



# 2017-18 ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE  
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

UNDER THE *ELECTION ACT*  
AND *ELECTION FINANCES AND CONTRIBUTIONS DISCLOSURE ACT*







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Dear Mr. Shepherd:

It is my honour to submit to you, Elections Alberta's 2017-18 Annual Report on the *Election Act* and *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*.

This Report is submitted pursuant to section 4(7) of the *Election Act*, RSA 2000, Chapter E-1 and section 4(2) of the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*, RSA 2000, Chapter E-2. The Report also includes this Office's financial statements as at March 31, 2018.

Should you require clarification or additional information, I would be pleased to respond.

Sincerely,

[Original signed by Glen Resler, CPA, CMA]  
Chief Electoral Officer



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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER



I am pleased to present the 2017-18 annual report as a testament to the efforts of this Office in adapting to major shifts in legislation during this very dynamic political era in Alberta, while maintaining an exceptional level of service and support to all stakeholders.

The fiscal year began with the re-writing of all print resources and the development of web-based application tools to serve a variety of stakeholders. The resources and tools are designed to assist the growing number and type of political participants to meet their registration and financial reporting responsibilities while enabling Elections Alberta to provide effective oversight and public disclosure. As well, this Office provided administrative support to the Electoral Boundaries Commission in their task to review and redraw Alberta's 87 electoral division boundaries.

As the year progressed, Elections Alberta ramped up preparations for the 2019 general election, including the recruitment, hiring and initial training of returning officers. A full-time senior investigator was hired to assist with handling non-compliance allegations, complaints, and investigations. Significant operational impacts were experienced due to the high volumes of registrations and deregistrations of constituency associations under both the current and new electoral division boundaries among three political parties. The resignation of the MLA for Calgary-Lougheed resulted in Elections Alberta conducting the province's 26<sup>th</sup> by-election, which was immediately followed by substantial legislative amendments passed in the legislative assembly in the fall of 2017. Some of the amendments included an obligation for this Office to run a province-wide enumeration, major changes to the conduct of elections, and elimination of the investigative powers of this Office.

The fiscal year wrapped up in the first quarter of 2018 with the integration of the newest set of legislative changes into all of our resources, and arranging for the hand-over of investigative responsibilities to the new Election Commissioner. Preparations began for the provincial enumeration, the roll-out of our Online Financial System (OFS) for political participants, and additional by-elections subsequent to two more MLA resignations. Further, registration activities of the newly-regulated nomination contests were on the rise.

With general election readiness currently a top priority, recommendations for legislative amendments that I may make under section 4(2) of the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act* and section 4(7) of the *Election Act*, will be presented following the 2019 Provincial General Election.

As always, stakeholder communication, education, and support continues to lead much of the day-to-day operations of this Office. I am very proud of the knowledgeable nonpartisan services provided by my staff every day, and encourage anyone needing information or guidance on Alberta's electoral laws to reach out to this Office.

Glen Resler  
Chief Electoral Officer

# ABOUT ELECTIONS ALBERTA

*Elections Alberta is an independent, non-partisan office of the Legislative Assembly responsible for administering provincial elections, by-elections and referenda.*

## VISION, MISSION, MANDATE

### Our Vision

Albertans have confidence in an easily accessible electoral process.

### Our Mission

Deliver effective non-partisan services that meet the electoral needs of Albertans.

### Our Mandate

Elections Alberta's mandate is to:

- administer open, fair, and impartial elections;
- provide stakeholders with the necessary information and means to participate in the democratic process;
- provide support to election officers to ensure impartial service delivery;
- serve in an advisory and regulatory role to achieve compliance in electoral finance activities;
- provide the public with disclosure through the publication of reports and financial statements;
- embrace partnership opportunities and innovative ideas by adopting best practices and new technologies from the service, business, and election communities; and
- support a positive, respectful, cohesive and self-rewarding work environment where individual aspirations can be achieved.

## LEGISLATION

Elections Alberta is responsible for the administration of two provincial statutes and two regulations. We also provide advice, information and assistance to the Electoral Boundaries Commission under the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act*.

### Provincial Statutes

- the *Election Act*; and
- the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act* (EFCDA).

### Regulations

- the Election Act Forms Regulation; and
- the Prohibited Corporations Regulation.

## SECTION 1

# REGISTRATION

### OVERVIEW

Elections Alberta is responsible for the oversight of registration, financial reporting, and disclosure of registered political entities and third parties. This section provides summary information on their registration status including initial registrations, de-registrations and re-registrations processed between April 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018. The following is a brief overview of the number of registered political parties, constituency associations, and third parties on record with Elections Alberta as at March 31, 2018, and the number of candidates, leadership contestants and nomination contestants registered for their respective electoral event(s) and contest(s):

- 11 political parties;
- 393 constituency associations;
- Seven candidates for the 2017 Calgary-Lougheed By-election;
- 17 leadership contestants for four leadership contests;
- Five nomination contestants for five nomination contests; and
- 21 third party advertisers (14 political, seven election).

## POLITICAL PARTIES

As at March 31, 2018, there were 11 political parties included in the Register of Political Parties maintained by Elections Alberta in accordance with section 7(1) of the EFCDA.

Elections Alberta received a request from the Alberta Social Credit Party (SC) to change the name to Pro-Life Alberta Political Association (PAPA), which was approved and made effective May 3, 2017. As well, a request was received and approved to register the United Conservative Party (UCP), which was made effective July 27, 2017.

Registration information for the registered political parties as at March 31, 2018 is provided below.

Political Party (Abbreviation)	Date Registered	President	Chief Financial Officer
Alberta First Party (AFP)	Nov 2 1999	Glen Dundas	Bart Hampton
Alberta Liberal Party (LIB)	Feb 3 1978	Karen Sevcik	Jayden Bearchell
Alberta New Democratic Party (NDP)	Jan 3 1978	Peggy Wright	Roari Richardson
Alberta Party (AP)	Oct 30 1990	Rhiannon Hoyle	Brian Heidecker
Communist Party – Alberta (CP-A)	Jan 31 1979	Naomi Rankin (Leader)	Blyth Nuttal
Green Party of Alberta (GPA)	Dec 22 2011	Marco Reid	Matt Burnett
Pro-Life Alberta Political Association (PAPA)	Jun 2 2014*	Murray Ruhl	John Heikoop
Progressive Conservative Assoc. of Alberta (PC)	Jan 3 1978	Ed Ammar	William Stevenson
Reform Party of Alberta (RPA)	May 30 2016	Kelly Swerid	Patricia Argent
United Conservative Party (UCP)	Jul 27 2017	Ed Ammar	William Stevenson
Wildrose Party (WRP)	Oct 25 2002	Ed Ammar	William Stevenson

\*Reregistration date

## RESERVED POLITICAL PARTY NAMES

Ten reserved political party names were held on file as at March 31, 2018:

- Alberta Advantage Party
- Alberta Freedom Alliance (AFA)
- Alberta Independence Party
- Hard Working Albertans Party
- National Party of Alberta
- Progressive Canadian Provincial Conservatives (PCPC)
- The Precariat
- @PoliticsDirect Party
- Renew Alberta Party
- The Western Independence Party of Alberta (WIPA)

Each applicant proposing to form a registered political party was advised of the three ways to qualify for registration:

- The party holds a minimum of three seats in the Legislative Assembly, or
- The party endorses candidates in at least half of the electoral divisions in the province, or
- The applicant collects names of electors on a petition supporting the applicant's intent to register the new party. The applicant must collect signatures from a minimum of 7,868 electors, which represents one-third of one percent of the number of electors eligible to vote at the last general election, conducted on May 5, 2015. This requirement is based on the post-polling day List of Electors, released in December 2015, in accordance with section 19 of the *Election Act*, which contained 2,622,775 eligible electors.

## CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATIONS

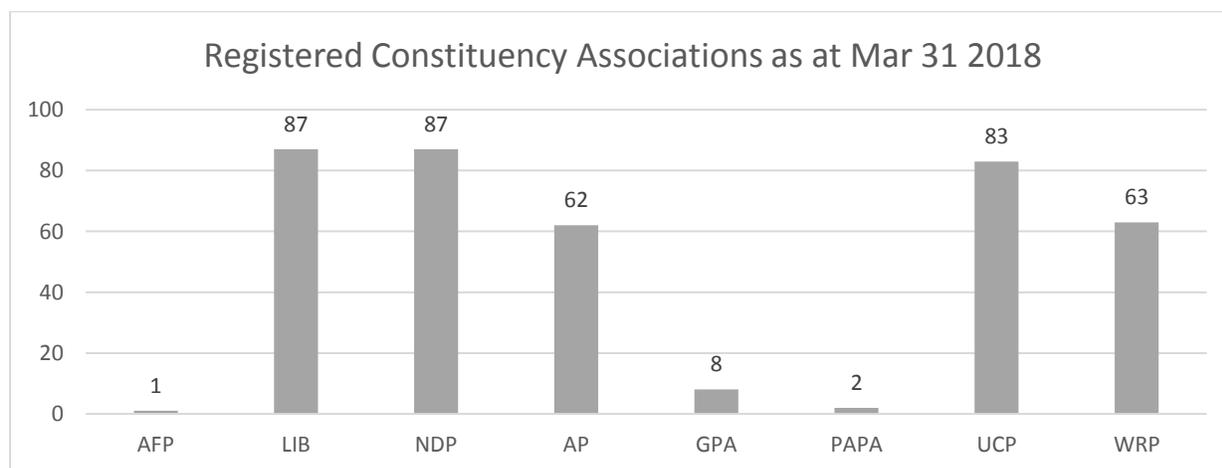
Bill 33, the *Electoral Divisions Act* (the Act), was introduced in the Legislative Assembly on December 4, 2017 and received Royal Assent on December 15, 2017. The Act set out new (future) electoral division boundaries that will come into force when the writs are issued for the next provincial general election.

The Act included a transitional provision allowing parties to establish constituency associations on the new boundaries. The result of this provision allows for an overlap of constituency associations registered and fully active on both current and future electoral division boundaries. As soon as the writs are issued for the next general election, any constituency associations still registered on the current boundaries will automatically cease to exist.

***Throughout this report, current-boundary constituency associations are abbreviated as "CA", and future-boundary constituency associations under the transitional provision are abbreviated as "TCA".***

### REGISTRATION SUMMARY

As at March 31, 2018 there were 393 registered CAs and no registered TCAs (see "Events of Interest Since March 31, 2018" for a list of registered TCAs). The following chart summarizes the number per political party, taking into account any initial registrations, deregistrations and reregistrations that were applied. The Communist Party-Alberta, Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta and Reform Party of Alberta had no registered constituency associations as at March 31, 2018.



AFP Alberta First Party  
LIB Alberta Liberal Party  
NDP Alberta New Democratic Party  
AP Alberta Party

GPA Green Party of Alberta  
PAPA Pro-Life Alberta Political Association  
UCP United Conservative Party  
WRP Wildrose Party

## INITIAL REGISTRATION

From April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018 there were 107 applications for initial registration approved for CAs on current electoral division boundaries, summarized in the following lists. There were no initial registrations of TCAs on future electoral division boundaries.

