

No. 1

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

## OF THE

### Legislative Assembly of British Columbia

#### First Session of the Third Parliament

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Saturday, September 28, 2024

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

This being the first day of the first meeting of the Third Parliament of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable WILLIAM\_DZHUGASHVILI, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, dated the 28th day of September, 2024, the Members took their seats, having taken the prescribed oath.

The Honourable WILLIAM\_DZHUGASHVILI, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne. The Speaker standing on His Honour's right, then spoke to the following effect:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The House of Assembly has elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me. If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault be imputed to me and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to the King and country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have the freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honour's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable interpretation.

The Hon. *hxamz\_a* then said:

HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to His Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their respective proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper, and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, their constitutional privileges. I am commanded also to assure you that the assembly shall have ready access to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor upon all seasonable occasions and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to open the Session by the following gracious Speech:

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## **OPENING**

We gather in the people's house, in order to begin work again for the people of British Columbia.

The people of British Columbia have moved from an entirely different game and city, and have had to adjust to these major changes.

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## **A STAGNANT PROVINCE**

The province's private sector has been brought to a standstill, not helped by a severely under-staffed and regulation-heavy Ministry of Trade.

The people's legal sector has been stagnant for months now, seeing very little growth and interest within the legal profession.

Some of British Columbia's most integral pieces of legislation are outdated or poorly written, with some being ambiguous in some places or full of loopholes.

British Columbians deserve a government that works for them and fixes all of these issues and more.

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## **REKINDLING COMMUNITY**

Starting today, your government will begin to work to solve these issues and work with the various Ministries to improve their respective organisations.

Your government will prioritise starting and rekindling foreign relations with other ro-states, ensuring such relations benefit British Columbians first through protecting the province's interests and bringing more businesses into British Columbia.

Your government will prioritise cutting through the Ministry of Trade's convoluted and verbose business regulations to make them easier to navigate by both prospective and current business owners, creating grant programs for successful businesses to continue operating in the province, hosting regular job fairs to spread awareness of all the businesses the people of British Columbia can be a part of, and the spotlighting and advertising of various businesses in British Columbia by your government to drive more interest in the private sector.

Your government will prioritise amending the Law Society Act to prepare it for full operation within the province, passing the Criminal Rehabilitation and Alternate Sentencing Act to introduce more options for your legal system to perform its duties and the ability of court convictions to be set aside, and the further promotion of our legal system's career options, to make more British Columbians aware of opportunities within it.

Your government will prioritise updating old legislation such as the Revised Road Safety Bylaw, fixing loopholes within laws such as the variety present within the Revised Employee Rights Bylaw, and passing a variety of new legislation, such as the Free Press Act to protect the rights of British Columbians to form news companies and more, without the addition of extra regulations such as arbitrary rubrics or limiting the amount that may operate within the province.

Your government will work for you, and ensure British Columbia is a dominant ro-state in the diplomatic sphere and has superior governance in all of its domestic affairs.

Thank you.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Speaker reported that, in order to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech.

The certificates of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of Members to represent the respective electoral districts of the Province in the Legislative Assembly at the general election were read by *rafaelmanman*, Assistant Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, as follows:

“ELECTIONS BC  
VICTORIA, B.C., SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

*rafaelmanman*

*Assistant Clerk of the House*

DEAR RAFAELMANMAN:

Please consider this letter a certified report, per section 144 of the *Constitution Act* (R.S.B.C. 2024), regarding the results of the 3rd Provincial General Election.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor dissolved the 2nd Parliament of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia via an Order in Council issued on August 29, 2024. A general election was required to fill vacancies caused by the dissolution.

Writs of election were issued on the evening of August 29, calling for a general election from September 12 to September 15. The general election was held pursuant to the provisions of the *Constitution Act*. The writs in 10 of 10 electoral districts have been returned as of today, September 15.

I hereby certify that the following 10 members have been elected to represent their respective electoral districts set out below:

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	BALLOT NAME	POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION
BURNSIDE	NotTowoasty	Azoy Party of BC
ESQUIMALT	Debatinglyness	Azoy Party of BC
FERNWOOD	hxamz_a	BC Labour
HILLSIDE	ManslyYT	ReformBC
JAMES BAY	tthelakes	ReformBC
NORTH PARK	vd207	BC Labour
OAK BAY	Shibe_R6	Independent
ROCKLAND	S3aWo1fz	BC Labour
SAANICH	Antonio_Gamer1567	BC Labour
VICTORIA WEST	Dakota_303	BC Labour

Sincerely,

KOALA4LIFE  
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER  
BRITISH COLUMBIA”

On the motion of Hon. *hxamz\_a* (Government Whip), Bill (No. 1) intituled *An Act to Ensure the Supremacy of Parliament* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Hon. *hxamz\_a* (Government Whip), it was *Ordered*—

That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by the Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

And then the House adjourned at 2.02 p.m.

HON. S3AWO1FZ, *Speaker*

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## NOTICE OF BILLS

**Saturday, October 5**

Hon. *S3aWo1fz* to introduce a Bill intituled *Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act*.