

**Local Government Elections Task Force
UBCM Member Consultation
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KEY QUESTIONS FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

A. Election Cycles

1. Should the term of office be extended to 4 years?

2. What about impacts to accountability framework and some types of elections, such as EA directors?

B. Corporate Vote

1. Should there be a corporate vote?

2. If a corporate vote were considered, what kind of criteria could be used to decide which businesses are eligible? How would businesses prove their eligibility?

3. Can a corporate vote be reconciled with principles like “one person, one vote?”

C. Campaign Contributions Limits

1. Should there be restrictions on who can make contributions?

2. Should there be limits on the amount that can be contributed?

3. Should amount limits or source restrictions be Province-wide? Or should there be local choice to opt- in or out?

4. Would restrictions have administrative and enforcement impacts for local governments and campaign participants?

D. Campaign Expense Limits

1. Should there be limits on election expenses?

2. Should election expense limits be Province-wide?

Or should there be local choice to opt-in or out?

3. Would such limits have administrative and enforcement impacts for local governments and campaign participants?

E. Public Financing

1. Would local governments want the choice to fund public financing from local government revenues?

2. What impacts would local public financing have on communities?

F. Third Party Advertising

1. How can the disclosure rules for campaign organizers be made more effective?

2. Should there be sponsorship disclosure on election advertising by campaign organizers?

3. If expense and contribution limits are imposed for candidates and elector organizations, should similar limits be imposed for campaign organizers?

G. Campaign Finance Disclosure

1. How can public accessibility of disclosure statements be improved?

2. What is the earliest date that campaign disclosure could be made?

3. Should the same disclosure rules apply to all campaigns – regardless of campaign size?

4. Should disclosure rules apply to “other voting”?

G. Enforcement

1. Are there gaps in relation to regulating campaign participants?

2. What are the gaps? For example, is there a gap in compliance monitoring and the investigation of complaints?

3. Is there a role for a new neutral player in any of these issues?

H. Elections BC

1. Should Elections BC play a role?

2. If so, in which aspects of elections administration and what role?

3. What would be the impact of such a role (e.g., costs)?

I. Employee Eligibility

1. Should there be exceptions to employee ineligibility rule?

2. If so, should there be exceptions for:

- Volunteer firefighters – if so, which kind?

- Employees elected to a related local government – if so, in what circumstances?

3. What impact would such exceptions have on local government administration and on conflict of interest rules?

THANK YOU