### Alberta Party

Electoral Division	Initial Registration	Electoral Division	Initial Registration
Calgary-Acadia	Oct 2017	Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview	Jul 2017
Calgary-East	Nov 2017	Edmonton-Ellerslie*	Sep 2017
Calgary-Fish Creek	Sep 2017	Bonnyville-Cold Lake	Nov 2017
Calgary-Foothills	Dec 2017	Cypress-Medicine Hat	Oct 2017
Calgary-Greenway	Nov 2017	Drumheller-Stettler	Oct 2017
Calgary-Klein	Aug 2017	Grande Prairie-Smoky	Sep 2017
Calgary-McCall	Nov 2017	Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills	Aug 2017
Calgary-Northern Hills	Nov 2017	Medicine Hat*	Oct 2017
Calgary-South East	Oct 2017	Spruce Grove-St. Albert	Nov 2017
Calgary-Varsity*	Oct 2017	St. Albert*	Nov 2017
Calgary-West	Oct 2017	Vermilion-Lloydminster	Aug 2017

\*Reregistration

### Green Party of Alberta

Electoral Division	Initial Registration	Electoral Division	Initial Registration
Calgary-Klein	Jun 2017	Grande Prairie-Smoky	Jul 2017

### United Conservative Party

Electoral Division	Initial Registration	Electoral Division	Initial Registration
Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley	Feb 2018	Calgary-Klein	Jan 2018
Lesser Slave Lake	Dec 2017	Calgary-Lougheed	Oct 2017
Calgary-Acadia	Oct 2017	Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill	Dec 2017
Calgary-Bow	Oct 2017	Calgary-Mountain View	Nov 2017
Calgary-Buffalo	Dec 2017	Calgary-North West	Jan 2018
Calgary-Currie	Oct 2017	Calgary-Northern Hills	Feb 2018
Calgary-East	Dec 2017	Calgary-Shaw	Sep 2017
Calgary-Elbow	Apr 2018	Calgary-South East	Oct 2017
Calgary-Fish Creek	Jan 2018	Calgary-Varsity	Oct 2017
Calgary-Foothills	Jan 2018	Calgary-West	Oct 2017
Calgary-Fort	Nov 2017	Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview	Dec 2017
Calgary-Glenmore	Nov 2017	Edmonton-Calder	Oct 2017
Calgary-Hawkwood	Jan 2018	Edmonton-Castle Downs	Dec 2017
Calgary-Hays	Oct 2017	Edmonton-Centre	Dec 2017

United Conservative Party continued...

Electoral Division	Initial Registration	Electoral Division	Initial Registration
Edmonton-Decore	Dec 2017	Grande Prairie-Smoky	Jan 2018
Edmonton-Ellerslie	Dec 2017	Grande Prairie-Wapiti	Dec 2017
Edmonton-Glenora	Jan 2018	Highwood	Oct 2017
Edmonton-Gold Bar	Nov 2017	Innisfail-Sylvan Lake	Oct 2017
Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood	Dec 2017	Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills	Jan 2018
Edmonton-Manning	Dec 2017	Lacombe-Ponoka	Oct 2017
Edmonton-McClung	Oct 2017	Leduc-Beaumont	Oct 2017
Edmonton-Meadowlark	Dec 2017	Lethbridge-East	Dec 2017
Edmonton-Mill Creek	Oct 2017	Lethbridge-West	Oct 2017
Edmonton-Mill Woods	Feb 2018	Little Bow	Jan 2018
Edmonton-Riverview	Oct 2017	Livingstone-Macleod	Dec 2017
Edmonton-Rutherford	Dec 2017	Medicine Hat	Oct 2017
Edmonton-South West	Feb 2018	Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills	Oct 2017
Edmonton-Strathcona	Feb 2018	Peace River	Jan 2018
Edmonton-Whitemud	Dec 2017	Red Deer-North	Jan 2018
Airdrie	Oct 2017	Red Deer-South	Oct 2017
Banff-Cochrane	Oct 2017	Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre	Dec 2017
Battle River-Wainwright	Nov 2017	Sherwood Park	Dec 2017
Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock	Oct 2017	Spruce Grove-St. Albert	Dec 2017
Bonnyville-Cold Lake	Dec 2017	St. Albert	Nov 2017
Cardston-Taber-Warner	Dec 2017	Stony Plain	Nov 2017
Chestermere-Rocky View	Oct 2017	Strathcona-Sherwood Park	Nov 2017
Cypress-Medicine Hat	Nov 2017	Strathmore-Brooks	Dec 2017
Drayton Valley-Devon	Dec 2017	Vermilion-Lloydminster	Dec 2017
Drumheller-Stettler	Oct 2017	West Yellowhead	Dec 2017
Fort McMurray-Conklin	Oct 2017	Wetaskiwin-Camrose	Dec 2017
Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo	Jan 2018	Whitcourt-Ste. Anne	Feb 2018
Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville	Oct 2017		

## DEREGISTRATION AND REREGISTRATION

From April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018 a total of 112 current-boundary CAs were deregistered upon request by the party under section 10(1)(b) of the EFCDA.

***All 87 Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta CAs were deregistered between September and December 2017.***

As shown in the list below, 25 Wildrose Party CAs were deregistered between September 2017 and March 2018.

Electoral Division	Deregistration	Electoral Division	Deregistration
Calgary-Acadia	Dec 2017	Cypress-Medicine Hat	Dec 2017
Calgary-Bow	Dec 2017	Drumheller-Stettler	Feb 2018
Calgary-Buffalo	Dec 2017	Fort McMurray-Conklin	Dec 2017
Calgary-Cross	Feb 2018	Leduc-Beaumont	Dec 2017
Calgary-East	Dec 2017	Lethbridge-East	Dec 2017
Calgary-Fish Creek	Dec 2017	Lethbridge-West	Dec 2017
Calgary-Fort	Dec 2017	Little Bow	Feb 2018
Calgary-Varsity	Feb 2018	Medicine Hat	Feb 2018
Calgary-West	Dec 2017	St. Albert	Dec 2017
Edmonton-Riverview*	Sep 2017	Stony Plain	Feb 2018
Edmonton-South West	Dec 2017	Strathmore-Brooks	Mar 2018
Banff-Cochrane	Oct 2017	Whitcourt-Ste. Anne	Oct 2017
Battle River-Wainwright	Dec 2017		

\*Reregistered in December 2017

## STATUS OF CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION & DEREGISTRATION

The following chart details the registration status of each CA by political party as at March 31, 2018. “R” indicates current registration carried forward from the previous year or initial registration in the 2017-18 fiscal year. “D” indicates deregistration during the 2017-18 fiscal year. The Communist Party – Alberta (CP-A) and Reform Party of Alberta (RPA) did not register or deregister any CAs.

Constituency Association	AFP	LIB	NDP	AP	GPA	PAPA	PC	UCP	WRP
1 Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley		R	R				D	R	R
2 Lesser Slave Lake		R	R				D	R	R
3 Calgary-Acadia		R	R	R			D	R	D
4 Calgary-Bow		R	R	R			D	R	D
5 Calgary-Buffalo		R	R	R			D	R	D
6 Calgary-Cross		R	R				D		D
7 Calgary-Currie		R	R	R			D	R	R
8 Calgary-East		R	R	R	R		D	R	D
9 Calgary-Elbow		R	R	R			D	R	R
10 Calgary-Fish Creek		R	R	R			D	R	D
11 Calgary-Foothills		R	R	R			D	R	R
12 Calgary-Fort		R	R				D	R	D
13 Calgary-Glenmore		R	R	R			D	R	R
14 Calgary-Greenway		R	R	R			D		R
15 Calgary-Hawkwood		R	R	R			D	R	R
16 Calgary-Hays		R	R				D	R	R
17 Calgary-Klein		R	R	R	R	R	D	R	R
18 Calgary-Lougheed		R	R				D	R	R
19 Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill		R	R	R			D	R	R
20 Calgary-McCall		R	R	R			D		R
21 Calgary-Mountain View		R	R	R	R		D	R	R
22 Calgary-North West		R	R				D	R	R
23 Calgary-Northern Hills		R	R	R			D	R	R
24 Calgary-Shaw		R	R	R			D	R	R
25 Calgary-South East		R	R	R	R		D	R	R
26 Calgary-Varsity		R	R	R	R		D	R	D
27 Calgary-West		R	R	R			D	R	D
28 Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview		R	R	R			D	R	R
29 Edmonton-Calder		R	R				D	R	R
30 Edmonton-Castle Downs		R	R	R			D	R	R
31 Edmonton-Centre		R	R	R			D	R	R
32 Edmonton-Decore		R	R	R			D	R	R
33 Edmonton-Ellerslie		R	R	R			D	R	R

Constituency Association	AFP	LIB	NDP	AP	GPA	PAPA	PC	UCP	WRP
34 Edmonton-Glenora		R	R	R			D	R	R
35 Edmonton-Gold Bar		R	R	R			D	R	R
36 Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood		R	R	R			D	R	R
37 Edmonton-Manning		R	R				D	R	R
38 Edmonton-McClung		R	R	R			D	R	R
39 Edmonton-Meadowlark		R	R	R			D	R	R
40 Edmonton-Mill Creek		R	R		R		D	R	R
41 Edmonton-Mill Woods		R	R	R			D	R	R
42 Edmonton-Riverview		R	R	R			D	R	R
43 Edmonton-Rutherford		R	R	R			D	R	R
44 Edmonton-South West		R	R	R			D	R	D
45 Edmonton-Strathcona		R	R	R			D	R	R
46 Edmonton-Whitemud		R	R	R			D	R	R
47 Airdrie		R	R	R			D	R	R
48 Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater		R	R				D		R
49 Banff-Cochrane		R	R				D	R	D
50 Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock		R	R	R			D	R	R
51 Battle River-Wainwright		R	R				D	R	D
52 Bonnyville-Cold Lake		R	R	R			D	R	R
53 Cardston-Taber-Warner		R	R				D	R	R
54 Chestermere-Rocky View		R	R				D	R	R
55 Cypress-Medicine Hat		R	R	R			D	R	D
56 Drayton Valley-Devon		R	R				D	R	R
57 Drumheller-Stettler		R	R	R			D	R	D
58 Fort McMurray-Conklin		R	R				D	R	D
59 Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo		R	R				D	R	R
60 Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville		R	R	R			D	R	R
61 Grande Prairie-Smoky		R	R	R	R		D	R	R
62 Grande Prairie-Wapiti		R	R	R	R		D	R	R
63 Highwood		R	R	R			D	R	R
64 Innisfail-Sylvan Lake		R	R	R		R	D	R	R
65 Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills		R	R	R			D	R	R
66 Lacombe-Ponoka		R	R	R			D	R	R
67 Leduc-Beaumont		R	R				D	R	D
68 Lethbridge-East		R	R				D	R	D
69 Lethbridge-West		R	R	R			D	R	D

Constituency Association	AFP	LIB	NDP	AP	GPA	PAPA	PC	UCP	WRP
70 Little Bow		R	R				D	R	D
71 Livingstone-Macleod		R	R				D	R	R
72 Medicine Hat		R	R	R			D	R	D
73 Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills		R	R				D	R	R
74 Peace River		R	R	R			D	R	R
75 Red Deer-North		R	R	R			D	R	R
76 Red Deer-South		R	R	R			D	R	R
77 Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre		R	R	R			D	R	R
78 Sherwood Park		R	R				D	R	R
79 Spruce Grove-St. Albert		R	R	R			D	R	R
80 St. Albert		R	R	R			D	R	D
81 Stony Plain		R	R	R			D	R	D
82 Strathcona-Sherwood Park		R	R	R			D	R	R
83 Strathmore-Brooks	R	R	R	R			D	R	D
84 Vermilion-Lloydminster		R	R	R			D	R	R
85 West Yellowhead		R	R	R			D	R	R
86 Wetaskiwin-Camrose		R	R				D	R	R
87 Whitecourt-Ste. Anne		R	R	R			D	R	D
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>63</b>

## NOMINATION CONTESTS

Elections Alberta is responsible for the oversight of nomination contests, the process by which a political party and/or its constituency association(s) selects a person for endorsement as the official candidate of the party for an electoral division. Elections Alberta responsibilities include the management of registration, financial reporting and disclosure related to nomination contests.

