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Honourable Speaker:

I have the honour to submit the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the Westside-Kelowna by-election held on July 10, 2013.

This report is filed in accordance with section 13(1)(b) of the *Election Act*.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith Archer'.

Keith Archer, Ph.D.
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British Columbia



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Overview

Summary

Submitted in accordance with section 13(1)(b) of the *Election Act*, this report describes the proceedings, the results and the costs of the July 10, 2013 by-election in the Westside-Kelowna electoral district.

The by-election was called following the resignation of Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) Ben Stewart. Contested by eight candidates, the by-election resulted in the election of BC Liberal Party candidate, Christy Clark.

Voter turnout was 40.84% and the by-election cost Elections BC \$482,228 to administer.

Order for a by-election

On June 11, 2013, Ben Stewart resigned as the MLA for the Westside-Kelowna electoral district.

Pursuant to section 35 of the *Constitution Act*, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly informed the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of the vacancy by means of a warrant. The Chief Electoral Officer received the warrant for Westside-Kelowna on June 11, 2013. As the writ for a by-election must be issued within six months after receipt of the warrant by the Chief Electoral Officer, the last possible date for calling the Westside-Kelowna by-election was December 11, 2013.

The by-election was called on June 12, 2013 when the Lieutenant Governor in Council ordered that the writ of election for Westside-Kelowna be issued by the Chief Electoral Officer. The writ ordered that General Voting Day for the by-election be held on Wednesday, July 10, 2013.

By-election calendar

The calendar of events for an election is prescribed by the *Election Act*. It begins on Day 0 when the writ for the election is issued and the election is called. General Voting Day for the election is 28 days after Day 0.

Table 1: Westside-Kelowna by-election calendar

Day	Milestone	Date
Day 0	Writ Day	Wednesday, June 12, 2013
Day 5	Close of standing nominations	Monday, June 17, 2013
Day 6	Start of ordinary nomination period	Tuesday, June 18, 2013
Day 7	Close of general voter registration	Wednesday, June 19, 2013
Day 10	Close of ordinary nomination period	Saturday, June 22, 2013
Day 12	Revised voters list produced	Monday, June 24, 2013
Day 21	Start of advance voting	Wednesday, July 3, 2013
Day 24	End of advance voting	Saturday, July 6, 2013
Day 28	General Voting Day	Wednesday, July 10, 2013
Day 34	Start of final count*	Tuesday, July 16, 2013
Day 41	Return Day	Tuesday, July 23, 2013
Day 118	Election financing report filing deadline	Tuesday, October 8, 2013
Day 148	Election financing report late filing deadline	Thursday, November 7, 2013

* In accordance with section 128 of the *Election Act*, final count normally begins on Day 41 (in this case, Tuesday, July 23, 2013). However, the Chief Electoral Officer authorized that final count be moved to Day 34 (Tuesday, July 16, 2013). This was possible due to the low number of absentee ballots cast and the fact that in the case of a single by-election, there are no absentee ballots cast in other electoral districts.

A by-election held so closely after a general election is an unusual event in recent British Columbia history.¹ However, the timing of the by-election meant that many of the Westside-Kelowna election officials and office staff hired for the 2013 General Election were available to work in the by-election; therefore minimal employment advertising was required. Training was still required for these election officials, but the District Electoral Officer was able to incorporate the results of lessons that had been learned during the general election only weeks earlier and therefore provided even better training to officials and service to voters.

The short-term lease of the district electoral office for the general election was extended for the period of the by-election and the telephone and network infrastructure already in place was reused. The office was able to serve voters and candidates immediately once the by-election was called. This is in contrast to the typical infrastructure challenges Elections BC faces when there is a lack of certainty around when a by-election may be called. The District Electoral Officer was also able to reuse many of the same voting places from the general election.

¹ The last by-election to be called within a week of Return Day was the November 28, 1966 by-election for the electoral district of Cariboo, following the 28th Provincial General Election.

The timing of the by-election did present some unique challenges for Elections BC. Elections BC expedited the processing of Westside-Kelowna voter registrations and updates made in conjunction with voting during the general election. This ensured that these voters were included on the revised list of voters for the by-election and would receive current and accurate Where to Vote cards. Information technology (IT) systems also required modification to manage both general election and by-election information simultaneously. Elections BC was able to meet both of these challenges by the necessary deadlines.

Nomination of candidates

The *Election Act* provides two methods for nominating candidates: standing nominations and ordinary nominations. For a by-election, standing nominations may be submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer at any time until 4:30 p.m. (Pacific time) on Day 5. Ordinary nominations may be submitted to the District Electoral Officer during the ordinary nomination period, which began at 9 a.m. on Day 6 and ended at 1 p.m. (Pacific time) on Nomination Day, Day 10.

The period for submitting standing nominations for the by-election closed at 4:30 p.m. on June 17, 2013.

The ordinary nomination period was from 9 a.m. on June 18, 2013 to 1 p.m. on June 22, 2013, during which eight candidates were nominated.

Table 2: Candidates in Westside-Kelowna in the order in which they appeared on the ballot

Candidate	Affiliation
Jag Bhandari (JB)	B.C. Vision
Christy Clark	BC Liberal Party
Carole Gordon	BC NDP
John Marks	Independent
Silverado Brooks Socrates	Independent
Sean Upshaw	BC Conservative Party
Dayleen Van Ryswyk	Independent
Korry Zepik	Independent

Voter registration

Only individuals who are registered to vote may vote in a provincial election or by-election. To register, an individual must be: a Canadian citizen, 18 years or older on General Voting Day, a resident of British Columbia for six months immediately preceding General Voting Day, and not be disqualified from voting.

Elections BC offers many opportunities to register as a voter. Individuals may register online using the Online Voter Registration system; by telephone; in person at a district electoral office, or Elections BC headquarters; or by submitting a voter registration application by mail, fax or email.

The period between Day 8 and Day 30 of an election is known as the 'closed period for general registration'. During this period, Elections BC finalizes updates to the voters list and prints Where to Vote cards and voting books. General registration for individuals residing in Westside-Kelowna is suspended, though these individuals can still register when they vote. To do so, individuals are required to prove their identity and place of residence either by presenting identification, or through a process known as vouching. Voters outside of Westside-Kelowna can continue to register throughout the by-election period. The closed period for general registration for the by-election began on June 20, 2013.

When the writ was issued, there were 44,830 registered voters in Westside-Kelowna. At the close of general voting on General Voting Day, the number of registered voters in the electoral district was 46,021.

Table 3: Number of registered voters in Westside-Kelowna

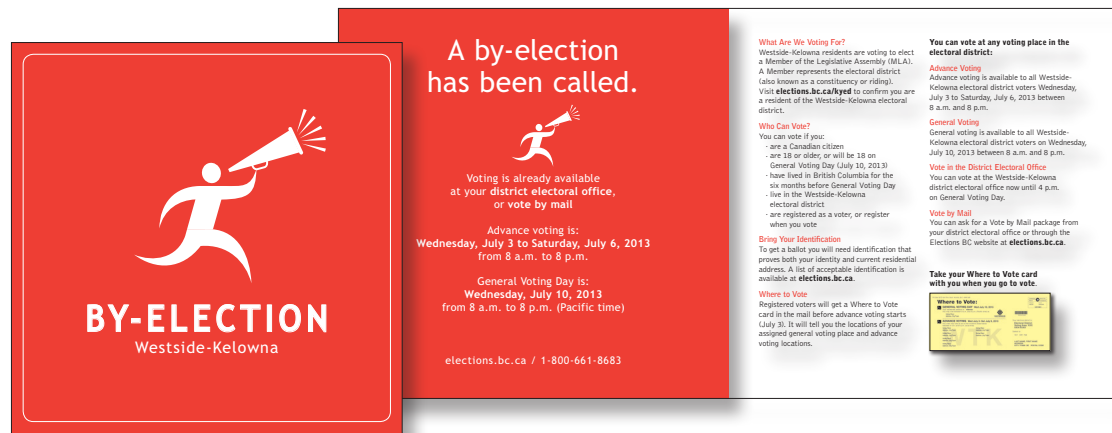
Day	Date	Registered voters
Day 0 - writ of election	June 12, 2013	44,830
Day 7 - close of general registration	June 19, 2013	45,649
Day 28 - close of general voting	July 10, 2013	46,021

Public information

The *Election Act* requires the Chief Electoral Officer to provide public notice of an election containing information regarding voter registration and voting opportunities. In addition to meeting these statutory requirements, Elections BC is committed to providing an inclusive and accessible electoral process. Therefore, Elections BC implemented a comprehensive communications plan to inform voters in Westside-Kelowna of their electoral rights, the electoral process, the times and locations of voting opportunities and where additional information could be found.

