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Date: May 2, 2005

Candidate Nomination Deadline is 1 p.m., Wednesday, May 4

VICTORIA – On Wednesday, May 4, 2005 at 1 p.m. (Pacific Daylight time), candidate nominations for the 38th provincial general election will officially close. Candidates who have not filed their nomination documents by this deadline will not have their name appear on ballots in the May 17, 2005 election.

"The *Election Act* is very strict in its requirement regarding the filing of necessary nomination documents by the deadline", Chief Electoral Officer Harry Neufeld said.

Potential candidates are encouraged to file as early as possible to ensure that their nomination documents are fully completed by the close of no minations. As of noon May 2, there were 298 candidates who had received their Certificate of Candidacy. In the 2001 provincial general election there were 456 candidates at the close of nominations.

For further information, potential candidates should contact their District Electoral Officer or call Elections BC at toll-free 1-800-661-8683.

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