Between April 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018 nomination contests were held by five political parties, all in the electoral division of Calgary-Lougheed.

Each contest had 1 registered nomination contestant who was acclaimed and endorsed by their party as the official candidate for Calgary-Lougheed, as outlined in the table below. Legislation requires political parties to inform Elections Alberta prior to nomination contests being held, and requires persons who seek endorsement to register with Elections Alberta, regardless of the length of the contest or number of persons seeking endorsement.

Electoral Division	Nomination Contestant (Endorsed)	Party	Contestant Registration Date	Date Of Official Call	Selection Date
Calgary-Lougheed	Khan, David	LIB	Nov 16 2017	Nov 16 2017	Nov 19 2017
Calgary-Lougheed	van der Merwe, Phillip	NDP	Nov 16 2017	Nov 18 2017	Nov 18 2017
Calgary-Lougheed	Tittel, Romy	GPA	Nov 18 2017	Nov 18 2017	Nov 18 2017
Calgary-Lougheed	Thorsteinson, Lauren	RPA	Nov 18 2017	Nov 22 2017	Nov 23 2017
Calgary-Lougheed	Kenney, Jason	UCP	Oct 30 2017	Nov 13 2017	Nov 14 2017

Refer to “Events of Interest since March 31, 2018” for a preview into the increasing number of nomination-related activities as political participants prepare for the next provincial general election.

## CANDIDATES

The resignation of Dave Rodney, Member of the Legislative Assembly, created a vacancy in the electoral division of Calgary-Lougheed, and a writ of election was issued on November 16, 2017. Voting day for the Calgary-Lougheed By-election was on December 14, 2017, and the campaign period ended on February 14, 2018. Listed below are five party-affiliated candidates who were automatically deemed to be registered when they were endorsed by their party through the nomination contest process. Two independent candidates were registered upon filing applications for registration, which were approved by Elections Alberta. Summary information is provided below; further details will be provided in Elections Alberta’s full report on the Calgary-Lougheed By-election.

Candidate (Elected in <b>Bold</b> )	Party Affiliation	# of Votes	% of Vote
Larry Heather	IND	22	0.02%
<b>Jason Kenney</b>	<b>UCP</b>	7,760	71.50%
David Khan	LIB	1,009	9.30%
Wayne Leslie	IND	42	0.04%
Lauren Thorsteinson	RPA	137	1.30%
Romy Tittel	GPA	60	0.60%
Phillip van der Merwe	NDP	1,822	16.80%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>10,852</b>

## LEADERSHIP CONTESTS

Elections Alberta is responsible for the oversight of political party leadership contests, the process by which a political party selects a leader. Elections Alberta responsibilities include the management of registration, financial reporting, and disclosure related to leadership contests. Between April 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018, four leadership contests were registered and/or concluded. The information below outlines key dates, the names of the registered leadership contestants, and who won each contest.

Party	Leadership Contestant (Voted in <b>Bold</b> )	Contestant Registration Date	Date of Official Call	Vote Date
Alberta Liberal Party	Nolan Crouse*	Jan 17 2017	Jan 16 2017	Jun 3 2017
	Kerry Cundal	Mar 31 2017		
	<b>David Khan</b>	Mar 28 2017		
United Conservative Party	Jeff Callaway**	Aug 4 2017	Sep 1 2017	Oct 28 2017
	Paul Hinman	Sep 7 2017		
	Brian Jean	Jul 27 2017		
	<b>Jason Kenney</b>	Jul 28 2017		
	Doug Schweitzer	Jul 27 2017		
Green Party of Alberta	Brian Deheer	Sep 10 2017	Feb 17 2017	Nov 4 2017
	James Friesen	Aug 15 2017		
	Grant Neufeld	Jul 2 2017		
	Marco Reid	Jun 12 2017		
	<b>Romy Tittel</b>	May 20 2017		
Alberta Party	Rick Fraser	Dec 30 2017	Nov 22 2017	Feb 27 2018
	Jacob Huffman**	Dec 5 2017		
	Kara Levis	Dec 11 2017		
	<b>Stephen Mandel</b>	Dec 27 2017		

\*Withdrew

\*\*Did not meet requirements established by the party

## THIRD PARTY ADVERTISERS

Elections Alberta is responsible for monitoring and managing the activities of third party advertisers under the EFCDA. As at March 31, 2018, there were seven election third party advertisers (“E”-TPA) and 14 political third party advertisers (“P”-TPA) registered with Elections Alberta. Thirteen of the 21 third parties were new registrations made effective during the 2017-18 fiscal year. Effective registration dates are provided below.

Third Party	Type	Initial Registration	Primary Contact	Chief Financial Officer
1ABVote	E	Apr 13 2015	Brian Singh	Brian Singh
AAFund	P	Jan 19 2018	Jonathon Wescott	Peter Blasetti
Alberta Advantage Fund	E	May 19 2017	Jonathon Wescott	Peter Blasetti
Alberta Advantage Fund	P	May 19 2017	Jonathon Wescott	Peter Blasetti
Alberta Can't Wait	P	Aug 2 2017	Prem Singh	Candace Fairbairn
Alberta Federation of Labour	P	Feb 15 2017	Maria Ramirez	Siobhan Vipond
Alberta Medical Association	E	Apr 24 2015	Michael A. Gormley	Cameron Plitt
Alberta Union of Provincial Employees	E	Dec 19 2014	Julius Salegio	Jason Heistad
Alberta Victory Fund	E	May 31 2017	John Weissenberger	John Weissenberger
Alberta Victory Fund	P	May 31 2017	John Weissenberger	John Weissenberger
Balanced Alberta Fund Inc	P	Aug 4 2017	Marisa Kulhawy	Marisa Kulhawy
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 424	P	Apr 25 2017	Scott Crichton	Scott Crichton
Merit Contractors Association	P	Mar 23 2017	Randy Martin	Randy Martin
Progress Alberta	P	Jan 26 2018	Duncan Kinney	Duncan Kinney
Project Alberta	P	Dec 6 2017	Mark Wells	Jennifer Gawne
Public Interest Alberta Society	P	Feb 20 2018	Joel French	Joel French
Save Alberta's Vibrant Economy	E	Jan 1 2016	Rauf Kadri	Rauf Kadri
The Alberta Fund	P	Feb 17 2017	David Yager	David Yager
The Wilberforce Project	P	Oct 17 2017	Stephanie Fennelly	Stephanie Fennelly
United Liberty	P	Jul 7 2017	Ronda Klemmensen	Ronda Klemmensen
Value Drug Mart Associates Ltd.	E	Jan 1 2012	Shawn Part	Shawn Part

## SECTION 2

# FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

### OVERVIEW

This section provides summary information on financial reports, statements and returns filed by registered political entities, including contributions, other revenue and expenses reported, rounded to the nearest dollar. The following is a brief overview of the number of political entities that filed for each of the filing categories:

- Quarterly reports and annual financial statements were received from 11 political parties, over 400 constituency associations, and 11 political third party advertisers for the 2017 calendar year;
- By-election campaign returns were received from five political parties, seven candidates, and seven election third party advertisers for the 2017 Calgary-Lougheed By-election;
- Leadership contestant campaign returns were received from 17 leadership contestants across four leadership contests; and
- Nomination contestant campaign returns were received from five nomination contestants for contests held by five political parties in the electoral division of Calgary-Lougheed.

For more detailed information on the financial data provided on the following pages, visit the Elections Alberta website at [www.elections.ab.ca](http://www.elections.ab.ca). On the website home page, choose Financial Reporting.

## QUARTERLY REPORTS

In accordance with section 32(3) of the EFCDA, all registered political parties and constituency associations are required to file quarterly contribution reports with Elections Alberta within 15 days after the end of each quarter in the calendar year. If no contributions are received in a quarter, a nil report is still required to be filed. Political parties may file quarterly reports on behalf of their constituency associations.

***Legislative changes that came into force affecting quarterly reporting for 2017 included the requirement for political third party advertisers to file quarterly reports, and public disclosure required when a contributor reaches \$250.01 in aggregate contributions at any point in the calendar year.***

In order for Elections Alberta to reasonably track contributors' aggregate contribution totals to meet public disclosure requirements under the new legislation, contribution information submitted by political parties, constituency associations and political third party advertisers is now subject to review by Elections Alberta prior to publication. Working within tight filing and disclosure timelines, Elections Alberta works with political entities to correct noticeable errors prior to publication. Throughout the year the information is reviewed and corrected on a continuous basis as new information becomes available.

Elections Alberta's Online Financial System (OFS), launched in the first quarter of 2018, allows for the detailed reporting and tracking of contributions per political entity and per contributor. OFS, along with the changes to legislation, allows quarterly contribution reports to reconcile with annual financial statements of political parties and constituency associations, and annual advertising reports of political third party advertisers.

## POLITICAL PARTIES & CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATIONS

The following tables summarize the 2017 quarterly contributions reported by political parties and constituency associations. The amounts contain annual contribution information only. Elections Alberta made concerted efforts throughout the year to ensure that no campaign contributions were included in quarterly reports, in accordance with legislation that was in effect at the time. Since then, legislative amendments have impacted the type of contribution information to be included in quarterly reports going forward. Refer to the "Events of Interest Since March 31, 2018" section later in this annual report for more details.

### Political Party Quarterly Reports

	AFP	LIB	NDP	AP	CP-A	GPA	PAPA	PC	RPA	UCP*	WRP
Q1	Nil	\$ 49,237	\$ 373,060	\$ 13,850	Nil	\$ 4,093	Nil	\$216,884	Nil	N/A	\$269,357
Q2	Nil	\$ 34,696	\$ 553,733	\$ 37,970	Nil	\$ 2,775	Nil	\$ 78,253	Nil	N/A	\$413,301
Q3	Nil	\$ 47,782	\$ 439,101	\$ 25,247	Nil	\$ 1,590	Nil	\$ 20,049	Nil	\$396,962	\$115,984
Q4	Nil	\$ 30,393	\$ 335,547	\$ 65,688	\$325	\$ 1,590	Nil	\$ 2,100	Nil	\$240,099	\$ 6,057
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>\$162,108</b>	<b>\$1,701,441</b>	<b>\$142,755</b>	<b>\$325</b>	<b>\$10,048</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>\$317,286</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>\$637,061</b>	<b>\$804,699</b>

"N/A" in any quarter indicates the party was not registered in the quarter.