Early in the campaign period, Elections BC distributed information pamphlets to each household in the electoral district. The pamphlet included the dates and times of advance and general voting, a map of the electoral district, voter eligibility requirements and Elections BC contact information. In total, 27,555 pamphlets were delivered in Westside-Kelowna.

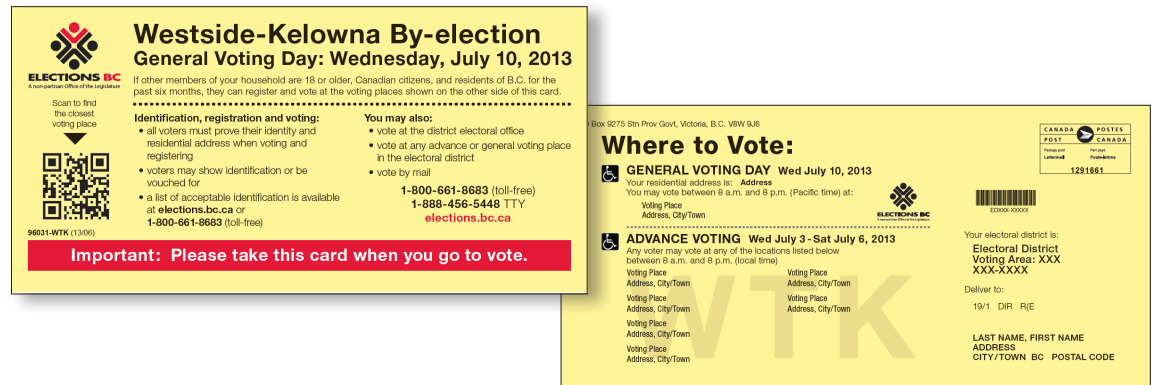
Figure 1: By-election information pamphlet



As required by the *Election Act*, Elections BC published advertisements regarding the by-election in community newspapers available in the electoral district.

Prior to the start of advance voting, Where to Vote cards were mailed to every registered voter in Westside-Kelowna. The cards informed voters of their assigned voting place; dates, times and locations of voting opportunities; voting eligibility requirements; and, the opportunity to register in conjunction with voting.

Figure 2: Where to Vote card



To accommodate increased call volumes, Elections BC hired additional staff to answer calls to its 1-800 phone number. Operators were available during regular business hours and for extended hours during advance voting and general voting.

Elections BC's website was enhanced to provide website visitors with a single source for by-election information. The web page was updated over the course of the campaign period to reflect candidate nominations, election expenses limits, voting place addresses and voting results.

Figure 3: By-election web page

The screenshot shows the Elections BC website for the Westside-Kelowna By-election. The header includes the Elections BC logo and the text 'A non-partisan Office of the Legislature'. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The navigation menu includes links for HOME, REGISTER, EMPLOYMENT, LINKS, CONTACT, and SITE MAP. A prominent 'REGISTER HERE NOW' button is displayed, along with a link to 'Register or update your voter registration online'. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail: Home > Westside-Kelowna By-election. The title is 'Westside-Kelowna By-election'. The text describes the by-election called for July 10, 2013, for the Westside-Kelowna electoral district. A list of links is provided, including 'Final voting results', 'Interim Statement of Votes (pdf)', 'Interim Voting Results by Voting Area (Excel)', 'Advance voting turnout statistics', 'Media Releases', 'A By-election has been called for July 10, 2013' (with language options), 'Get Ready to Vote', 'Remember to Vote', 'Household mailer', 'Electoral district map', 'Voter Registration', 'Voting opportunities', 'Other voting opportunities', 'Candidates', 'District electoral office', and 'Election expenses limits'.

Officials

The Chief Electoral Officer appoints a District Electoral Officer (DEO) to administer elections in each electoral district. One or more Deputy District Electoral Officers are also appointed to provide assistance, and to replace the DEO if the position becomes vacant.

Table 4: Westside-Kelowna District Electoral Officer and Deputy

Name	Role
Carol Hall	District Electoral Officer
Stephen Sweeney	Deputy District Electoral Officer

DEOs hire election and voter registration officials to register voters, supervise voting places, issue ballots and maintain ballot boxes, provide information to voters and perform other duties at voting places.

The Westside-Kelowna by-election utilized the same processes and staffing model for general voting first used in the 2013 General Election. All Voting Officers and Voting Clerks were trained to provide voter registration services on General Voting Day.

At advance voting opportunities, Certificate Writers conducted voter registration activities for voters who did not arrive with their Where to Vote card. The vast majority of voters, who did bring their Where to Vote card, were served by the Voting Officers and Voting Clerks. These efficiencies at advance voting were first piloted in the 2012 Port Moody-Coquitlam and Chilliwack-Hope by-elections and were implemented across the province for the May 14, 2013 General Election.

Together, these changes to voter registration at general and advance voting provided a more efficient process for voters and required approximately 80% fewer voter registration officials (referred to as Certificate Writers in the table below) be hired than under the previous model.

Table 5: Number of officials hired by position in Westside-Kelowna

Position	Number of officials
Information Officers	43
Supervisory Voting Officers	22
Voting Clerks	176
Voting Officers	172
Certificate Writers	6

Voting

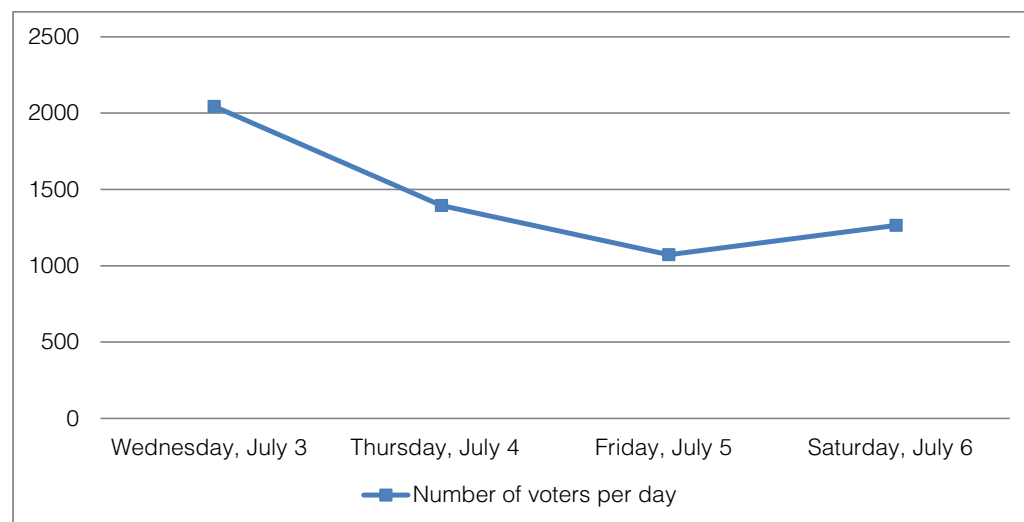
The *Election Act* provides British Columbians with a wide variety of voting opportunities. Four advance voting locations and 16 general voting locations were provided in the Westside-Kelowna electoral district. Absentee voting was available to voters who voted outside of their assigned voting place. Alternative absentee voting was also available in the district electoral office and by mail. Mobile teams administered special voting at long-term care facilities in the electoral district for voters who would not otherwise have been able to vote.

Table 6: Number of valid votes cast by voting opportunity in Westside-Kelowna

Voting opportunity	Section of <i>Election Act</i>	Number of valid votes	% of popular vote
General voting	s. 96	11,248	59.94%
Advance voting	s. 97	5,765	30.72%
Special voting	s. 98	130	0.69%
Absentee voting in electoral district	s. 99	875	4.66%
Alternative absentee voting (in DEO office)	s. 104	673	3.59%
Alternative absentee voting (by mail)	s. 106	75	0.40%
Total valid votes		18,766	100.00%

There were 31 rejected ballots and voter turnout was 40.84% of registered voters in Westside-Kelowna

Figure 4: Turnout at advance voting



By-election pilot projects

One of Elections BC's goals is to ensure the effective and efficient administration of electoral events. Between elections, Elections BC investigates ways that various processes associated with voting can be improved to provide more efficient service or to address issues discovered in previous elections. A by-election is an effective way to trial those improvements on an appropriate scale.

