

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

Order No. ORD001-2018

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Victoria

Circumstances in which Order is made

The scheduled timeline for the 2018 Referendum on Electoral Reform has been adversely affected by delays in mail delivery by the Canada Post Corporation. The delays are due to an ongoing labour dispute with the Canadian Union of Postal Workers. The labour dispute commenced on October 22, 2018, in the form of rotating postal strike action throughout Canada, including locations in British Columbia.

The cumulative effect of the rotating postal strikes has materially impacted the ability of voters to receive and return their voting packages. There are delays in transit time, and the confidence in some voters of returning their ballot by mail has been affected. When the strike is ultimately resolved, further delays are expected as the backlog clears.

These circumstances make the following order necessary.

Application of Order

This Order applies to the close of voting for the 2018 Referendum on Electoral Reform under section 7 of the Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Regulation. This Order is issued under authority of section 280 of the *Election Act* in accordance with section 4 of the Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Regulation.

This Order does not apply to or change the requirements of section 10(b) of the Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Regulation that an individual must be 18 years of age or older on November 30, 2018 to register to vote in the referendum.

Exception provided by Order

Despite the requirements of section 7(2) and section 7(3) of the Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Regulation, to ensure the accessibility and fairness of the referendum, the deadline for the close of voting will be 4:30 p.m. local time on Friday, December 7, 2018.



Anton Boegman
Chief Electoral Officer

November 23, 2018