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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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INTRODUCTION

British Columbia's 41st Provincial General Election was held on May 9, 2017. Eighty-seven Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) were elected: 43 represented the BC Liberal Party, 41 the BC NDP, and three the Green Party of BC.

Voter turnout was 57.7% of estimated eligible voters and 61.2% of registered voters.

Elections BC conducted an enumeration before the election. Information about the 2017 Enumeration is included in this report.

The 2017 Provincial General Election was the closest in B.C.'s history. At the end of final count only 0.08% of the total valid votes province-wide separated the top two parties.

Calendar of events

Although the four weeks of the campaign period have the highest visibility, the months and years leading up to a provincial general election are an important period of planning and preparation for Elections BC. Equipment and materials are acquired, staff hired and trained, and logistics and infrastructure streamlined to successfully deliver an inclusive electoral event.

Part of the lead-up to a provincial general election is a provincial enumeration. Between February 14 and April 10, 2017, Elections BC updated the voters list to get British Columbians ready to vote in the 2017 Provincial General Election.

Similarly, the election period doesn't end on General Voting Day. This period continues until the writs of election are returned, usually three weeks later. Further work continues through the remainder of the year as voting books are reviewed, field materials are returned, new registrations are processed, financial reports are submitted and reviewed, and other close-out activities are completed.