One of the primary responsibilities of election officials is to ensure that only eligible voters are permitted to vote. In by-elections, voters from neighbouring electoral districts often arrive at voting places near electoral district boundaries desiring to vote, unaware that they reside outside of the electoral district in which the by-election is taking place. Elections BC provides election officials with various tools to determine the electoral district of residence of a voter who arrives without a current and accurate Where to Vote card in order to ensure that only eligible voters are permitted to vote.

Figure 5: Know Your Electoral District application

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Know Your Electoral District

There are four ways to find electoral district information:

Enter an address:

Apt. # / Unit #: Bldg # / House #:

Street Name: * Street Type: Street Direction:

City/Town:

*required

OR

Find the closest voting place:

Available during election periods only.

OR

Choose an electoral district:

Click [here](#) to view a map of provincial electoral districts.

OR

Choose a city, town, or location:

e.g., Kelowna, Quadra Island, Ruby Creek IR 2

For the Westside-Kelowna by-election, each advance voting place was provided with a laptop computer with access to the Know Your Electoral District online application. Officials at the voting place could look up a voter's residential address and immediately determine whether or not the voter resided in Westside-Kelowna. This supplement to the existing tools was well received by voters and election officials and so the laptops were also used at four voting places located near electoral district boundaries on General Voting Day, where they were also very well received. The use of this technology was a success in the by-election and will be considered for use in future events.

Voting results

Summary of results

Ballots from advance voting and general voting are counted at initial count following the close of voting on General Voting Day. Ballots contained in certification envelopes from other voting opportunities such as absentee and special voting are considered at final count. Final count took place on July 16, 2013.

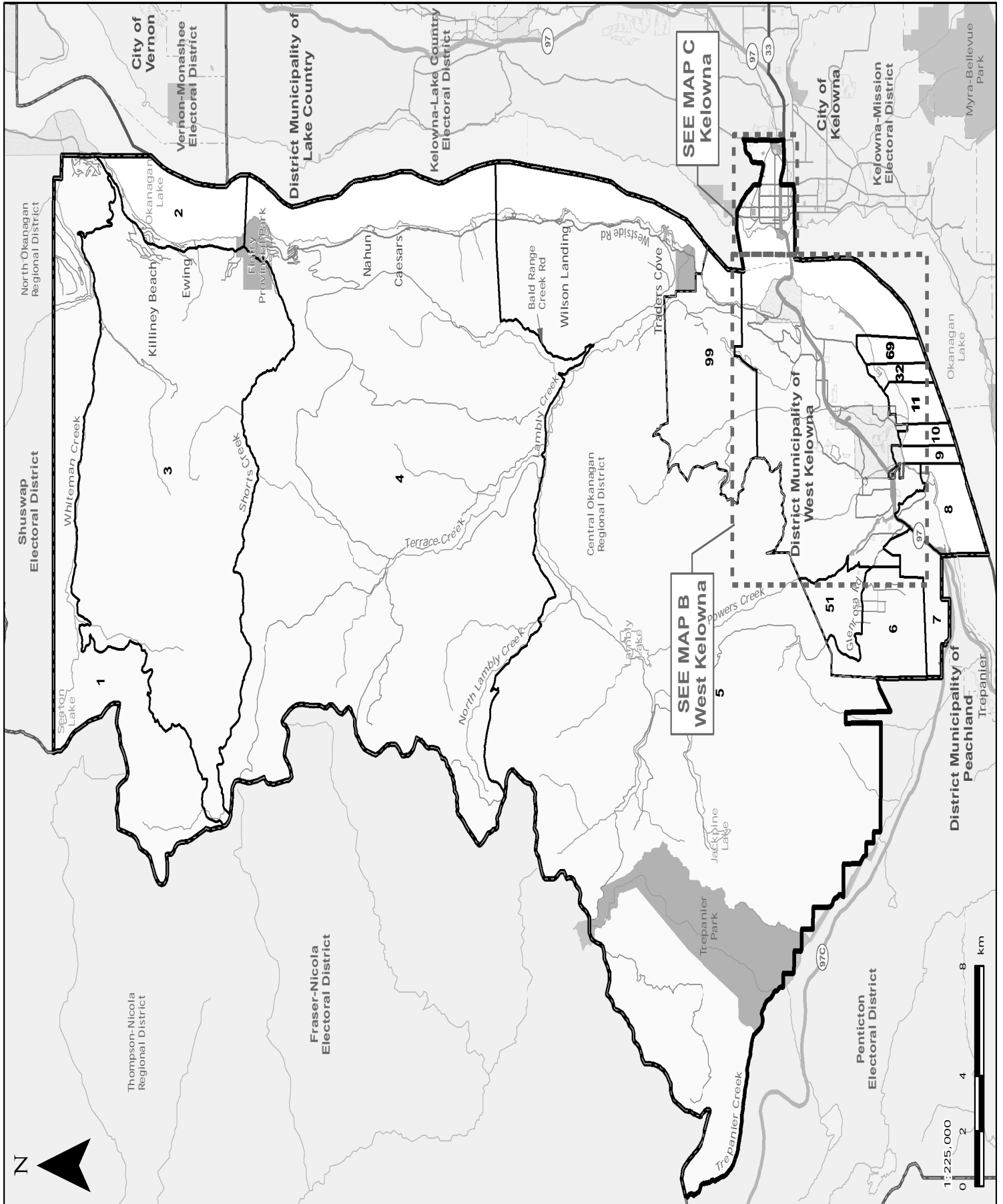
The *Election Act* requires a waiting period of six days between the conclusion of final count and the return of the writ of election. This provides sufficient time for a candidate, voter or the District Electoral Officer to request a judicial recount. A judicial recount was not requested and the writ of election was returned on July 23, 2013.

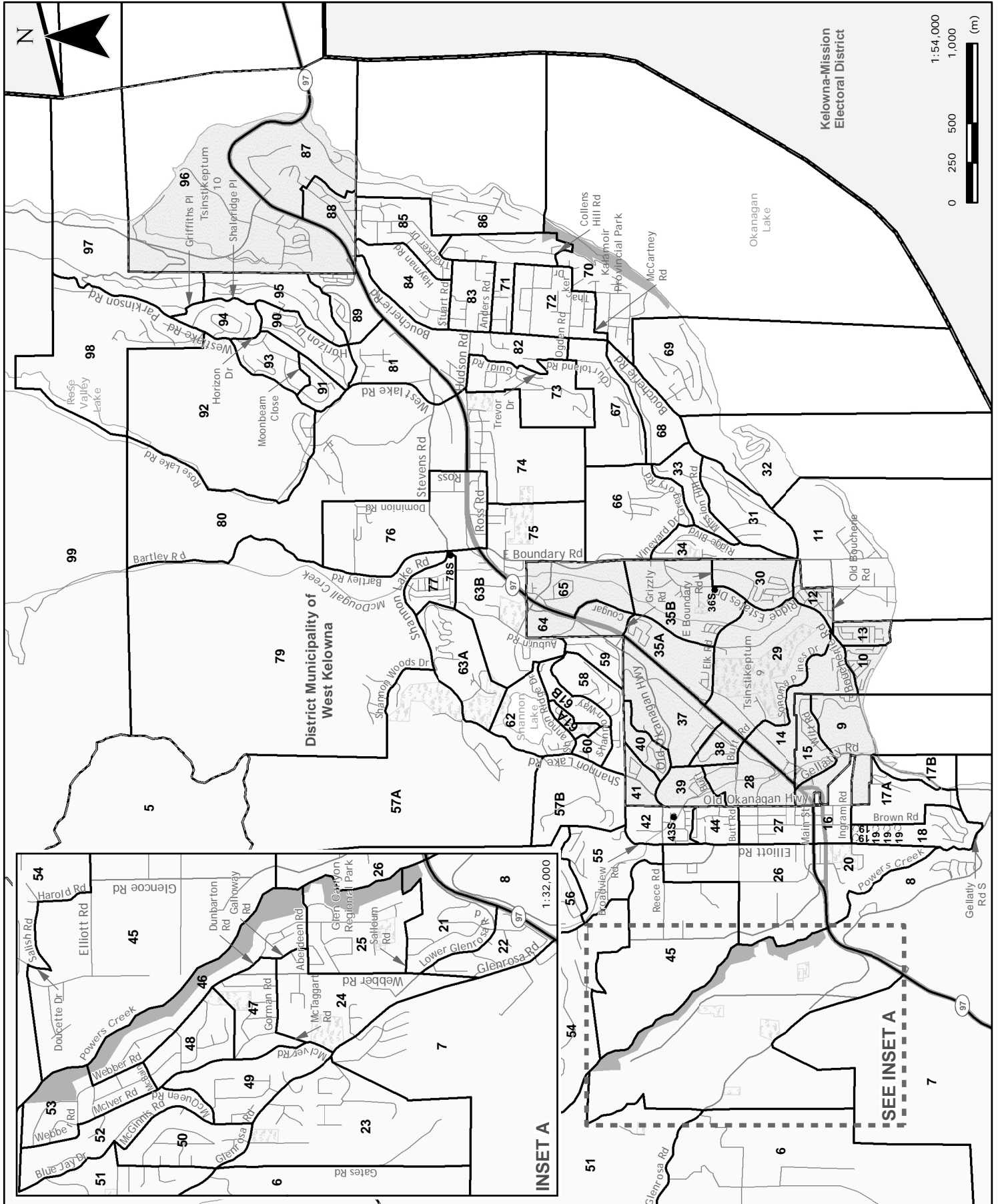
Table 7: Summary of Westside-Kelowna results

