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Elections BC Seeks Senior Election Officials

VICTORIA – Elections BC launched a province-wide recruitment drive for senior election officials to lead and manage the local operations of the next provincial general election and referendum on electoral reform in May 2009.

"Our District Electoral Officers and their Deputies are an integral part of the administration of the provincial electoral process," Harry Neufeld, British Columbia's Chief Electoral Officer said. "We rely on our District Electoral Officers to plan, oversee, and manage the day-to-day operations of each district electoral office and to ensure the fair and impartial administration of the provincial electoral process."

District Electoral Officers and Deputy District Electoral Officers are appointed by British Columbia's Chief Electoral Officer to conduct elections in their assigned electoral districts. Although they generally work in the community in which they live, these senior election officials may also apply to work in other electoral districts.

The province may need up to 180 District Electoral Officers and Deputy District Electoral Officers for the next provincial election, scheduled for May 12, 2009.

"The professionalism and commitment of people with leadership skills and abilities are what we need to help ensure a well-run election," Elections BC Human Resources Manager Adia Kapoor said. "We are looking for people who enjoy working with others toward a shared goal, possess an interest in public service and democracy and who are available part-time prior to and full-time during April and May 2009."

Successful applicants will come from a variety of backgrounds and their qualifications and experience will vary, but they will have the following in common: they will have managerial skills and experience, they will have the ability to be non-partisan and fiscally responsible, and they will be able to maintain confidentiality and work with a diverse workforce.

For more information on qualifications, compensation and how to apply, please contact Elections BC at:

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