



huu ay aht

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Notice of Date for By-Election

Notice is hereby provided that the date for the by-election is set for:

Saturday September 26, 2020.

The Election Act in s.19(c) provides the Election Commissioner with extraordinary powers to make an order or decision considered appropriate to achieve the purposes of the act in special circumstances. The Executive Council originally set June 6 as the date for the by-election. However, it quickly became clear that the Covid-19 pandemic created special circumstances that made it impossible for the by-election to be held on that date without endangering the health and safety of Huu-ay-aht citizens. Therefore, a decision was made by the Election Commissioner to delay the election until the fall. However, it wasn't possible at that time to set an exact date since it was not clear what might happen with the pandemic.

In the past week, the Government of BC and the Medical Health Officer have given some guidance about the lifting of some restrictions and it appears that it should be possible to hold the by-election on September 26, 2020. If there is a resurgence in the pandemic and if there are further restrictions from the government, it may be necessary to revisit this decision. For the moment however, it looks like the by-election will be able to proceed on that date.

There will be other decisions and orders that will be made due to the pandemic and further information will be provided before the election period begins at the end of July. These include:

- Changes to the nomination process to reduce person to person contacts
- The use of video conferencing for all candidates' meetings to reduce the size of in-person gatherings, and
- The implementation of electronic voting, including internet and telephone voting

All of these decisions are made by the Election Commissioner under s. 19(c) to protect the health and safety of Huu-ay-aht citizens while still achieving the purposes of the Election Act.

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