Candidate	Affiliation	Total valid votes	% of popular vote
Jag Bhandari (JB)	B.C. Vision	45	0.24%
Christy Clark	BC Liberal Party	11,758	62.66%
Carole Gordon	BC NDP	5,563	29.64%
John Marks	Independent	74	0.39%
Silverado Brooks Socrates	Independent	46	0.25%
Sean Upshaw	BC Conservative Party	1,115	5.94%
Dayleen Van Ryswyk	Independent	134	0.71%
Korry Zepik	Independent	31	0.17%
		18,766	100.00%

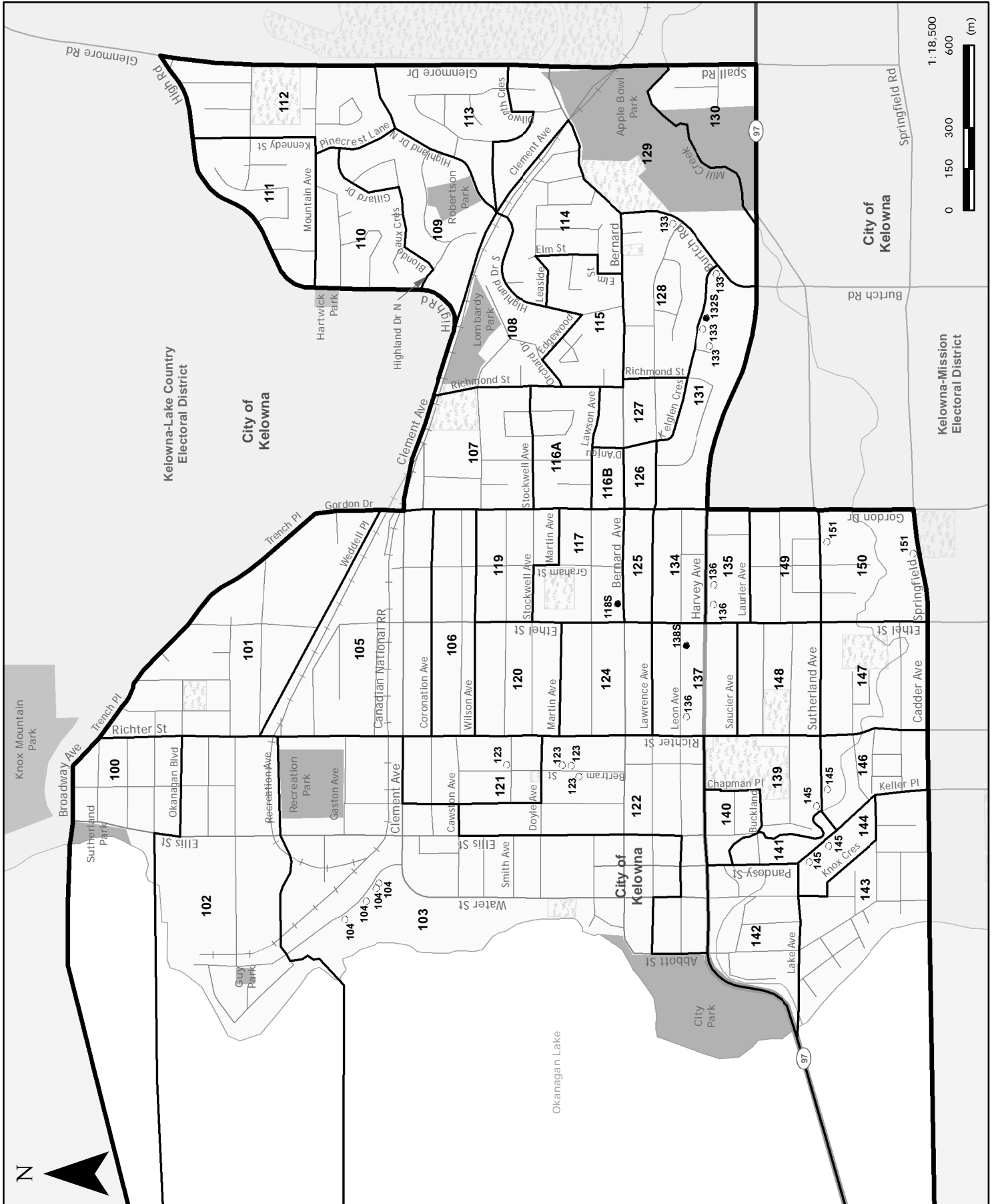
The following pages contain the results of the Westside-Kelowna by-election by voting area. Each voting area is represented by a number, and some are followed by a letter. A voting area corresponding to a grey dot on the accompanying map is a point voting area, which is assigned to a single address or addresses. A voting area followed by the letter S indicates a site-based voting area established at an intermediate or long-term care facility. The ballots cast in some voting areas were combined into a single ballot box where it was necessary to protect the secrecy of the vote, or for reasons of efficiency.

Westside-Kelowna (WTK)
MAP A - Westside-Kelowna Electoral District





Westside-Kelowna (WTK)
MAP C - Kelowna



Westside-Kelowna (WTK)
Voting results by voting area

	Jag Bhandari (JB) BCV	Christy Clark LIB	Carole Gordon NDP	John Marks IND	Silverado Brooks Socrates IND	Sean Upshaw CP	Dayleen Van Ryswyk IND	Korry Zepik IND	Total valid votes	Rejected ballots	Registered voters
Advance voting											
Emmanuel Church	11	1,612	556	5	2	121	13	0	2,320	2	
Grace Baptist Church	1	341	184	2	2	46	5	2	583	0	
St. Pius X Church Hall	0	564	380	3	1	45	8	1	1,002	1	
Super 8 West Kelowna Hotel	4	1,294	448	7	1	88	16	2	1,860	1	
General voting											
Voting area											
1	0	72	34	1	0	11	3	0	121	0	367
2	0	52	41	0	0	3	0	2	98	0	197
3	0	46	33	0	0	5	1	0	85	0	285
4 *4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	169
5	0	54	17	0	2	1	1	1	76	0	302
6	1	41	13	0	1	6	1	0	63	0	243
7	0	50	21	0	0	2	0	0	73	1	215
8	0	82	28	1	1	8	1	0	121	0	398
9	0	56	12	2	0	8	3	0	81	0	251
10	0	34	22	1	2	3	0	0	62	0	296
11	0	77	17	0	1	5	0	0	100	0	340
12	0	41	18	2	1	8	0	0	70	0	252
13	0	23	27	0	0	6	0	0	56	0	253
14	0	94	39	2	0	10	3	0	148	1	508
15	0	49	24	0	0	3	0	0	76	0	272
16	0	29	18	0	0	3	0	0	50	0	187
17A	0	76	22	0	0	13	0	0	111	0	473
17B	0	27	4	0	0	0	0	0	31	0	115
18	0	44	23	0	0	12	0	1	80	1	333
19	0	54	10	0	0	8	0	0	72	0	310
20 *1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	223
21	0	30	17	0	0	6	0	0	53	0	251
22 *1	1	35	7	0	0	3	1	0	47	0	163
23	0	66	49	1	0	7	0	0	123	0	377
24	0	52	28	0	0	3	1	0	84	0	280
25	0	38	33	0	0	3	0	0	74	0	323
26	1	46	23	1	0	2	2	0	75	0	309
27	0	48	30	0	0	4	3	0	85	0	327
28	0	76	26	1	0	6	0	0	109	0	315
29	0	76	19	1	0	8	1	0	105	0	498
30	0	34	29	0	0	7	0	0	70	0	306
31	0	73	16	0	0	4	2	0	95	0	314
32	0	34	4	0	0	2	0	0	40	0	155
33	0	68	12	0	0	3	1	0	84	0	239
34	1	106	33	0	0	7	0	0	147	0	375
35A	1	53	24	0	0	2	0	1	81	0	272
35B	0	23	24	0	0	3	4	0	54	0	341
36S *3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55
37	0	53	30	1	0	2	0	0	86	1	427
38	0	71	18	0	0	3	0	0	92	0	395