\*United Conservative Party (UCP) was not registered until Q3.

## Constituency Association Quarterly Reports

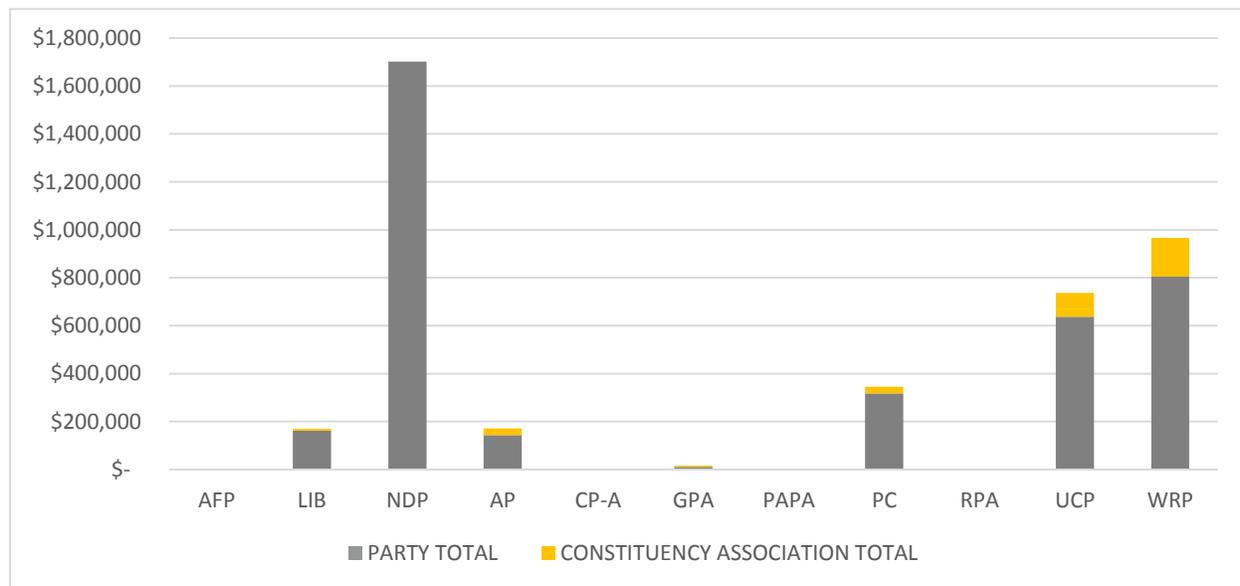
	AFP	LIB	NDP*	AP	CP-A	GPA	PAPA	PC	RPA	UCP	WRP
Q1	Nil	\$ 523	Nil	\$ 120	N/A	\$1,100	\$ 40	\$10,150	N/A	N/A	\$ 43,570
Q2	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$ 155	N/A	\$ 204	Nil	\$ 8,741	N/A	N/A	\$ 98,232
Q3	Nil	\$6,395	Nil	\$ 2,952	N/A	Nil	Nil	\$ 4,039	N/A	N/A	\$ 4,793
Q4	Nil	\$1,150	Nil	\$25,379	N/A	\$3,184	\$300	\$ 4,448	N/A	\$99,243	\$ 14,911
TOTAL	Nil	\$8,068	Nil	\$28,606	N/A	\$4,488	\$340	\$27,378	N/A	\$99,243	\$161,506

"N/A" in any quarter indicates there were no registered constituency associations in the quarter.

\*NDP policy does not allow NDP CAs to accept contributions, therefore all NDP CA quarterly reports are nil.

## Consolidated Quarterly Reports

The following graph shows consolidated 2017 quarterly contribution totals reported by political parties and constituency associations.



AFP Alberta First Party  
 LIB Alberta Liberal Party  
 NDP Alberta New Democratic Party  
 AP Alberta Party  
 CP-A Communist Party – Alberta

GPA Green Party of Alberta  
 PAPA Pro-Life Alberta Political Association  
 PC Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta  
 RPA Reform Party of Alberta  
 UCP United Conservative Party  
 WRP Wildrose Party

## POLITICAL THIRD PARTY ADVERTISERS

The table below summarizes the 2017 quarterly advertising contributions reported by political third party advertisers.

	AB ADVANTAGE FUND	AB CAN'T WAIT	AB FEDERATION OF LABOUR	AB VICTORY FUND	BALANCED AB FUND	INTL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS	MERIT CONTRACTORS	PROJECT AB	THE AB FUND	WILBERFORCE PROJECT	UNITED LIBERTY
Q1	N/A	N/A	\$260,446	N/A	N/A	N/A	Nil	N/A	Nil	N/A	N/A
Q2	\$ 177,810	N/A	\$229,558	\$ 500	N/A	\$2,001	\$193,749	N/A	\$25,000	N/A	N/A
Q3	\$ 635,700	Nil	\$ 13,263	\$22,505	\$ 51,500	Nil	Nil	N/A	\$ 7,365	N/A	\$13,000
Q4	\$ 283,970	\$15,000	\$ 57,351	Nil	\$ 72,700	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$700	Nil
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,097,480</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$560,618</b>	<b>\$23,005</b>	<b>\$124,200</b>	<b>\$2,001</b>	<b>\$193,749</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>\$32,365</b>	<b>\$700</b>	<b>\$13,000</b>

"N/A" in any quarter indicates the third party was not registered in the quarter.

Third party names have been abbreviated.

## ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In accordance with section 42 of the EFCDA, political parties and CAs registered prior to September 1, 2017 were required to file annual financial statements with the Chief Electoral Officer on or before April 3, 2018 (the first business day after March 31<sup>st</sup>).

Of particular note were 100 CAs newly registered within the last four months of 2017. Although legislation did not require the new CAs to file by the April 3<sup>rd</sup> deadline, they were encouraged to do so, to allow for the tracking of contributions under the new limits based on the calendar year and across party lines.

### POLITICAL PARTIES

All 11 political parties that were registered as at December 31, 2017 filed annual financial statements by the filing deadline with the exception of the Pro-Life Alberta Political Association. The party was assessed a \$500 late filing fee under section 43.2 of the EFCDA, and paid the fee. Seven political parties filed audited financial statements as required when revenue or expenses for the reporting period exceed \$1,000. A brief summary is listed below.

Political Party	Filed By Deadline	Audited Financial Statement
Alberta First Party (AFP)	✓	-
Alberta Liberal Party (LIB)	✓	✓
Alberta New Democratic Party (NDP)	✓	✓
Alberta Party (AP)	✓	✓
Communist Party – Alberta (CP-A)	✓	-
Green Party of Alberta (GPA)	✓	✓
Pro-Life Alberta Political Association (PAPA)	x	-
Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta (PC)	✓	✓
Reform Party of Alberta (RPA)	✓	-
United Conservative Party (UCP)	✓	✓
Wildrose Party (WRP)	✓	✓

### POLITICAL PARTY FOUNDATIONS

In accordance with section 6(6) of the EFCDA, a political party that maintains a foundation is required to file an annual report of the expenditures of that foundation. As at March 31, 2018, there were no political parties that maintained a foundation under the EFCDA.

## POLITICAL PARTY ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION HIGHLIGHTS

The following is a summary of the annual contributions reported by political parties for the 2017 calendar year, per annual contribution receipts issued.

	Contribution Receipts To \$250			Contribution Receipts Over \$250			Total Contributions
	Count	Total	Average	Count	Total	Average	
AFP	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
LIB	429	\$ 44,239	\$ 103	214	\$ 117,202	\$ 548	\$ 161,441
NDP	8,316	\$ 499,512	\$ 60	1,720	\$1,216,361	\$ 707	\$1,715,873
AP	786	\$ 40,346	\$ 51	710	\$ 102,409	\$ 144	\$ 142,755
CP-A	2	\$ 325	\$ 163	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$ 325
GPA	24	\$ 2,408	\$ 100	14	\$ 7,805	\$ 558	\$ 10,213
PAPA	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
PC	4,224	\$ 138,406	\$ 33	617	\$ 187,333	\$ 304	\$ 325,739
RPA	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
UCP	5,199	\$ 425,306	\$ 82	406	\$ 239,617	\$ 590	\$ 664,923
WRP	5,855	\$ 507,771	\$ 87	624	\$ 298,196	\$ 478	\$ 805,967
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24,835</b>	<b>\$1,658,313</b>	<b>\$ 67</b>	<b>4,305</b>	<b>\$2,168,923</b>	<b>\$ 504</b>	<b>\$3,827,236</b>

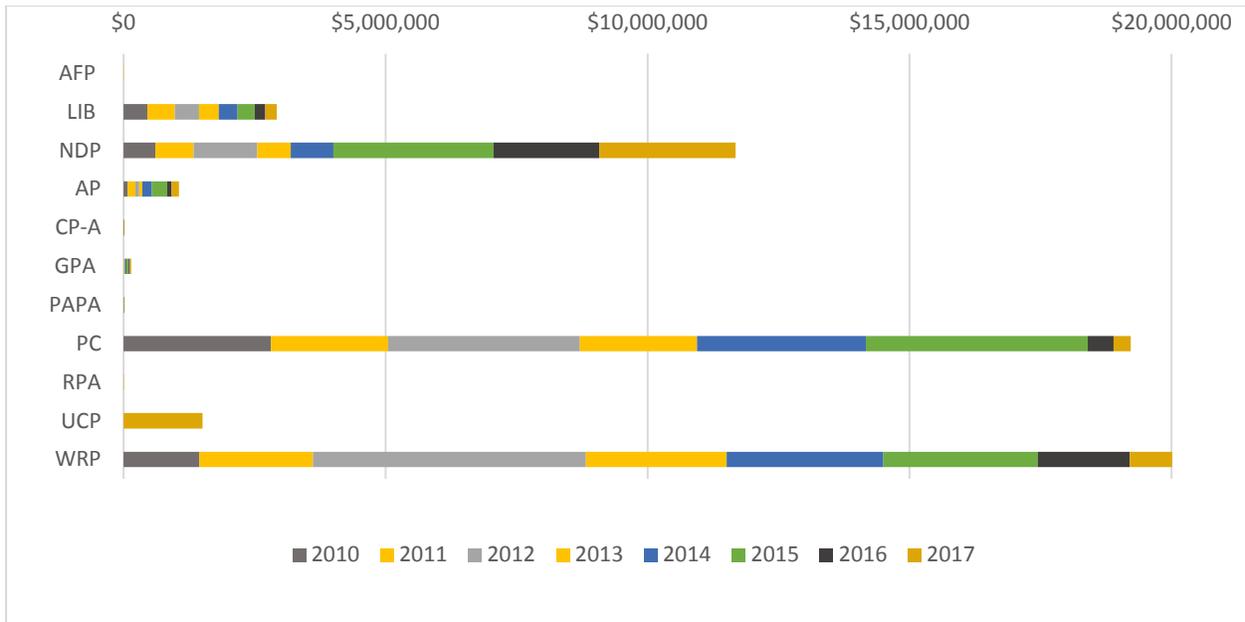
## POLITICAL PARTY ANNUAL REVENUE AND EXPENSE HIGHLIGHTS

The following is a summary of total annual revenue and expenses reported by political parties for the 2017 calendar year, per financial statements filed.

