



#stepupforhistory

BRITISH COLUMBIA HISTORICAL FEDERATION

Provincial Election Outreach Campaign 2017

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Background

The British Columbia Historical Federation (BCHF), comprised of over 100 member societies, believes that support for the diverse history of this province is an election issue.

Our **Step Up for History** 2017 provincial election outreach campaign is intended to get voters and politicians talking about the importance of history to local communities. We want to celebrate and support the work of the not-for-profits that steward our historical buildings, our cultural landscapes, and the wealth of stories and documents that sustain them.

Action

We encourage BCHF members and supporters to participate in the campaign as follows:

1. Attend an all-candidates' meeting in your area.

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| Community: | Maple Ridge-Mission |
| Meeting date: | April 27, 2017 |
| Meeting location: | Meadowridge School |
| Candidates present, including party affiliation: | Bob D'Eith - NDP |
| | Marc Dalton - Liberals |
| | Peter Tam - Greens |
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2. Ask the candidates one or more of the following questions. Record the candidates' answers and/or your impressions below.

Question 1: How will you ensure that local governments have enough resources to preserve history?

Question 2: How do you plan to support engagement around history in your community?

Question 3: What do you do already do on a day-to-day basis to support the work of local history and heritage not-for-profits?

Other impressions of the event/outreach experience that you wish to share?

I submitted my questions but they were not asked. In retrospect as the Chamber of Commerce was the host I wonder if the question should have been framed around historic tourism as an economic driver and providing jobs.

The candidates were asked about their support for Arts & Culture. Peter Tam said that the Greens supported new economies. Marc Dalton claimed that the Liberals have increased funding through the gaming grants. Bob D'Eith said they would double the investment in the BC Arts Council and support arts infrastructure and Creative BC.

3. Take a selfie or a photo of the candidates, if possible.

4. Share your experience with us, in one or more of the following ways:

- **Social Media:** Post your comments/photo(s) on social media with the hashtag [#stepupforhistory](#).
- **Local newspaper:** Send a summary of your experience and/or this completed brief to your local newspaper.
- **BCHF web site:** Send a summary of your experience, this completed brief, and/or your photos to caroline@bchistory.ca. We will post submissions on <http://www.bchistory.ca/community/campaign-results/>.
- **BCHF Conference:** Attend the Advocacy Dinner before the 2017 BCHF Annual Conference to share and discuss your outreach experiences. The dinner takes place Thursday May 25 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at The Royal Hotel Chilliwack. For details, visit: <http://www.bchistory.ca/conference/pre-conference-workshops/>.