Westside-Kelowna (WTK)
Voting results by voting area

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Voting area (continued)	Jag Bhandari (JB) BCV	Christy Clark LIB	Carole Gordon NDP	John Marks IND	Silverado Brooks Socrates IND	Sean Upshaw CP	Dayleen Van Ryswyk IND	Korry Zepik IND	Total valid votes	Rejected ballots	Registered voters
39	0	15	25	0	0	5	1	0	46	0	227
40 *2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	195
41 *2	0	26	26	0	0	5	1	0	58	0	189
42	0	59	29	1	1	4	1	1	96	0	325
43S	0	14	10	0	0	6	0	0	30	1	112
44	0	30	32	0	0	4	1	0	67	0	286
45	0	72	15	2	0	4	1	0	94	0	336
46	0	46	41	0	0	6	0	0	93	0	278
47	0	39	28	1	0	4	0	0	72	0	296
48	2	44	36	0	0	8	2	0	92	0	344
49	0	46	33	0	0	5	1	0	85	0	339
50	0	47	39	0	2	1	0	0	89	0	358
51	0	55	13	1	0	2	0	0	71	0	288
52	0	44	37	0	1	0	2	0	84	0	306
53	1	66	32	0	0	5	1	0	105	0	341
54	0	77	17	0	0	5	0	0	99	0	307
55	0	86	34	0	0	6	0	0	126	0	373
56	0	71	22	0	1	10	1	0	105	1	413
57A	0	99	23	0	0	11	1	0	134	0	482
57B	0	24	7	0	0	2	0	0	33	2	214
58	0	55	26	1	0	3	0	0	85	0	345
59	0	31	26	0	0	2	0	2	61	0	227
60	0	23	12	0	0	4	0	0	39	0	177
61A	0	17	10	0	1	0	0	0	28	0	117
61B	0	38	30	0	0	4	1	0	73	0	384
62	0	84	25	0	0	5	0	0	114	2	397
63A	0	73	18	0	0	4	0	0	95	0	322
63B	0	82	28	0	0	5	0	1	116	0	395
64	0	16	20	1	0	7	0	0	44	0	205
65	0	29	45	0	0	8	2	0	84	0	395
66	0	61	7	0	0	10	0	0	78	0	274
67	0	51	17	1	0	8	0	0	77	1	282
68	0	56	15	0	0	4	0	0	75	0	227
69	0	61	12	0	0	4	0	0	77	0	265
70	0	74	20	0	0	2	1	1	98	0	310
71	0	76	26	0	0	6	0	1	109	0	360
72	0	59	50	0	0	3	0	0	112	0	332
73	0	70	22	1	1	3	0	0	97	0	400
74	1	37	31	0	0	6	1	0	76	0	346
75	0	34	24	1	0	4	0	0	63	0	327
76	0	50	30	0	0	4	1	1	86	0	335
77	0	71	34	0	0	16	1	0	122	0	342
78S *3	0	18	12	0	0	1	2	1	34	0	101
79	0	78	20	1	0	9	1	0	109	0	363
80	0	55	14	0	0	11	0	0	80	0	262
81	1	26	25	1	0	1	0	0	54	0	235
82	1	61	20	2	0	2	1	1	88	0	272
83	0	42	30	0	0	5	0	0	77	0	237
84	0	27	9	0	0	2	1	0	39	0	147
85	0	80	24	0	0	3	1	1	109	0	398

Westside-Kelowna (WTK)
Voting results by voting area

Voting area (continued)	Jag Bhandari (JB) BCV	Christy Clark LIB	Carole Gordon NDP	John Marks IND	Silverado Brooks Socrates IND	Sean Upshaw CP	Dayleen Van Ryswyk IND	Korry Zepik IND	Total valid votes	Rejected ballots	Registered voters
86	0	52	11	1	0	7	3	0	74	0	361
87	1	46	8	0	0	3	0	0	58	0	200
88	0	30	8	0	0	3	0	0	41	0	223
89 *4	0	57	10	1	0	2	1	0	71	0	208
90	3	87	40	0	1	9	0	0	140	0	408
91	0	39	18	0	0	4	0	0	61	0	267
92	0	60	36	1	0	4	0	1	102	0	308
93	1	69	38	0	1	5	0	0	114	0	420
94	1	66	32	0	0	1	1	0	101	0	238
95	0	84	22	0	0	2	0	0	108	0	374
96	0	48	32	1	2	10	1	0	94	0	450
97	0	70	36	0	0	3	0	0	109	0	365
98	1	101	22	0	0	7	1	0	132	0	369
99	0	17	8	0	1	1	0	0	27	0	119
100	1	22	35	1	0	2	0	1	62	0	278
101	0	31	35	0	0	3	0	0	69	0	292
102	0	28	37	0	0	0	0	0	65	0	324
103	0	63	18	0	0	1	0	0	82	0	544
104	0	48	9	0	0	4	0	0	61	0	352
105 *5	0	21	29	0	0	2	1	0	53	0	189
106	0	25	36	0	0	6	1	0	68	1	329
107	0	37	24	1	0	9	0	0	71	0	354
108	0	17	18	0	0	7	0	0	42	0	231
109	0	40	13	0	0	8	1	1	63	0	230
110	0	27	25	0	0	2	0	0	54	0	235
111	0	37	30	0	0	8	0	0	75	0	299
112	0	28	33	1	4	8	1	1	76	0	304
113	0	34	22	0	1	1	0	0	58	2	290
114	1	30	14	1	0	9	0	0	55	0	318
115	0	22	16	1	1	3	1	0	44	1	308
116A	0	20	31	0	0	6	0	0	57	0	235
116B	0	31	4	0	0	3	0	0	38	0	244
117	0	30	21	1	0	5	0	0	57	0	353
118S *7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62
119	0	21	19	0	0	1	2	2	45	0	251
120	0	31	29	0	0	0	1	0	61	0	362
121	0	26	18	0	0	1	1	0	46	0	330
122	1	45	16	0	0	1	0	0	63	0	438
123	0	33	16	0	0	4	1	0	54	0	284
124	0	34	19	2	1	3	0	0	59	0	348
125	0	16	19	2	0	2	0	0	39	0	209
126	0	21	18	0	2	11	0	0	52	0	260
127	0	22	25	0	0	5	1	0	53	0	286
128	0	33	22	0	0	4	0	0	59	0	361
129	0	25	23	0	1	8	1	0	58	0	268
130	1	33	39	0	0	5	1	0	79	0	431
131	0	27	23	0	0	1	0	0	51	0	333
132S *7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	77
133	0	26	26	2	0	6	0	1	61	0	295
134 *6	0	22	26	0	0	3	1	0	52	0	229

Westside-Kelowna (WTK)
Voting results by voting area

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer
on the Westside-Kelowna By-election
July 10, 2013

	Jag Bhandari (JB)	Christy Clark	Carole Gordon	John Marks	Silverado Brooks Socrates	Sean Upshaw	Dayleen Van Ryswyk	Korry Zepik	Total valid votes	Rejected ballots	Registered voters
Voting area (continued)	BCV	LIB	NDP	IND	IND	CP	IND	IND			
135 *6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	168
136	0	24	18	0	0	1	0	0	43	0	262
137	0	22	23	0	0	1	0	0	46	1	352
138S *7	1	53	13	2	0	9	1	0	79	0	133
139	0	31	29	0	0	9	0	0	69	0	278
140	0	25	16	0	0	7	0	0	48	0	328
141	0	22	23	0	1	4	1	0	51	1	302
142	0	21	12	0	0	1	0	0	34	0	317
143	0	53	26	0	0	2	0	0	81	1	339
144 *5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	260
145	3	38	27	1	0	7	0	0	76	0	259
146	1	53	27	0	0	3	2	0	86	1	366
147	0	33	27	0	0	6	2	0	68	0	302
148	0	26	41	0	0	3	3	0	73	0	279
149	0	16	23	0	0	0	0	0	39	0	186
150	0	46	19	0	1	7	0	0	73	0	238
151	0	83	18	2	1	6	1	1	112	0	310
Sub totals	43	10,667	5,045	66	39	998	127	28	17,013	23	46,021
s. 98 Special	0	80	33	0	0	16	1	0	130	1	
s. 99 Absentee - in ED	0	502	301	3	4	57	5	3	875	2	
s. 100 Absentee - out of ED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
s. 101 Absentee - advance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
s. 104 Voting in DEO office	2	465	162	3	2	38	1	0	673	4	
s. 106 Voting by mail	0	44	22	2	1	6	0	0	75	1	
Grand totals	45	11,758	5,563	74	46	1,115	134	31	18,766	31	
% of valid votes	0.24%	62.66%	29.64%	0.39%	0.25%	5.94%	0.71%	0.17%			

