses
Expense Categories	
	\$
Salaries	10.639
Travel/Transportation	
Postage/Freight/Courier	
Telephone Charges	1,155
Advertising	
General Office Expense	
Information Technology	
Materiels and Supplies	914
Voters List Printing	2,536
Voter Notice Printing	
Voter Notice Postage	
Total	152,022

## **Voter Registration**

Expense Categories	
Registration Centre Rentals	<b>\$</b> 280
Support Staff Salaries and Travel	7,086
Total	7,366

## **District Electoral Office Expenses**

8,200 6,150 19,797
6,150
6,150
10 70
10,101
824
4,29
12,425
944
6,700
78,180
5,965
143,476
\$302,864