	Revenue			(Expenses)		Surplus (Deficit)
	Contributions to \$250	Contributions over \$250	Other Revenue	Fund Transfer	Annual Expenses	
AFP	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$ (168)	\$ (168)
LIB	\$ 44,239	\$ 117,202	\$ 75,868	\$ (46,809)	\$ (195,042)	\$ (4,542)
NDP	\$499,512	\$1,216,361	\$ 388,704	\$(960,347)	\$(1,355,173)	\$(210,943)
AP	\$ 40,346	\$ 102,409	\$ 72,400	\$ (15,716)	\$ (109,347)	\$ 90,092
CP-A	\$ 325	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$ (551)	\$ (226)
GPA	\$ 2,408	\$ 7,805	\$ 2,630	\$ (300)	\$ (6,420)	\$ 6,123
PAPA	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$ (500)	\$ (500)
PC	\$138,406	\$ 187,333	\$1,511,476	Nil	\$(1,568,113)	\$ 269,102
RPA	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
UCP	\$425,306	\$ 239,617	\$ 928,707	Nil	\$(1,472,333)	\$ 121,297
WRP	\$507,771	\$ 298,196	\$ 416,873	\$(187,554)	\$(1,382,377)	\$(347,091)

## POLITICAL PARTY HISTORICAL CONTRIBUTION DATA

The following table summarizes the total of all contributions reported by currently registered political parties for the past eight years, per contribution receipts issued. The years 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 include both annual and campaign contributions due to electoral events held in those years. Included in the 2017 data is campaign period contributions received for the Calgary-Lougheed By-election, that encroached six weeks into the 2018 calendar year.



AFP Alberta First Party  
 LIB Alberta Liberal Party  
 NDP Alberta New Democratic Party  
 AP Alberta Party  
 CP-A Communist Party – Alberta

GPA Green Party of Alberta  
 PAPA Pro-Life Alberta Political Association  
 PC Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta  
 RPA Reform Party of Alberta  
 UCP United Conservative Party  
 WRP Wildrose Party

## CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATIONS

As at December 31, 2017, there were 485 registered CAs including 100 CAs registered within the last four months of the year, out of which 467 filed a 2017 Constituency Association Annual Financial Statement by the due date. Listed below are the 18 that failed to meet the deadline, the status of their payment of the automatic late filing fee, and whether they met the 30-day late-filing deadline. Late filing fees collected by Elections Alberta are deposited into General Revenue.

Political Party	Electoral Division	\$500 Late Filing Fee Paid	Financial Statement Late-Filed
LIB	Lacombe-Ponoka	✓	✓
NDP	Calgary-Fort	✓	✓
	Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview	✓	✓
	Edmonton-Mill Creek	✓	✓
	Fort McMurray-Conklin	✓	✓
	Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo	✓	✓
	Little Bow	✓	✓
	Red Deer-South	✓	✓
	Wetaskiwin-Camrose	✓	✓
AP	Calgary-Hawkwood	✓	✓
	Edmonton-Riverview	✓	✓
GPA	Grande Prairie-Smoky	x	x
PAPA	Calgary-Klein	✓	✓
WRP	Calgary-Currie*	✓	x
	Calgary-North West	✓	✓
	Edmonton-Mill Creek	✓	✓
	Cardston-Taber-Warner*	✓	x
	Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre	✓	✓

\*Deregistered by party request prior to end of 30 day late-filing provision; outstanding issues are pending resolution.

## CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATION CONTRIBUTION HIGHLIGHTS

The following is a summary of the annual contributions reported by CAs for the 2017 calendar year, per annual contribution receipts issued.

		Contribution Receipts To \$250			Contribution Receipts Over \$250			Total Contributions
		Count	Total	Average	Count	Total	Average	
AFP	0/1*	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
LIB	6/87	55	\$ 4,357	\$ 79	7	\$ 3,862	\$ 552	\$ 8,219
NDP	0/87	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
AP	16/62	75	\$ 9,660	\$ 129	11	\$ 18,443	\$ 1,677	\$ 28,103
CP-A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
GPA	4/8	5	\$ 704	\$ 141	5	\$ 3,760	\$ 752	\$ 4,464
PAPA	1/2	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300
PC	30/87	128	\$ 11,744	\$ 92	22	\$ 15,634	\$ 711	\$ 27,378
RPA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
UCP	42/64	380	\$ 38,960	\$ 103	84	\$ 60,282	\$ 718	\$ 99,242
WRP	57/87	742	\$ 61,448	\$ 83	150	\$101,843	\$ 679	\$ 163,291
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>156/485</b>	<b>1,385</b>	<b>\$126,873</b>	<b>\$ 92</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>\$204,124</b>	<b>\$ 729</b>	<b>\$ 330,997</b>

\*Number of CAs that reported receiving contributions out of total number of registered CAs.

## CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATION REVENUE AND EXPENSE HIGHLIGHTS

The following is a summary of total annual revenue and expenses reported by CAs for the 2017 calendar year, per financial statements filed.

	Revenue			(Expenses)		Surplus (Deficit)
	Contributions to \$250	Contributions over \$250	Other Revenue	Fund Transfer	Annual Expenses	
AFP	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
LIB	\$ 4,357	\$ 3,862	\$ 26,284	\$ (12,958)	\$ (19,620)	\$ 1,925
NDP	Nil	Nil	\$855,447	Nil	\$ (179,550)	\$ 675,897
AP	\$ 9,660	\$ 18,443	\$ 29,810	\$ (45)	\$ (15,564)	\$ 42,304
CP-A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
GPA	\$ 704	\$ 3,760	\$ 300	Nil	\$ (666)	\$ 4,098
PAPA	Nil	\$ 300	\$ 90	Nil	\$ (259)	\$ 131
PC	\$ 11,744	\$ 15,634	\$ 96,632	\$ (624,416)	\$ (385,657)	\$ (886,063)
RPA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
UCP	\$ 38,960	\$ 60,282	\$ 21,922	\$ (10,702)	\$ (18,671)	\$ 91,791
WRP	\$ 61,448	\$ 101,843	\$232,937	\$ (84,306)	\$ (511,945)	\$ (200,023)

## CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATION HISTORICAL CONTRIBUTION DATA

The following table summarizes the total of all contributions reported by CAs for the past 8 years, per contribution receipts issued. Reference the explanatory notes below the table for further information.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Totals
AFP	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
IND	\$ 4,560	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 4,560
LIB	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$ 27,569	\$ 31,600	\$ 15,122	\$ 8,219	\$ 82,510
NDP	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
AP	Nil	\$ 66,961	\$ 67,394	Nil	\$ 2,103	\$ 52,124	\$ 2,363	\$ 28,103	\$ 219,048
CP-A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Nil
GPA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Nil	\$ 3,325	\$ 4,464	\$ 7,789
PAPA	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$ 1,849	\$ 600	\$ 365	\$ 300	\$ 3,114
PC	\$1,453,150	\$1,363,258	\$1,202,474	\$1,204,491	\$1,091,607	\$585,242	\$120,606	\$ 27,378	\$ 7,048,206
RPA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Nil
UCP	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 99,242	\$ 99,242
WRP	\$ 370,115	\$ 795,484	\$ 781,666	\$ 360,204	\$ 456,110	\$212,600	\$288,082	\$163,291	\$ 3,427,552
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,827,825</b>	<b>\$2,225,703</b>	<b>\$2,051,534</b>	<b>\$1,564,695</b>	<b>\$1,579,238</b>	<b>\$882,166</b>	<b>\$429,863</b>	<b>\$330,997</b>	<b>\$10,892,021</b>

"N/A" indicates the party was not registered in the year and/or the party had no registered CAs in the year.

Nil for LIB (2010-2013) and NDP indicates party policy not to allow CAs to accept contributions.

Nil for AFP and PAPA indicates no contributions were accepted by CAs.

## CONSOLIDATED POLITICAL PARTY AND CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TOTALS

The following table summarizes the total of all annual contributions reported by political parties and CAs, per annual receipts issued.

Political Party	Party	CAs	Total
Alberta First Party (AFP)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Alberta Liberal Party (LIB)	\$ 161,441	\$ 8,219	\$ 169,660
Alberta New Democratic Party (NDP)	\$ 1,715,873	Nil	\$ 1,715,873
Alberta Party (AP)	\$ 142,755	\$ 28,103	\$ 170,858
Communist Party – Alberta (CP-A)	\$ 325	N/A	\$ 325
Green Party of Alberta (GPA)	\$ 10,213	\$ 4,464	\$ 14,677
Pro-Life Alberta Political Association (PAPA)	Nil	\$ 300	\$ 300
Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta (PC)	\$ 325,739	\$ 27,378	\$ 353,117
Reform Party of Alberta (RPA)	Nil	N/A	Nil
United Conservative Party (UCP)	\$ 664,923	\$ 99,242	\$ 764,166
Wildrose Party (WRP)	\$ 805,967	\$ 163,291	\$ 969,258
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,827,236</b>	<b>\$ 330,997</b>	<b>\$ 4,158,233</b>

“N/A” indicates that the party did not have any registered CAs.

## NOMINATION CONTESTANT CAMPAIGN RETURNS

Electoral financing rules concerning nomination contestants came into force in November 2016. Registered nomination contestants are required to disclose the financial activity of their campaigns within four months after the conclusion of a nomination contest (date on which the successful contestant is selected for endorsement as the official candidate). If a contestant withdraws, or is not accepted into a contest by the party or constituency association, disclosure is required within four months after the withdrawal date or the date the contestant was not accepted.

Five registered nomination contestants in five contests, all in the electoral division of Calgary-Lougheed, were required to file a nomination contestant campaign return. The filing deadlines and status of filings are summarized below.

Electoral Division	Nomination Contestant	Party	Filing Deadline	Filed by Deadline	Surplus / Deficit
Calgary-Lougheed	Khan, David	LIB	March 19, 2018	✓	Nil
Calgary-Lougheed	van der Merwe, Phillip	NDP	March 19, 2018	✓	Nil
Calgary-Lougheed	Tittel, Romy	GPA	March 19, 2018	✓	Nil
Calgary-Lougheed	Thorsteinson, Lauren	RPA	March 23, 2018	✓	Nil
Calgary-Lougheed	Kenney, Jason	UCP	March 14, 2018	✓	Surplus

## NOMINATION CONTESTANT CONTRIBUTION HIGHLIGHTS

The following table summarizes the total contributions reported by the nomination contestants, per contribution receipts issued. As a result of changes made to the *Tax Statutes Amendment Act* in 2017, contributions made to the nomination contestants are eligible to be claimed for income tax credits.

	Contribution Receipts To \$250			Contribution Receipts Over \$250			Total Contributions
	Count	Total	Average	Count	Total	Average	
Khan, David (LIB)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
van der Merwe, Phillip (NDP)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Tittel, Romy (GPA)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Thorsteinson, Lauren (RPA)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Kenney, Jason (UCP)	1	\$100	\$100	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$100

### NOMINATION CONTESTANT REVENUE AND EXPENSE HIGHLIGHTS

The following is a summary of total revenue and expenses reported by the nomination contestants, per financial statements filed.

