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REFERENDUM ADVERTISING SPONSOR DISCLOSURE REPORT

RFAS
(18/06)

Amendment # _____

TITLE OF REFERENDUM BC Electoral Reform Referendum 2018			
SPONSOR'S FULL NAME BC Government and Service Employees' Union			
MAILING ADDRESS 4911 Canada Way			
CITY / TOWN Burnaby	POSTAL CODE V5G 3W3	PHONE NO. 604-291-9611	FAX NO. 604-294-8381
EMAIL communications@bcgeu.ca			

This disclosure report includes the following forms:

	FORMS CHECKLIST
Value of Referendum Advertising by Category – Form Sm-E(b)Ref	X <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Summary of Sponsorship Contributions – Form Sm-C(b)Ref	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Referendum Sponsorship Contributions of Money, Goods, Services Greater than \$250 – Form S-A1(b)Ref	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Anonymous Contributions – Form S-A2(b)Ref	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

OR

Advertising sponsored during the referendum campaign period did not have a total value of \$500 or more; no additional forms required.

I declare that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, all the information contained in this report and any attachments is complete and accurate.

SIGNATURE OF SPONSOR / PRINCIPAL OFFICER / PRINCIPAL MEMBER 	DATE (YYYY/MM/DD) 2019/03/04
PRINTED NAME OF PERSON SIGNING DECLARATION Stephanie Smith	

WARNING: Signing a false statement is a serious offence and is subject to significant penalties.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE B.C. GOVERNMENT AND SERVICE EMPLOYEES' UNION

We have audited the accompanying Referendum Advertising Sponsor Disclosure Report (the "Report") of the B.C. Government and Service Employees' Union (the "Union") under the *Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Regulation* (the "Regulation") in relation to the 2018 Referendum on Electoral Reform. The Report has been prepared by the Principal Sponsors of the Union based on the financial reporting provisions of Section 50 of the Regulation.

Principal Officers' Responsibility for the Advertising Sponsor Disclosure Report

The Principal Officers are responsible for the preparation of the Report in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Section 50 of the Regulation, and for such internal control as the Principal Officers determine is necessary to enable the preparation of reports that are free from material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards as required by Section 214 of the *Election Act* (British Columbia). Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Report is free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Principal Officer's preparation of the Report in order to design audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Union's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used, and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Principal Officers, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the Report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

Due to the nature of the transactions inherent in any referendum advertising the completeness of contributions and other revenue and expenses is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these transactions was limited to the amounts recorded in the Union's records and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to the report.

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion* paragraph, the Referendum Advertising Sponsor Disclosure Report of the B.C. Government and Service Employees' Union relating to the 2018 Referendum on Electoral Reform held on July 1, 2018 to November 30, 2018 and extended to December 7, 2018, is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the reporting provisions of section 50 of the *Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Regulation*.

Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our opinion, the Report is prepared to assist the Union to comply with the financial reporting provisions of Section 50 of the Regulation. As a result, the Report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Smythe LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

Vancouver, British Columbia
March 4, 2019



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VALUE OF REFERENDUM ADVERTISING BY CATEGORY

Sm-E(b)Ref
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REFERENDUM ADVERTISING SPONSOR

NAME OF FILING ENTITY
BC Government and Service Employees' Union (BCGEU)

Value of sponsored referendum advertising during campaign period:

Brochures (pamphlets, flyers, etc.)	
Canvassing (in person or by telephone)	
Newspaper (magazines, journals, etc.)	
Radio	
Signs (lawn signs, billboards, etc.)	19,132.48
Television	
Internet	65,011.50
Other (describe)	

Total value of referendum advertising **84,143.98**

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**SUMMARY OF
SPONSORSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS
REFERENDUM ADVERTISING SPONSOR**

**Sm-C(b)Ref
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NAME OF FILING ENTITY	
BC Government and Service Employees' Union (BCGEU)	
Amount of sponsor's assets used to pay for referendum advertising:	84,143.98 A
Total value of referendum sponsorship contributions, excluding sponsor's own assets:	
Contributions of \$250 or less	0.00 B
Contributions greater than \$250 (box A, S-A1(b)Ref)	0.00 C
Total anonymous contributions (box A, S-A2(b)Ref)	0.00 D
Total value of referendum sponsorship contributions from all sources (B + C + D)	0.00 E

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**REFERENDUM SPONSORSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS OF MONEY, GOODS
OR SERVICES WITH A TOTAL VALUE GREATER THAN \$250**

REFERENDUM ADVERTISING SPONSOR

NAME OF FILING ENTITY
Not applicable - BC Governmetn and Service Employees' Union (BCGEU)

FULL NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR	CONTRIBUTOR'S RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS				INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT	DATE RECEIVED (YYYY/MM/DD)	TOTAL OF CONTRIBUTOR'S CONTRIBUTIONS
	ADDRESS	CITY	PROV.	POSTAL CODE			
TOTAL A					0.00		

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