



December 20, 2018

EBC File: 15230-18/REF2018

Honourable Darryl Plecas
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Room 207, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Mr. Speaker:

My office has completed the administration of the 2018 Referendum on Electoral Reform in accordance with the *Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Act* and the Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Regulation. I am pleased to present the results of the referendum in accordance with section 7(a) of the Act.

Beginning October 22, 2018, Elections BC mailed a referendum voting package to each registered voter in British Columbia. As of November 23, 2018, the deadline to register to vote and request a voting package, there were 3,297,396 registered voters. In total, 1,403,358 voting packages were returned by voters, representing a return rate of 42.6%. Of these, 10,937 voting packages were not accepted for counting as they did not meet the requirements of the Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Regulation. A total of 1,391,423 ballots were considered during the count, representing 42.2% of the total registered voters.

In accordance with section 7(a) of the *Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Act*, I hereby report that the validly cast ballots were cast as follows:

Question 1:

“Which system should British Columbia use for provincial elections?”

The current First Past the Post voting system: 61.30 % of valid votes

A proportional representation voting system: 38.70 % of valid votes

Question 2:

“If British Columbia adopts a proportional representation voting system, which of the following voting systems do you prefer?”

Results at the second and final round of counting

Dual Member Proportional (DMP): 36.95% of first preferences

Mixed Member Proportional (MMP): 63.05% of first preferences

Rural-Urban Proportional (RUP): Eliminated at round one

For details regarding the first round of counting for Question 1, please see the attached appendix.

A presentation of provincial results in tabular format and a breakdown of results by electoral district for questions 1 and 2 is attached for your reference.

And, as required by *Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Regulation*, a report on Orders of the Chief Electoral Officer in relation to the referendum is also enclosed.

As is customary, a report on this referendum describing Elections BC's administration of the event, detailed voting results and a statement of Elections BC's expenses will be prepared and deposited with you in due course.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anton Boegman', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Anton Boegman
Chief Electoral Officer

cc. Hon. David Eby, Attorney General
cc. Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Acting Clerk