Summary

Valid votes - General and advance	17,013	90.66%	Total valid votes
s. 98 Special	130	0.69%	Total valid votes
s. 99 Absentee - in ED	875	4.66%	Total valid votes
s. 104 Voting in DEO office	673	3.59%	Total valid votes
s. 106 Voting by mail	75	0.40%	Total valid votes

Total valid votes **18,766**

Rejected ballots	31	0.16%	Ballots cast
Registered voters who voted	18,797	40.84%	Registered voters

Registered voters **46,021**

Candidate elected: **Christy Clark (LIB)**

*1 Voting areas 20 and 22 combined

*2 Voting areas 40 and 41 combined

*3 Voting areas 36S and 78S combined

*4 Voting areas 4 and 89 combined

*5 Voting areas 105 and 144 combined

*6 Voting areas 134 and 135 combined

*7 Voting areas 118S, 132S and 138S combined

Election financing

Introduction

Under the *Election Act*, financial agents for candidates, registered political parties represented by a candidate in the by-election and associated registered constituency associations are required to file election financing reports with the Chief Electoral Officer within 90 days after General Voting Day. Individuals and organizations that sponsor election advertising are required to register with Elections BC. Registered election advertising sponsors who sponsor election advertising with a value of \$500 or more are required to file election advertising disclosure reports within 90 days after General Voting Day.

Following are summaries of election financing reports and election advertising disclosure reports received by Elections BC. The summaries reflect the financing reports as filed and do not include subsequent amendments. After filing, Elections BC staff review the reports for accuracy and completeness. The completed reports and any subsequent amendments are available for viewing on the Elections BC website for up to 10 years. Because Elections BC does not include cents in the summaries, there may be some small differences from the original reports due to rounding.

The financial filing deadline was 4:30 p.m. on October 8, 2013.

Election expenses limits

Unlike fixed-date general elections, the *Election Act* does not establish a pre-campaign period for by-elections. The base election expenses limit for candidates and registered political parties during the campaign period was \$70,000. The base expenses limit for election advertising sponsors was \$3,000. These base amounts were adjusted to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index.

The expenses limits for the by-election were:

- \$73,342.18 for registered political parties
- \$73,342.18 for candidates
- \$3,143.24 for election advertising sponsors

Registered constituency associations are prohibited from incurring election expenses except on behalf of a nominee prior to that individual receiving their certificate of candidacy, and any such expenses are considered to be election expenses of the candidate. Therefore, constituency associations do not have an election expenses limit.

Registered political parties

The election financing information in this report includes both the total inflows and total outflows for each registered political party which endorsed a candidate. Total inflows and total outflows may not be equal. This commonly occurs when assets held prior to a campaign period are used, and are therefore reported as election expenses but not as inflows. Differences also occur because the reporting periods are different for inflows and outflows.

Total inflows include income and loans received. Except for other income, total inflows are reported from January 1, 2013 to the close of voting on General Voting Day. Other income is miscellaneous income related to the election only.

Political contributions: amount of money or the value of any property or services provided without compensation by way of donation, advance, deposit, discount or otherwise.

Transfers received: non-reciprocal receipts of money, goods or services from a registered constituency association, a candidate or a leadership contestant.

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

Other income: income related to the election from miscellaneous sources.

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

Total outflows are related to the campaign only and are categorized as follows:

Election expenses subject to the expenses limits: the value of property or services used during the campaign period, by or on behalf of a registered political party, registered constituency association, or a candidate to promote or oppose a registered political party or a candidate (e.g. advertising and campaign office expenses). The campaign period is the time between when an election is called (June 12, 2013) and the close of general voting (July 10, 2013). The *Election Act* limits the amount of election expenses a registered political party or candidate can incur during this period.

Election expenses not subject to the expenses limits: election expenses specifically excluded from the election expenses limits (e.g. audit fees). This type of expense is described in section 203 of the *Election Act*.

Other expenses: the value of goods and services used outside the campaign period but in relation to the election.

Transfers given: non-reciprocal provisions of money, goods or services to a registered constituency association, a candidate or a leadership contestant.

Registered constituency associations

Registered constituency associations are prohibited from incurring election expenses, except on behalf of a nominee prior to that individual receiving their certificate of candidacy. All election expenses incurred on behalf of a nominee must be included in the candidate's election expenses. Therefore, constituency associations do not report any expenses in their election financing reports. The only outflows reported are transfers given between January 1, 2013 and General Voting Day. Total inflows include income and loans received. Income is from January 1, 2013 to the close of voting on General Voting Day.

Political contributions: amount of money or the value of any property or services provided without compensation by way of donation, advance, deposit, discount or otherwise.

Transfers received: non-reciprocal receipts of money, goods or services from a registered political party or a candidate.

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

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

The only outflows reported by registered constituency associations in election financing reports are:

Transfers given: non-reciprocal provisions of money, goods or services to a registered political party or a candidate.

Candidates

The election financing information for candidates in this report includes both the total inflows and outflows. Total inflows and total outflows may not be equal. This commonly occurs when items owned by a candidate prior to a campaign period are used, and therefore reported as election expenses but not as inflows.

Political contributions: amount of money or the value of any property or services provided without compensation by way of donation, advance, deposit, discount or otherwise.

Transfers received: non-reciprocal receipts of money, goods or services from a registered political party or a registered constituency association.

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

Other income: income related to the election from miscellaneous sources.

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

Total outflows are categorized as follows:

Election expenses subject to the expenses limits: the value of property or services used during the campaign period, by or on behalf of a registered political party, registered constituency association, or a candidate to promote or oppose a registered political party or a candidate (e.g. advertising and campaign office expenses). The campaign period is the time between when an election is called (June 12, 2013) and the close of general voting (July 10, 2013). The *Election Act* limits the amount of election expenses a registered political party or candidate can incur.

Election expenses not subject to the expenses limits: election expenses specifically excluded from the election expenses limits (e.g. nomination deposits and audit fees). This type of expense is described in section 203 of the *Election Act*.

Other expenses: the value of goods and services used outside the campaign period but in relation to the election.

Transfers given: non-reciprocal provisions of money, goods or services to a registered political party or a registered constituency association.

Election advertising sponsors

The following definitions are relevant to election advertising sponsors:

Election advertising: the transmission, by any means, of an advertising message to the public that:

- is transmitted during the campaign period, and
- promotes or opposes, directly or indirectly, a registered political party or the election of a candidate. This includes taking a position on an issue with which a candidate or registered political party is associated.

Election advertising does not include documents sent directly by a person or group to their members, employees or shareholders, or the transmission by an individual, on a non-commercial basis on the Internet, or by telephone or text messaging, of their personal political views.

Contributions: money provided to a sponsor of election advertising during the period beginning six months before an election is called and ending on General Voting Day.

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

Value of election advertising: the market value of preparing and conducting election advertising.

All election advertising sponsors must be registered. Under section 244 of the *Election Act*, an election advertising sponsor is not required to file a disclosure report if, during the campaign period, the advertising sponsored did not have a total value of \$500 or more.

No election advertising sponsors sponsored election advertising with a total value of \$500 or more in relation to the Westside-Kelowna by-election.

The election advertising sponsors registered with Elections BC indicated they did not sponsor election advertising with a total value of \$500 or more or did not file disclosure reports. Since the registered advertising sponsors that did not file disclosure reports were registered prior to the start of the 2013 Westside-Kelowna by-election and no election advertising valued at \$500 or more has come to our attention, Elections BC has assumed that they also did not sponsor election advertising with a value of \$500 or more. A full listing of all registered election advertising sponsors is available on the Elections BC website.

