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Your vote is your voice!

The next provincial general election in BC — Tuesday, May 17, 2005.

Voting requirements:

In order to vote, an individual must:

1. be a Canadian citizen;
2. be 18 years of age or older on General Voting Day for the election;
3. be a resident of the electoral district;
4. have been a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before General Voting Day for the election;
5. be registered as a voter for the electoral district or register as such in conjunction with voting; and
6. not be disqualified by the Election Act or any other enactment from voting in the election or be otherwise disqualified by law.

Time off from work for voting:

Any employee who is entitled to vote is entitled to have four consecutive hours free from employment during voting hours on General Voting Day for the purpose of voting. Any time taken off work to vote is at the discretion of the employer. It is an offence for an employer to take any deduction from an employee's pay for time off for voting.

Voting opportunities:

A voter for an electoral district who meets the applicable requirements may vote in an election for the electoral district by one of the following:

- **General Voting Day** - Voting hours on General Voting Day are from 8am to 8pm, Pacific time.
- **Advance Voting** - Advance Voting is held from 12 noon to 9pm on the Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the week preceding General Voting Day. Advance Voting is available to **any** voter and all Advance Voting locations are wheelchair accessible.

Questions? Contact Elections BC online at www.elections.bc.ca or toll free at 1-800-661-8683.

