



# PUBLIC NOTICE

## RECALL AND INITIATIVE ACT

**This notice is published pursuant to section 4 of the *Recall and Initiative Act*.**

Approval in principle has been granted on an application for an initiative petition. The petition will be issued to proponent Joshua Henshaw on Monday, January 9, 2017 and signature sheets must be submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer by Monday, April 10, 2017.

**The Title of the Initiative is:**

An initiative to amend the *Fire and Police Services Collective Bargaining Act*.

**Summary of Initiative:**

The draft Bill proposes to amend the *Fire and Police Services Collective Bargaining Act* (the Act) to give ambulance paramedics the same collective bargaining rights as firefighters and police officers. The draft Bill would retitle the Act to the *Ambulance, Fire and Police Services Collective Bargaining Act*, change the definition of "employer" under the Act to include the employer of members of a paramedics' union, and define "paramedics' union" as a bargaining unit in which the majority of employees are engaged in ambulance paramedic duties. The draft Bill would also remove the right of ambulance paramedics to strike and the right of their employer to lockout during an impasse in collective bargaining, and would require resolution of the impasse through binding arbitration. Consequently, the draft Bill would remove the paramedics' union as a bargaining unit under the *Health Authorities Act*.

**Opponent Registration:**

Individuals or organizations who intend to incur expenses as opponents must apply for registration with the Chief Electoral Officer by Monday, December 12, 2016. Registration applications for opponents are available from Elections BC.

**Initiative Advertising:**

Individuals or organizations who sponsor initiative advertising, other than the proponent and registered opponents, must register with the Chief Electoral Officer before they conduct or publish initiative advertising. Registration applications are available from Elections BC.

**Who May Sign the Petition:**

Registered voters as of Monday, January 9, 2017 may sign the initiative petition. Individuals may only sign the petition once, and must sign the petition sheet for the electoral district in which they are registered at the time of signing. Signed petitions are available for public inspection.

**For More Information:**

The initiative application and draft Bill are available for public inspection on the Elections BC website and at the Elections BC office at the address below.

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