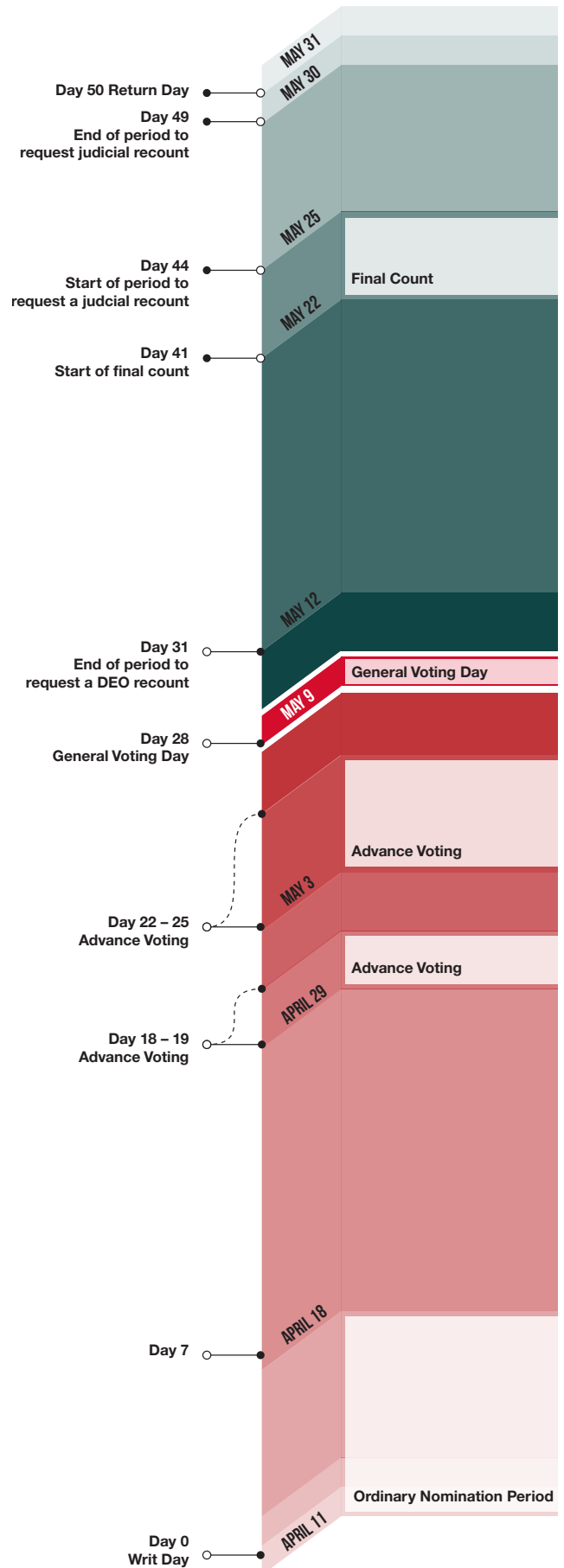


Table 1: Milestones and key dates, 2017 event period

Day	Milestone	Date
-	Provincial enumeration	February 14 - April 10
Day -1	End of standing nomination period	April 10
Day 0	Writ Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Start of ordinary nomination period ▪ Third party advertising sponsors must register with Elections BC before conducting election advertising ▪ Online and phone voter registration closes at 11:59:59 p.m. 	April 11
Day 1	Voters list is produced	April 12
Day 7	Close of ordinary nomination period	April 18, 1 p.m. (Pacific time)
Day 18 - 19	Advance voting	April 29 - April 30
Day 22 - 25	Advance voting	May 3 - May 6
Day 28	General Voting Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Initial count conducted at close of voting and preliminary results announced 	May 9
Day 31	End of period to request a DEO recount	May 12
Day 41	Final count begins	May 22
Day 43	Final count ends	May 24
Day 44	Start of period to request a judicial recount	May 25
Day 49	End of period to request a judicial recount	May 30
Day 50	Return Day	May 31
Day 118	Election financing report filing deadline	August 8
Day 148	Election financing report late filing deadline	September 7

2017 Statistics at a glance

Table 2: 2017 Statistics at a glance

Officials and voting places	
Electoral districts	87
District electoral officers	87
Deputy district electoral officers	90
Election officials	23,369
Voting areas	6,277
Advance voting places	347
General voting places	1,317
Voter registration and turnout	
Registered voters at election call	3,156,991
Voters who registered when voting	89,656
Registered voters at close of voting	3,246,647
Registered voters who voted	1,986,374
Voter turnout (as a percentage of registered voters)	61.2%
Estimated eligible voters	3,441,054
Percentage of estimated eligible voters registered	94.4%
Voter turnout (as a percentage of estimated eligible voters)	57.7%
Candidates, political parties and advertising sponsors	
Registered political parties	28
Registered political parties that endorsed candidate(s)	18
Standing nominations filed	264
Ordinary nominations filed	107
Candidates	371
Registered advertising sponsors	293
Registered political party expenses limit	\$4,882,404.95
Candidate expenses limit	\$77,674.62
Third party advertising limit (for a single electoral district)	\$3,328.91
Third party advertising limit (province-wide)	\$166,445.62
Results	
Total valid votes	1,974,712
Rejected ballots	11,662
BC Liberal Party candidates elected	43
BC NDP candidates elected	41
BC Green Party candidates elected	3

OFFICIALS AND VOTING PLACES

87 Electoral Districts Deputy DEOs 90
District Electoral Officers

 **23,369** Election Officials

6,277 VOTING AREAS

347
ADVANCE

1317
GENERAL

VOTING PLACES

VOTER REGISTRATION & TURNOUT

3,246,647 REGISTERED VOTERS AT CLOSE OF VOTING

89,656 REGISTERED AT VOTING

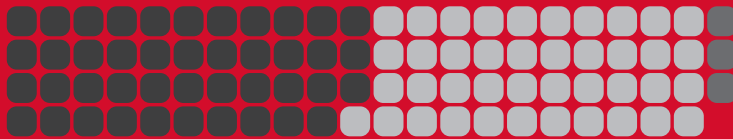
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RESULTS



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REGISTERED VOTERS 3,246,647

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BC NDP CANDIDATES ELECTED **41**

GREEN PARTY OF BC CANDIDATES ELECTED **3**

CANDIDATES, POLITICAL PARTIES AND ADVERTISING SPONSORS

371 CANDIDATES 



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 **18** Political parties that endorsed candidates

 **264** Standing nominations filed

 **107** Ordinary nominations filed

REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTY EXPENSES LIMIT

\$4,882,404.95

CANDIDATE EXPENSES LIMIT

\$77,674.62

3RD PARTY ADVERTISING LIMIT (SINGLE ELECTORAL DISTRICT)

\$3,328.91

3RD PARTY ADVERTISING LIMIT (PROVINCE-WIDE)

\$166,445.62