	Revenue			(Expenses)		
	Contributions to \$250	Contributions over \$250	Other Revenue	Fund Transfer	Campaign Expenses	Surplus (Deficit)
Khan, David (LIB)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
van der Merwe, Phillip (NDP)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Tittel, Romy (GPA)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Thorsteinson, Lauren (RPA)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Kenney, Jason (UCP)*	\$100	Nil	Nil	(\$97)	(\$3)	Nil

\* Contestant's reported surplus was distributed in accordance with section 12.1 of the EFCDA, resulting in a nil balance.

### Nomination Contestant Campaign Expenses Detail

Referencing the "Campaign Expenses" column above, only one nomination contestant reported \$3 in campaign expenses. The election expense limit for nomination contestants is currently \$10,000 in accordance with section 41.4(1) of the EFCDA. The limit is calculated as 20% of the candidate's spending limit, currently \$50,000 per section 41.3(1) of the EFCDA.

## BY-ELECTION CAMPAIGN RETURNS

The 2017 Calgary-Lougheed By-election commenced with the issuance of the writ of election on November 16, 2017. Voting day was on December 14, 2017 and the campaign period ended on February 14, 2018. Political parties that ran candidates in the by-election were required to file political party campaign returns including audited financial statements if revenue or expenses for the reporting period exceeded \$1,000. All registered by-election candidates were required to file candidate campaign returns.

Political parties and candidates were subject to new contribution limits and election expense limits for the Calgary-Lougheed By-election.

### POLITICAL PARTIES

Five registered political parties ran candidates in the by-election, of which three filed by the due date of June 14, 2018. The two political parties that failed to meet the filing deadline were subject to automatic late filing fees and had an additional 30 days to late-file. The Reform Party of Alberta failed to meet the late-filing deadline and was deregistered effective July 21, 2018; the political party filed the outstanding return(s) and made application to the Chief Electoral Officer to be reregistered, which was approved and made effective August 21, 2018.

Political Party	Filed By Deadline	\$500 Late Filing Fee Paid	Financial Statement Late-filed	Audited Financial Statement
Alberta Liberal Party (LIB)	✓	-	-	✓
Alberta New Democratic Party (NDP)	✓	-	-	✓
Green Party of Alberta (GPA)	✓	-	-	✓
Reform Party of Alberta (RPA)	×	✓	×	✓
United Conservative Party (UCP)	×	✓	✓	✓

### POLITICAL PARTY CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION HIGHLIGHTS

The following is a summary of the campaign contributions reported by political parties for the Calgary-Lougheed By-election, per campaign contribution receipts issued.

	Contribution Receipts To \$250			Contribution Receipts Over \$250			Total Contributions
	Count	Total	Average	Count	Total	Average	
LIB	608	\$ 28,247	\$ 46	110	\$ 33,415	\$ 304	\$ 61,662
NDP	6,952	\$404,294	\$ 58	1,008	\$482,297	\$ 478	\$ 886,591
GPA	22	\$ 2,300	\$ 105	8	\$ 6,280	\$ 785	\$ 8,580
RPA	Nil	Nil	Nil	3	\$ 8,500	\$ 2,833	\$ 8,500
UCP	5,166	\$458,786	\$ 89	786	\$382,008	\$ 486	\$ 840,794
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,748</b>	<b>\$893,627</b>	<b>\$ 70</b>	<b>1,915</b>	<b>\$912,500</b>	<b>\$ 477</b>	<b>\$1,806,127</b>

## POLITICAL PARTY CAMPAIGN REVENUE AND EXPENSE HIGHLIGHTS

The following is a summary of total campaign period revenue and expenses reported by political parties for the Calgary-Lougheed By-election, per financial statements filed.

	Revenue			(Expenses)		Surplus (Deficit)
	Contributions to \$250	Contributions over \$250	Other Revenue	Fund Transfer	Campaign Expenses	
LIB	\$ 28,247	\$ 33,415	\$6,283	\$(26,481)	\$(52,817)	\$(11,353)
NDP	\$404,294	\$482,297	Nil	Nil	\$(66,337)	\$ 820,254
GPA	\$ 2,300	\$ 6,280	\$ 625	\$ (500)	\$ (2,841)	\$ 5,864
RPA	Nil	\$ 8,500	Nil	Nil	\$(11,328)	\$ (2,828)
UCP	\$458,786	\$382,008	Nil	\$(50,000)	\$(18,721)	\$ 772,073

### Political Party Campaign Expenses Detail

The "Campaign Expenses" column above, is broken down in more detail in the following table.

The election expense limit for political parties that ran candidates in the Calgary-Lougheed By-election was \$23,000 in accordance with section 41.2(2) of the EFCDA. If the party incurred election expenses on behalf of their candidate, those expenses are broken out below and carried over to the candidate's financial statement to count against the candidate's election expense limit. No parties exceeded their election expense limit.

Party	Party Expenses Subject to Limit	Party Expenses Not Subject to Limit	Party Expenses for	
			Candidate Subject to Limit	Campaign Expenses Total
LIB	\$ (8,552)	\$ (43,971)	\$ (294)	\$(52,817)
NDP	\$ (18,144)	\$ (500)	\$ (47,693)	\$(66,337)
GPA	Nil	\$ (2,603)	\$ (238)	\$ (2,841)
RPA	Nil	\$ (500)	\$ (10,828)	\$(11,328)
UCP	\$ (18,721)	Nil	Nil	\$(18,721)

## CANDIDATES

There were seven registered candidates for the Calgary-Lougheed By-election and all were required to file a Candidate Campaign Return on or before April 16, 2018 in accordance with section 43 of the EFCDA. One candidate failed to file by the deadline, forfeited the candidate's nomination deposit and paid an automatic \$500 late filing fee, assessed under section 43.2(2) of the EFCDA. Late filing fees collected by Elections Alberta are deposited into General Revenue. The candidate met the 10-day late-filing deadline, so avoided further penalties.

Candidate	Filed By Deadline	\$500 Late Filing Fee Paid	Financial Statement Late-filed
Larry Heather (IND)	✓	-	-
Jason Kenney (UCP)	✓	-	-
David Khan (LIB)	✓	-	-
Wayne Leslie (IND)	✗	✓	✓
Lauren Thorsteinson (RPA)	✓	-	-
Romy Tittel (GPA)	✗	-	-
Phillip van der Merwe (NDP)	✓	-	-

## CANDIDATE CONTRIBUTION HIGHLIGHTS

The following represents the number and monetary amount of campaign contributions reported by candidates for the Calgary-Lougheed By-election campaign period, per contribution receipts issued.

	Contribution Receipts To \$250			Contribution Receipts Over \$250			Total Contributions
	Count	Total	Average	Count	Total	Average	
Larry Heather (IND)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Jason Kenney (UCP)	39	\$4,640	\$ 119	12	\$22,460	\$ 1,872	\$27,100
David Khan (LIB)	62	\$6,075	\$ 98	16	\$ 7,100	\$ 444	\$13,175
Wayne Leslie (IND)	2	\$ 150	\$ 75	2	\$ 2,783	\$ 1,392	\$ 2,933
Lauren Thorsteinson (RPA)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Romy Tittel (GPA)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Phillip van der Merwe (NDP)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

## CANDIDATE REVENUE AND EXPENSE HIGHLIGHTS

The following is a summary of total campaign revenue and expenses reported by candidates for the Calgary-Lougheed By-election, per financial statements filed.

	Revenue			(Expenses)		Surplus (Deficit)
	Contributions to \$250	Contributions over \$250	Other Revenue	Fund Transfer	Campaign Expenses	
Larry Heather (IND)	Nil	Nil	\$ 500	Nil	\$ (500)	Nil
Jason Kenney (UCP)	\$4,640	\$22,460	\$50,000	Nil	\$(47,411)	\$29,689
David Khan (LIB)	\$6,075	\$ 7,100	\$21,964	\$(1,869)	\$(33,270)	Nil
Wayne Leslie (IND)	\$ 150	\$ 2,783	Nil	Nil	\$ (2,933)	Nil
Lauren Thorsteinson (RPA)	Nil	Nil	\$11,328	Nil	\$(11,328)	Nil
Romy Tittel (GPA)	Nil	Nil	\$ 738	Nil	\$ (738)	Nil
Phillip van der Merwe (NDP)	Nil	Nil	\$48,193	Nil	\$(48,193)	Nil

### Candidate Campaign Expenses Detail

A breakdown of the “Campaign Expenses” column above is provided on the following table.

The election expense limit for candidates was \$50,000 in accordance with section 41.3(1) of the EFCDA, including any election expenses incurred on the candidate’s behalf by the political party. No candidates exceeded their election expense limit for the Calgary-Lougheed By-election.

	Expenses by			Campaign Expenses Total
	Candidate Subject to Limit	Expenses by Party Subject to Limit	Expenses by Candidate Not Subject to Limit	
Larry Heather (IND)	Nil	N/A	\$ (500)	\$ (500)
Jason Kenney (UCP)	\$(46,911)	Nil	\$ (500)	\$(47,411)
David Khan (LIB)	\$(32,476)	\$ (294)	\$ (500)	\$(33,270)
Wayne Leslie (IND)	\$ (2,433)	N/A	\$ (500)	\$ (2,933)
Lauren Thorsteinson (RPA)	Nil	\$(10,828)	\$ (500)	\$(11,328)
Romy Tittel (GPA)	Nil	\$ (238)	\$ (500)	\$ (738)
Phillip van der Merwe (NDP)	Nil	\$(47,693)	\$ (500)	\$(48,193)

## POLITICAL PARTY AND CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION TOTALS

The following table summarizes the total of all contributions reported by political parties and candidates during the Calgary-Lougheed By-election campaign period, per contribution receipts issued.

Political Party	Party	Candidate	Total
Alberta Liberal Party (LIB)	\$ 61,662	\$ 13,175	\$ 74,837
Alberta New Democratic Party (NDP)	\$ 886,591	Nil	\$ 886,591
Green Party of Alberta (GPA)	\$ 8,580	Nil	\$ 8,580
Reform Party of Alberta (RPA)	\$ 8,500	Nil	\$ 8,500
United Conservative Party (UCP)	\$ 840,794	\$ 27,100	\$ 867,894
Independent (IND)	N/A	\$ 2,933	\$ 2,933
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,806,127</b>	<b>\$ 43,208</b>	<b>\$ 1,849,335</b>

## LEADERSHIP CONTESTANT CAMPAIGN RETURNS

Registered leadership contestants are required to disclose the financial activity of their campaigns within four months after a leadership vote. In addition, the leadership contestants listed in the table below were subject to new rules under the EFCDA, including: new contribution limits; detailed campaign expense reporting; submission of audited financial statements when campaign expenses exceed \$25,000; obligation to distribute campaign surplus funds; and the requirement to eliminate a reported deficit.

Out of 17 leadership contestants, 16 filed a Leadership Contestant Campaign Return by the due date. Marco Reid, Green Party of Alberta leadership contestant, failed to meet the deadline, paid an automatic late filing fee, and filed the outstanding filing within the 30-day late-filing deadline so avoided further penalties. Late filing fees collected by Elections Alberta are deposited into General Revenue. Summary information is provided below and on the following page.