Filing deadlines

All election financing reports for the Westside-Kelowna by-election were due on October 8, 2013. The following political party filed its election financing report after that deadline and paid a \$500 late filing fee:

BC Conservative Party

Westside-Kelowna

Candidates	Jag Bhandari (JB)	Christy Clark	Carole Gordon	John Marks	Silverado Brooks Socrates	Sean Upshaw	Dayleen Van Ryswyk	Korry Zepik
	BCV	LIB	NDP	IND	IND	CP	IND	IND
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Inflows								
Political contributions								
Individuals	-	-	975	-	250	7,535	373	440
Corporations	-	1,500	-	-	-	220	-	-
Unincorporated businesses/commercial organizations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trade unions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-profit organizations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other identifiable contributors	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anonymous contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total political contributions	-	1,500	975	-	250	7,755	373	440
Transfers received	-	51,208	36,644	-	-	600	-	-
Fundraising income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	-	250	250	-	-	-	-	-
Loans received	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total inflows	-	52,958	37,869	-	250	8,355	373	440
Outflows								
Election expenses subject to expenses limit	2,261	47,992	31,898	-	-	6,248	123	45
Election expenses not subject to expenses limit	-	3,250	2,928	-	250	-	250	395
Other expenses	-	-	4,017	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers given	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	-
Total outflows	2,261	51,242	38,943	-	250	6,248	373	440

Westside-Kelowna

Registered political parties	B.C. Vision	BC Conservative Party	BC Liberal Party	BC NDP
	BCV	CP	LIB	NDP
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Inflows				
Political contributions				
Individuals	-	81,840	2,954,592	5,003,081
Corporations	-	94,963	6,056,006	2,264,374
Unincorporated businesses/commercial organizations	-	690	467,289	-
Trade unions	-	-	9,510	2,677,073
Non-profit organizations	-	-	-	243,085
Other identifiable contributors	-	-	550,547	-
Anonymous contributions	-	175	5,242	4,386
Total political contributions	-	177,668	10,043,186	10,191,999
Transfers received	-	1,859	679,703	186,008
Fundraising income	-	500	287,201	126,168
Other income	-	-	-	63,588
Loans received	-	-	3,000,000	3,825,000
Total inflows	-	180,027	14,010,090	14,392,763
Outflows				
Election expenses subject to expenses limit	179	-	68,848	-
Election expenses not subject to expenses limit	-	-	216,733	7,350
Other expenses	-	152,674	782,838	447,971
Transfers given	-	10,930	5,717,029	3,811,236
Total outflows	179	163,604	6,785,448	4,266,557

Westside-Kelowna

Registered constituency associations	CP	NDP
	\$	\$
Inflows		
Political contributions		
Individuals	4,690	-
Corporations	250	-
Unincorporated businesses/commercial organizations	-	-
Trade unions	-	-
Non-profit organizations	-	-
Other identifiable contributors	-	-
Anonymous contributions	-	-
Total political contributions	4,940	-
Transfers received	-	6,706
Fundraising income	1,258	-
Loans received	-	-
Total inflows	6,198	6,706
Transfers given	2,725	19,000

Elections BC expenses

Westside-Kelowna by-election expenses

The following expenses were incurred by Elections BC in administering the Westside-Kelowna by-election:

Central office expenses

Expense categories	fiscal year 2013/2014
Salaries	\$ 8,763
Professional services	3,080
Travel	3,473
Information systems	75,972
General office expenses	40,831
Voter notice postage/printing	31,057
Advertising and publications	35,877
Total	\$ 199,053

District electoral office expenses

Expense categories	fiscal year 2013/2014
District Electoral Officer salary and benefits	\$ 22,518
Deputy District Electoral Officer salary and benefits	16,896
Election official fees	164,952
Support staff salaries	34,448
Travel	681
General office expenses	13,650
Ballot printing	8,260
Voting place rental	14,970
Office rental	6,800
Total	\$ 283,175

Total election expenses \$ 482,228

Number of registered voters on General Voting Day 46,021

Cost per registered voter \$ 10.48

Appendices

Appendix A: Orders of the Chief Electoral Officer

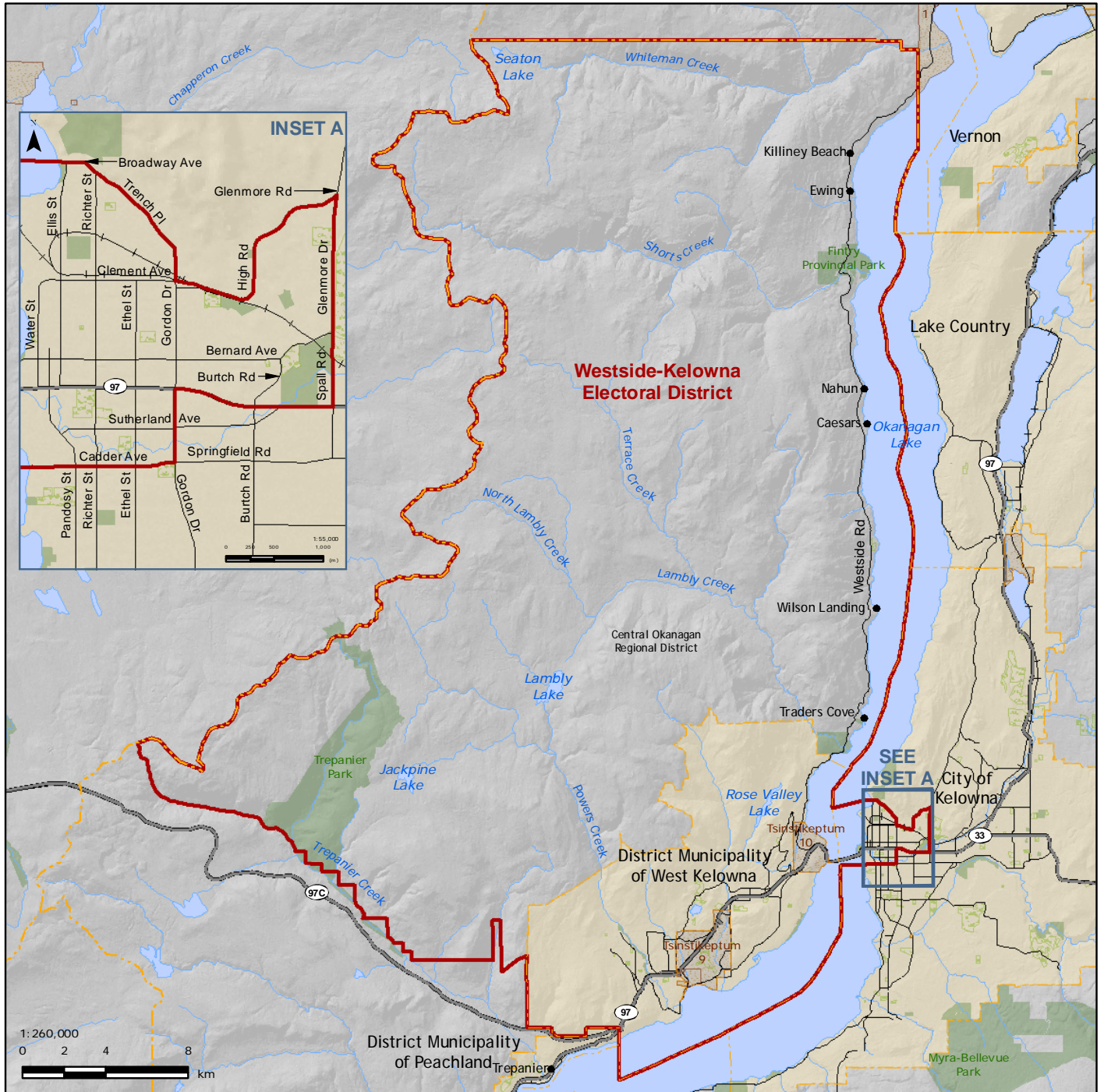
Section 280 of the *Election Act* establishes the authority of the Chief Electoral Officer to make specific or general Orders under certain circumstances. One Order was made by the Chief Electoral Officer relating to the Westside-Kelowna by-election. The Order is summarized below.

ORD035-2013

July 10, 2013

The election officials at some voting stations erred in not having all voters who voted under s. 96 of the *Election Act* sign the general voting books as required by the Act. Despite the requirements of s. 96, the ballots cast by these voters were considered at initial count as if the voters had signed the necessary declaration in the general voting books.

