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Democratic and Electoral Reform Committee seeking written submissions

VICTORIA – The Special Committee on Democratic and Electoral Reform is now accepting written submissions on democratic engagement, voter participation, and models for electing Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Those interested in participating are invited to make a written submission by **Friday, July 25, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. (Pacific)** at bcleg.ca/consultations.

“The Committee has a broad mandate to examine opportunities for strengthening our democracy,” said Committee Chair Jessie Sunner. “We are looking forward to hearing directly from British Columbians on their views and ideas.”

“The participation of British Columbians is critical to our work,” said Deputy Chair Ward Stamer. “The input we receive will be carefully considered, and inform our discussions and recommendations for potential changes.”

The Special Committee on Democratic and Electoral Reform, which includes MLAs from all recognized parties in the Legislative Assembly, was appointed in April. There are two parts to the Committee’s mandate. The first part is to examine democratic engagement, voter participation, and models for electing Members of the Legislative Assembly, and the second part is to review the administration of the 2024 provincial general election.

The current call for written input is in relation to the first part of the Committee’s mandate. Public hearings for those who previously registered are also being held beginning Monday, July 7. The Committee will be considering all input and issuing a report to the Legislative Assembly with recommendations on this part of its mandate by November 26, 2025.

For more information on the consultation, visit the [Committee’s website](#) or contact the Parliamentary Committees Office by email at DemocraticProcessCommittee@leg.bc.ca or by phone at 250-356-2933 or 1-877-428-8337 (toll-free in BC).

The Members of the Committee are:

Jessie Sunner, MLA, Surrey-Newton (Chair);
Ward Stamer, MLA, Kamloops-North Thompson (Deputy Chair);
George Anderson, MLA, Nanaimo-Lantzville;
Rob Botterell, MLA, Saanich North and the Islands;
Sheldon Clare, MLA, Prince George-North Cariboo;
Amna Shah, MLA, Surrey City Centre; and

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