Party	Leadership Contestant	Filing Deadline	Filed By Deadline	Filed Audited Financial Statement	Surplus / Deficit
Alberta Liberal Party	Nolan Crouse	Oct 3 2017	✓	-	Surplus
	Kerry Cundal		✓	-	Nil
	David Khan		✓	-	Deficit
United Conservative Party	Jeff Callaway	Feb 28 2018	✓	✓	Surplus
	Paul Hinman		✓	-	Nil
	Brian Jean		✓	✓	Nil
	Jason Kenney		✓	✓	Deficit
	Doug Schweitzer		✓	✓	Deficit
Green Party of Alberta	Brian Deheer	Mar 5 2018	✓	-	Nil
	James Friesen		✓	-	Nil
	Grant Neufeld		✓	-	Nil
	Marco Reid		×	-	Nil
	Romy Tittel		✓	-	Nil

Party	Leadership Contestant	Filing Deadline	Filed By Deadline	Filed Audited	
				Financial Statement	Surplus / Deficit
Alberta Party	Rick Fraser	Jun 27 2018	✓	-	Surplus
	Jacob Huffman		✓	-	Nil
	Kara Levis		✓	-	Nil
	Stephen Mandel		✓	✓	Surplus

## LEADERSHIP CONTESTANT CONTRIBUTION HIGHLIGHTS

As a result of changes made to the *Tax Statutes Amendment Act* in 2017, contributions made to the leadership contestants listed below were eligible to be claimed for income tax credits. The following represents the number and monetary amount of contributions reported by leadership contestants, per contribution receipts issued, after surplus distribution or deficit elimination.

	Contribution Receipts To \$250			Contribution Receipts Over \$250			Total Contributions
	Count	Total	Average	Count	Total	Average	
Nolan Crouse (LIB)	Nil	Nil	Nil	2	\$ 5,493	\$2,747	\$ 5,493
Kerry Cundal (LIB)	20	\$ 2,182	\$ 109	6	\$ 10,658	\$1,776	\$ 12,840
David Khan (LIB)	44	\$ 5,883	\$ 134	23	\$ 16,224	\$ 705	\$ 22,107
						<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 40,440</b>
Jeff Callaway (UCP)	86	\$ 8,284	\$ 96	51	\$ 86,100	\$1,688	\$ 94,384
Paul Hinman (UCP)	Nil	Nil	Nil	8	\$ 6,462	\$ 808	\$ 6,462
Brian Jean (UCP)	1,949	\$221,053	\$ 113	368	\$307,207	\$ 835	\$ 528,260
Jason Kenney (UCP)	2,353	\$214,856	\$ 91	357	\$468,865	\$1,313	\$ 683,721
Doug Schweitzer (UCP)	686	\$ 74,673	\$ 109	181	\$194,940	\$1,077	\$ 269,613
						<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$1,582,440</b>
Brian Deheer (GPA)	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	\$ 1,379	\$1,379	\$ 1,379
James Friesen (GPA)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Grant Neufeld (GPA)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Marco Reid (GPA)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Romy Tittel (GPA)	1	\$ 131	\$ 131	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$ 131
						<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,510</b>
Rick Fraser (AP)	52	\$ 3,790	\$ 73	21	\$ 22,699	\$1,081	\$ 26,489
Jacob Huffman (AP)	15	\$408	\$ 27	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$ 408
Kara Levis (AP)	66	\$ 7,870	\$ 119	30	\$ 24,393	\$ 813	\$ 32,263
Stephen Mandel (AP)	27	\$ 3,340	\$ 124	54	\$ 99,320	\$1,839	\$ 102,660
						<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 161,820</b>
						<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$1,786,210</b>

## LEADERSHIP CONTESTANT REVENUE AND EXPENSE HIGHLIGHTS

The following is a summary of total revenue and expenses reported by leadership contestants, per financial statements filed, after surplus distribution or deficit elimination.

Name	Revenue			(Expenses)		Surplus (Deficit)
	Contributions to \$250	Contributions over \$250	Other Revenue	Fees & Deposits	Campaign Expenses	
Nolan Crouse (LIB)	Nil	\$ 5,493	\$ 2,000	\$ (7,000)	\$ (493)	Nil
Kerry Cundal (LIB)	\$ 2,182	\$ 10,658	\$ 2,000	\$ (7,000)	\$ (7,835)	\$ 5
David Khan(LIB)	\$ 5,883	\$ 16,224	\$ 2,000	\$ (7,000)	\$ (17,107)	Nil
Jeff Callaway (UCP)	\$ 8,284	\$ 86,100	\$ 1	\$(37,500)	\$ (56,885)	Nil
Paul Hinman (UCP)	Nil	\$ 6,462	Nil	Nil	\$ (6,462)	Nil
Brian Jean (UCP)	\$221,053	\$307,207	\$24,755	\$(75,000)	\$(478,015)	Nil
Jason Kenney (UCP)	\$214,856	\$468,865	\$ 1,500	\$(75,000)	\$(610,221)	Nil
Doug Schweitzer (UCP)	\$ 74,673	\$194,940	\$ 1,198	\$(75,000)	\$(195,811)	Nil
Brian Deheer (GPA)	Nil	\$ 1,379	\$ 102	Nil	\$ (1,481)	Nil
James Friesen (GPA)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Grant Neufeld (GPA)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Marco Reid (GPA)	Nil	Nil	\$ 7	Nil	\$ (7)	Nil
Romy Tittel (GPA)	\$ 131	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$ (131)	Nil
Rick Fraser (AP)	\$ 3,790	\$ 22,699	\$ 726	\$(10,000)	\$ (17,215)	Nil
Jacob Huffman (AP)	\$ 408	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$ (408)	Nil
Kara Levis (AP)	\$ 7,870	\$ 24,393	\$ 1,200	\$(10,000)	\$ (23,463)	Nil
Stephen Mandel (AP)	\$ 3,340	\$ 99,320	\$ 150	\$ (5,000)	\$ (97,810)	Nil

## THIRD PARTY ADVERTISING REPORTS

### ANNUAL ADVERTISING REPORTS

There were 11 P-TPAs and 1 E-TPA registered as at December 31, 2017 that were required to file a 2017 Third Party Annual Advertising Report on or before April 3, 2018 (the first business day after March 31<sup>st</sup>).

The E-TPA was required to file an annual advertising report due to a surplus reported on the TPA's immediately preceding advertising return from the Calgary-Lougheed By-election. TPAs with funds remaining in the TPA advertising account must file advertising returns each year until the funds have been disposed of.

Nine of the third parties filed the annual advertising report by the filing due date. The three third parties that did not meet the filing requirements were required to pay late filing fees and had an additional 30 days to late-file their advertising reports. The status of late fees paid and late-filings follows. See "Events of Interest Since March 31, 2018" later in this report for information regarding the deregistration of The Wilberforce Project and Alberta Can't Wait.

Third Party	Type	Filed By Deadline	\$500 Late Filing Fee Paid	Financial Statement Late-filed
Alberta Advantage Fund	P	✓	-	-
Alberta Can't Wait	P	x	✓	x
Alberta Federation of Labour	P	✓	-	-
Alberta Union of Provincial Employees	E	✓	-	-
Alberta Victory Fund	P	✓	-	-
Balanced Alberta Fund Inc	P	x	✓	✓
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 424	P	✓	-	-
Merit Contractors Association	P	✓	-	-
Project Alberta	P	✓	-	-
The Alberta Fund	P	✓	-	-
The Wilberforce Project	P	x	✓	x
United Liberty	P	✓	-	-

## ANNUAL ADVERTISING CONTRIBUTION HIGHLIGHTS

The following table summarizes the total of annual contributions reported by third parties, per contribution receipts issued. Names have been abbreviated.

	Contribution Receipts To \$250			Contribution Receipts Over \$250			Total Contributions
	Count	Total	Average	Count	Total	Average	
AB Advantage Fund	7	\$ 1,650	\$ 236	149	\$1,097,480	\$ 7,366	\$1,099,130
AB Can't Wait	Did not file						
AB Fed. of Labour	12	\$ 1,864	\$ 155	57	\$ 545,499	\$ 9,570	\$ 547,363
AB Union of Prov. Employees	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
AB Victory Fund	673	\$39,173	\$ 58	31	\$ 23,005	\$ 742	\$ 62,178
Balanced AB Fund	1	\$ 249	\$ 249	21	\$ 124,200	\$ 5,914	\$ 124,449
Int'l Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 424	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Merit Contractors	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	\$ 193,749	\$193,749	\$ 193,749
Project AB	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
The AB Fund	58	\$ 4,800	\$ 83	4	\$ 32,365	\$ 8,091	\$ 37,165
The Wilberforce Project	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ 700
United Liberty	21	\$ 2,800	\$ 133	6	\$ 13,000	\$ 2,167	\$ 15,800

## ANNUAL ADVERTISING REVENUE AND EXPENSE HIGHLIGHTS

The following is a summary of total annual revenue and expenses reported by third parties, per financial statements filed. Names have been abbreviated.

	Revenue			(Expenses)		Surplus (Deficit)
	Contributions to \$250	Contributions over \$250	Other Revenue	Fund Transfer	Annual Expenses	
AB Advantage Fund	\$ 1,650	\$1,097,480	Nil	\$(441,098)	\$(642,468)	\$15,564
AB Can't Wait	Did not file					
AB Fed. of Labour	\$ 1,864	\$ 545,499	\$ 26	Nil	\$(549,531)	\$(2,142)
AB Union of Prov. Employees	Nil	Nil	\$ 167	Nil	Nil	\$ 167
AB Victory Fund	\$ 39,173	\$ 23,005	\$ 5,674	Nil	\$ (39,787)	\$28,065
Balanced AB Fund	\$ 249	\$ 124,200	Nil	Nil	\$(110,139)	\$14,310
Int'l Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 424	Nil	\$ 2,000	Nil	Nil	\$ (1,763)	\$ 237
Merit Contractors	Nil	\$ 193,749	\$91,258	Nil	\$(285,007)	Nil
Project AB	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
The AB Fund	\$ 4,800	\$ 32,365	\$ 1,948	Nil	\$ 30,306	\$ 8,807
The Wilberforce Project	Nil	\$ 700	Nil	Nil	\$ (372)	\$ 328
United Liberty	\$ 2,800	\$ 13,000	\$ 2,936	Nil	\$ (10,606)	\$ 8,130

## ELECTION ADVERTISING REPORTS

Under section 44.9 of the EFCDA, election third party advertisers (E-TPAs) were required to file election advertising returns for the election period from November 16 to December 14, 2017, with a filing deadline of six months after voting day. Audited financial statements are required if election advertising expenses of a third party are \$100,000 or more.

All seven registered E-TPAs that were required to file an Election Advertising Report on or before June 14, 2018 met the filing deadline and reported nil revenue and expenses for the election period.

Third Party	Type	Filed By Deadline	\$500 Late Filing Fee Paid	Financial Statement Late-filed
1ABVote	E	✓	-	-
Alberta Advantage Fund	E	✓	-	-
Alberta Medical Association	E	✓	-	-
Alberta Union of Provincial Employees	E	✓	-	-
Alberta Victory Fund	E	✓	-	-
Save Alberta's Vibrant Economy	E	✓	-	-
Value Drug Mart Associates Ltd.	E	✓	-	-

In addition, E-TPAs that engage in election advertising during a by-election period are required to file weekly reports disclosing advertising contributions, in accordance with section 44.81(2) of the EFCDA. None of the seven registered E-TPAs engaged in election advertising during the by-election period, therefore none were required to file weekly reports.