Appendix B: Westside-Kelowna electoral district map



Appendix C: Participation statistics in comparison

The following table is a comparison of voter participation in the Westside-Kelowna electoral district in the 2013 by-election and the 2009 Provincial General Election expressed as a percentage of registered voters.

Westside-Kelowna	Date	Voter turnout
2013 By-election	July 10, 2013	40.84%
2009 Provincial General Election ²	May 12, 2009	57.44%

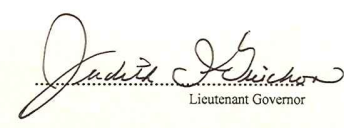
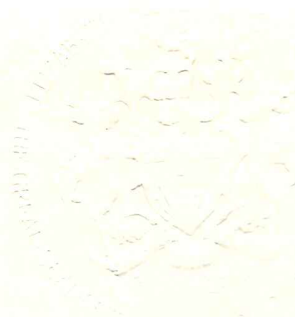
The following table is a comparison of voter participation in provincial by-elections since 1996 expressed as a percentage of registered voters.

Electoral District	Date	Voter turnout
Westside-Kelowna	July 10, 2013	40.84%
Chilliwack-Hope	April 19, 2012	41.12%
Port Moody-Coquitlam	April 19, 2012	32.07%
Vancouver-Point Grey	May 11, 2011	38.94%
Vancouver-Burrard	October 29, 2008	23.21%
Vancouver-Fairview	October 29, 2008	26.93%
Surrey-Panorama Ridge	October 28, 2004	52.15%
Delta South	December 7, 1999	59.78%
Parksville-Qualicum	December 14, 1998	60.09%
Surrey-White Rock	September 15, 1997	48.40%


² Voter turnout for the 2013 Provincial General Election was not yet available at the time of publication.

Appendix D: Writ of election

Westside-Kelowna



Lieutenant Governor



ELECTION ACT

WRIT OF ELECTION
Form 1, Section 26(2)

ELIZABETH II, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her Other Realms and Territories, Queen,
Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

To the District Electoral Officer for the Electoral District of Westside-Kelowna

GREETING:

We command you THAT:

Notice of time and place of election being given, you do cause election to be made, according to law,
of a member to serve in the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia for the Electoral District of

Westside-Kelowna;

You do accept the nomination of candidates at the office of the District Electoral Officer for the Electoral District,
from 9 a.m. (Pacific Time) on the eighteenth day of June, 2013 until 1 p.m. (Pacific Time) on the twenty-second
day of June, 2013;


If an election by voting is required, you do cause general voting for the election to be conducted, from 8 a.m. until
8 p.m. (Pacific Time) on the tenth day of July, 2013;

You do certify the name of the member elected, to the Chief Electoral Officer, at the City of Victoria, on or before
the first day of August, 2013, being the day for the return of this Our writ.

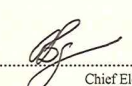
In Testimony Whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent
under the Great Seal of Our Province of British Columbia.

Witness, Her Honour Judith Guichon, OBC

at Our Government House, dated this twelfth day of June, 2013



Attorney General



Chief Electoral Officer

Appendix E: Public information/advertising

Westside-Kelowna

Householder/unaddressed mailer (English)

French (digital)

German (digital)

Polish (digital)

Punjabi (digital)

Spanish (digital)

Print advertising - Statutory advertisement #1



Westside-Kelowna BY-ELECTION

A by-election has been called for July 10, 2013

Who Can Vote?

You can vote if you are:

- a Canadian citizen
- 18 years of age or older, or will be 18 on General Voting Day (July 10, 2013)
- a resident of British Columbia for the past six months, and
- a resident of the Westside-Kelowna electoral district

Voter Registration Is Easy

Register online at elections.bc.ca/ovr or call toll-free at **1-800-661-8683** until June 19, 2013.

If you aren't registered by June 19, 2013, you can register when you vote. You'll need identification that proves both your identity and residential address. A list of acceptable identification is available from Elections BC.

How to Nominate a Candidate

A candidate must be nominated in writing by 75 eligible voters of the electoral district. Nomination kits are available from your District Electoral Officer or online at elections.bc.ca.

Deadlines for Nominations

Nominations can be delivered to the Chief Electoral Officer up to the end of the day on Monday, June 17, 2013. Nominations can also be delivered to the District Electoral Officer between 9 a.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2013 and 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, 2013.

Know Your Electoral District

Voters in the Westside-Kelowna electoral district are eligible to vote in the by-election. Visit elections.bc.ca/kyed to find out what electoral district you live in.

BC Has More Ways to Vote

All Westside-Kelowna voters can:

Vote at Advance Voting Voters can attend any advance voting location in the electoral district from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (local time), Wednesday, July 3 through Saturday, July 6. All advance voting locations are wheelchair accessible.

Vote on General Voting Day Voters can attend any general voting location in the electoral district from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Pacific time), Wednesday, July 10, 2013.

Vote at the district electoral office From now until 4 p.m. (Pacific time) on General Voting Day, Wednesday, July 10, 2013.

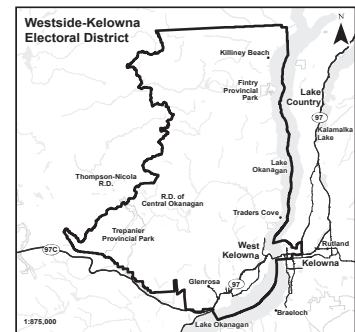
Vote by Mail You can ask for a Vote by Mail package from the district electoral office or through the Elections BC website at elections.bc.ca.

Any Questions?

For further information visit Elections BC's website at elections.bc.ca or phone toll-free at **1-800-661-8683**.

Or contact the District Electoral Officer
#125 – 3011 Louie Dr
Westbank, BC V4T 3E3
Phone: 250-707-2730
Fax: 250-707-2736

Hours of Operation:
Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



To vote in the Westside-Kelowna by-election on Wednesday, July 10, 2013, make sure you are on the voters list now.



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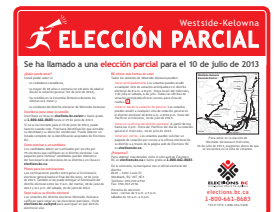
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**Westside-Kelowna
BY-ELECTION**

Remember to Vote. Wednesday, July 10 is General Voting Day.

Do You Have This Card?

Where to Vote:
This card tells you where you can vote in the Westside-Kelowna by-election. **Take it with you when you go vote.** If you do not have this card, **visit the Elections BC website at elections.bc.ca**, or call **1-800-661-8683** (toll-free).

BC Has More Ways to Vote
All voters can:

- Vote at advance voting** Voters can attend any advance voting location in the electoral district from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (local time), Wednesday, July 3 through Saturday, July 6. All advance voting locations are wheelchair accessible.
- Vote on General Voting Day** Voters can attend any general voting location in the electoral district from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Pacific time), Wednesday, July 10, 2013.
- Vote in the district electoral office** from now until 4 p.m. (Pacific time) on General Voting Day, Wednesday, July 10, 2013.
- Vote by Mail** You can ask for a Vote by Mail package from the district electoral office or through the Elections BC website at elections.bc.ca.

How to Vote

- Choose only one candidate.
- Mark your ballot with an **X** or **✓**.

Who Can Vote?
You can vote if you are:

- 18 years of age or older, or will be 18 on General Voting Day (July 10, 2013)
- a Canadian citizen,
- a resident of British Columbia for the past six months, and
- a resident of the Westside-Kelowna electoral district.

You can Register When You Vote
If you aren't already registered, you can register when you vote. **You will need identification that proves both your identity and current residential address.**

Future Voters
Elections BC encourages you to bring your children with you when you vote. Show tomorrow's voters how our electoral process works.

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N'oubliez pas d'aller voter. Le mercredi 10 juillet est le jour du scrutin général.

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Westside-Kelowna
NACHWAHL

Gehen Sie wählen. Am Mittwoch, dem 10. Juli, ist Wahltag.

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German

Westside-Kelowna
WYBORY DODATKOWE

Pamiętaj o wyborach. Głosowanie powszechne odbywa się we środę 10 lipca.

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ਉੱਪ-ਚੁਣਾਉ

ਦੋਰ ਪਾਉਣ ਯਾਦ ਕਰੋ। ਹੁੰਦਾ-ਚ, 10 ਜੁਲਾਈ ਆਮ ਵੋਟ ਪਾਉਣ ਦਾ ਦਿਨ ਹੈ।

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ELECCIÓN PARCIAL

Recuerde votar. El miércoles, 10 de julio es el día de la votación general.

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