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History



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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.

Community:

Meeting date:

Meeting location:

Candidates present,

including party affiliation:

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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?

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

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**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?

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

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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](mailto: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/>.