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Dear Mayor and Council,

Today, Premier John Horgan announced Election Day will be held [on Saturday, Oct 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020](#), with advanced voting [from Fri Oct 16<sup>th</sup> – Wed, Oct 21<sup>st</sup>](#). The Lieutenant Governor, Janet Austin, has granted Premier John Horgan's request to dissolve the legislature. Consequently, the writ dropped today, which will have an impact on how we conduct our business and any announcements we had planned by ourselves and/or with our partners at the Province.

Carole James, in her role as Deputy Premier and Finance Minister will oversee the affairs of the province during the election campaign.

The City's IGR team will be working with staff, the mayor's office, Metro Vancouver, UBCM and other large urban cities across the province to ensure the priorities of municipalities and the City are kept at the forefront of all parties is the run up to the election.

The Premier shared his desire to ask British Columbians for a four year mandate to govern through the ongoing impacts of the pandemic. He cited challenges to passing legislation over the summer under the CASA power sharing agreement with the Greens.

Mail-in ballots will be a popular alternative to going to a voting booth, and Elections B.C. is expecting as many as one-third of all voters to vote by mail.

The results of the election will not be known immediately due to a lag in counting ballots. Counting mail-in ballots typically begins 13 days after voting day, so the results may not be announced until early to mid-November.

Dr. Bonnie Henry and Elections B.C. have recently stated they believe an election can be held safely. In addition to pressing for increased use of mail-in ballots, polling booths will have enhanced cleaning, crowd management and social distancing measures in place.

At least 16 MLAs across all parties have announced their intention to not seek re-election, this includes the following seven current NDP Cabinet Ministers:

- Michelle Mungall, Minister of Jobs, Economic Development and Competitiveness
- Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
- Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
- Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resources Operations & Rural Development
- Judy Darcy, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
- Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation
- Carole James, Minister of Finance (announced in March she will step down for health reasons)

Other MLAs who have announced their political retirement include Andrew Weaver, former BC Green Party Leader and Independent MLA for Oak Bay-Gordon Head, and the following Liberal MLAs:

- Darryl Plecas, Speaker of the House and MLA for Abbotsford South
- Rich Coleman, MLA for Langley-Aldergrove
- Linda Reid, MLA for Richmond East
- Ralph Sultan, MLA for West Vancouver-Capilano
- Linda Larson, MLA for Boundary Similkameen
- Steve Thomson, MLA for Kelowna-Mission
- Donna Barnett, MLA for Cariboo-Chilcotin
- Tracy Redies, MLA for Surrey-White Rock (resigned Sept 1)

Best,  
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