## SECTION 3

# GENERAL INFORMATION

### FUNDS HELD IN TRUST

As at March 31, 2018, the Chief Electoral Officer held funds in trust totalling \$3,500. The funds were from the Calgary-Lougheed By-election candidate nomination deposits. Candidate deposits are refunded if the required financial return is filed on time. In accordance with section 10(12) of the EFCDA, any funds held in trust must be transferred to the General Revenue Fund for the Province of Alberta after one year.

### PUBLIC FILES AND REPORTS

Public Files are maintained at Elections Alberta and contain information concerning political financing of registered political organizations in Alberta. The Public Files now contain data for 41 consecutive calendar years including 11 provincial general elections starting March 14, 1979, 26 by-elections starting November 21, 1979, and four Senate Nominee elections held in 1989, 1998, 2004 and 2012.

Copies of financial statements are contained in the Public Files at Elections Alberta and are available for examination from 8:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Photocopies of data maintained in the Public Files are available at a rate prescribed under authority of section 11 of the EFCDA.

For ease of access, copies of financial statements from 2004 onward, along with redacted lists of contributors, are available on the Elections Alberta website at [www.elections.ab.ca](http://www.elections.ab.ca). Reports published by Elections Alberta are available to the public at no cost and are also available on the Elections Alberta website.

### INVESTIGATIONS

Up to June 30, 2018 the Chief Electoral Officer was responsible for fully investigating new complaints, levying administrative penalties, issuing letters of reprimand, entering into compliance agreements, and recommending prosecutions. A full-time senior investigator was hired in 2017 to assist with volumes. Findings and decisions relating to investigations appear on the Elections Alberta website in accordance with section 5.2(3) of the EFCDA. A brief summary of complaints and investigations handled by the Chief Electoral Officer from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018 follows.

### COMPLAINTS

The Chief Electoral Officer received 51 complaints. The status of complaints is listed below.

Received in 2017-18 fiscal year	51
Closed – no infraction	32
Open – under review	8
Resulting in investigation	11

## INVESTIGATIONS

A total of eight investigations were carried-forward from March 31, 2017, and 11 investigations were opened. The status of investigations is listed below.

Carried-over from 2016-17 fiscal year	8
Initiated in 2017-18 fiscal year	11
Subtotal	19
Closed – no breach found	10
Closed – breach found	1
Open – ongoing	8

Of 12 investigations closed/completed as at March 31, 2018, one found that a violation occurred. A brief overview is provided below.

Circumstances	Investigation Results
Rogers Media Inc. contravened section 135.2(2) of the <i>Election Act</i> by transmitting results of an election survey during an election period, without providing the wording of the survey questions or the means to obtain a report on the survey results.	An administrative penalty of \$200 was assessed for contravention of section 135.2(2) of the <i>Election Act</i> . The penalty was paid.

## ALBERTA TAX CREDITS CLAIMED FOR POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The Tax and Revenue Administration division of Alberta Treasury Board and Finance has provided a summary of political tax credits claimed during the calendar year. The maximum tax credit of \$1,000 is reached when contributions total \$2,300. The summary below shows the dollar value of credits claimed for political contributions for the last five years. Corporate contributions ceased on June 15, 2015.

Year	Corporate*	Individual	Total Credits Claimed
2017	\$ 2,422	Not available**	
2016	\$214,450	\$2,023,000	\$2,237,450
2015	\$237,345	\$3,743,000	\$3,980,345
2014	\$176,895	\$2,589,000	\$2,765,895
2013	\$284,346	\$2,143,000	\$2,427,346
2012	\$202,276	\$3,443,000	\$3,645,276

\*Based on tax credits assessed during calendar year, regardless of actual tax year end of claim period.

\*\*2017 preliminary assessment data will be available January 2019.

## ONLINE FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Elections Alberta is developing an Online Financial System (OFS) in response to legislative changes in the areas of contribution limits, spending limits, and nomination contests in particular. The system is designed to:

- provide political entities with an online tool to assist them in meeting their legislative requirements, and to self-manage registration and financial information
- allow Elections Alberta to maintain effective oversight on political entities' registration and financial activities, and to deliver enhanced public disclosure information

OFS was launched in the first quarter of 2018 for political parties, constituency associations, and political third party advertisers to record contributions and file their first quarterly reports of 2018. Soon after, the nomination contest module was rolled-out to political parties, allowing them to manage their contests, and to inform Elections Alberta of contest results. OFS publishes the information in real-time on Elections Alberta's public disclosure website.

By summer 2018, nomination contestants and their chief financial officers (CFOs) were given access to OFS to record contributions accepted by their nomination campaigns. More recently, candidates and their CFOs gained access; next will be leadership contestants and election third party advertisers.

By the end of 2018, OFS will have the functionality to allow political entities to generate and issue official contribution receipts with the click of a few buttons, using contribution information they have entered into OFS. The official receipts will be able to be sent by e-mail, or printed and mailed to contributors.

***Development of the Online Financial System will continue into the next fiscal year with the goal of modernizing financial reporting from a paper-based system to electronic filing.***

## PASSAGE OF LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS

Following the extensive amendments to the EFCDA brought about by Bill 35, the *Fair Elections Financing Act* in November 2016, additional legislative changes came into force during the 2017-18 fiscal year, further amending the EFCDA and amending the *Election Act*. A brief point-summary follows.

### **Bill 32, An Act to Strengthen and Protect Democracy in Alberta, 2017**

- Received Royal Assent December 15, 2017, provisions came into force on various dates
- Both *Election Act* and EFCDA amended
- New Election Commissioner position created
- *Election Act* amendment highlights:
  - requirement to conduct door-to-door provincial enumeration;
  - changes to election staff hiring timelines and worker eligibility;
  - changes to voter eligibility and validation;
  - advance poll increased from four to five days;
  - voters allowed to vote at any advance poll within the province;
  - expansion of mobile poll days and locations;

- introduction of special mobile polls;
- the ability to use voter assistance terminals;
- restrictions on government advertising during election period;
- increased penalties for general offences
- EFCDA amendment highlights:
  - provisions to prevent collusion to circumvent contribution limits and/or election expense limits;
  - new limits and restrictions on third party political advertising and spending.
- *Senatorial Selection Act* references removed (SSA expired December 31, 2016).

#### Bill 33, Electoral Divisions Act, 2017

- Received Royal Assent December 15, 2017 and comes into force on writ-day, with exceptions
- New electoral division boundaries and names established
- EFCDA amendment:
  - transitional provision allowing parties to establish constituency associations on the new boundaries (effective December 15, 2017)

Additional legislative amendments occurred after the end of the fiscal year. See “Events of Interest Since March 31, 2018” below.

## EVENTS OF INTEREST SINCE MARCH 31, 2018

### ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS PASSED

Bills 16 and 18 were introduced in the Legislative Assembly in May 2018. Bill 16 was passed in late May, amending the EFCDA, and Bill 18 was passed in early June, amending the *Election Act*. Both came into force immediately prior to the writ of election for the provincial by-elections in Fort McMurray-Conklin and Innisfail-Sylvan Lake. A brief point-summary follows.

#### Bill 16, Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Statutes Amendment Act, 2018

- Received Royal Assent June 11, 2018 and came into force on that date, with exceptions
- EFCDA amendment highlights:
  - provisions defining associated registered parties including restricting their activities;
  - new penalties and increased penalties for circumventing or exceeding election expense limits;
  - expansion of quarterly reports to include campaign period contributions; and
  - allowing parties to decide and record contributions as related to the annual or campaign period.

#### Bill 18, Statutes Amendment Act, 2018

- Received Royal Assent June 11, 2018 and came into force on that date;
- Minor spelling and grammar corrections were made to the *Election Act* for clarity.

The most up-to-date legislation available can be viewed by visiting Elections Alberta’s website at [www.elections.ab.ca](http://www.elections.ab.ca) or the Queen’s Printer website at [www.qp.alberta.ca](http://www.qp.alberta.ca).

## THIRD PARTY ADVERTISERS

Elections Alberta approved applications to register the following new third party advertisers:

Third Party	Type	Initial Registration	Primary Contact	Chief Financial Officer
Alberta Federation of Labour	Election	May 14 2018	Siobhan Vipond	Siobhan Vipond
Association of Canadians for Sustainable Medicare	Election	Jul 26 2018	Noel McBride	Ronald Kustra
Canadian Union of Public Employees - Alberta Division	Election	Jun 4 2018	Elaine Moore	Marle Roberts
Protect Alberta Kids from Big Tobacco	Election	Jun 20 2018	Michael Derosenroll	Michael Derosenroll
Alberta Votes Ltd.	Political	Jun 27 2018	Aditya Patil	Dhaval Patel
Association of Canadians for Sustainable Medicare	Political	Jul 26 2018	Noel McBride	Ronald Kustra
Canadian Union of Public Employees - Alberta Division	Political	Jun 4 2018	Elaine Moore	Marle Roberts
Friends of Medicare	Political	Aug 20 2018	Sandra Azocar	Karen Werlin
Health Sciences Association of Alberta	Political	Apr 26 2018	Laura Hureau	Gerald Toews
Shaping Alberta's Future	Political	Jul 20 2018	Doug Nelson	Doug Nelson

The following deregistrations were applied:

Third Party	Type	Deregistration	Reason
AA Fund	Political	Aug 21 2018	By request
Alberta Advantage Fund	Election	Jun 21 2018	By request
Value Drug Mart Associates Ltd.	Election	Apr 9 2018	By request
Alberta Advantage Fund	Political	Jun 21 2018	By request
Alberta Can't Wait	Political	May 14 2018	Did not file 2017 annual advertising report by deadline
The Alberta Fund	Political	Aug 13 2018	By request
The Wilberforce Project	Political	May 14 2018	Did not file 2017 annual advertising report by deadline

## LEADERSHIP CONTESTS

The Green Party of Alberta's leadership contest that was held in November 2017, resulted in the endorsement of Romy Tittel as the party's new leader, who later resigned in March 2018. The leader of the Pro-Life Alberta Political Association, Jeremy Fraser, also resigned in March 2018. The resignations resulted in each party registering a new leadership contest with Elections Alberta. The information below outlines key dates, the names of the registered leadership contestants and who won each contest. Further details, along with financial filings received from the registered leadership contestants will be provided in the 2018-19 Annual Report.

Party	Leadership Contestant (Voted in <b>Bold</b> )	Contestant Registration Date	Date of Official Call	Vote Date
Green Party of Alberta	<b>Cheryle Chagnon-Greyeyes</b>	Sep 6 2018	Jul 1 2018	Sep 22 2018
	Brian Deheer	Sep 6 2018		
Pro-Life Alberta Political Association	<b>Murray Ruhl</b>	Aug 1 2018	Aug 1 2018	Aug 17 2018

## POLITICAL PARTIES

Elections Alberta received a request from the Alberta First Party (AFP) that their name be changed to the Western Freedom Party of Alberta (WFPA) which was approved and made effective April 23, 2018. Following this change, a request was received to then change the name to the Freedom Conservative Party of Alberta, which was approved and made effective June 22, 2018. The name change will be reflected in the 2018-19 Annual Report.

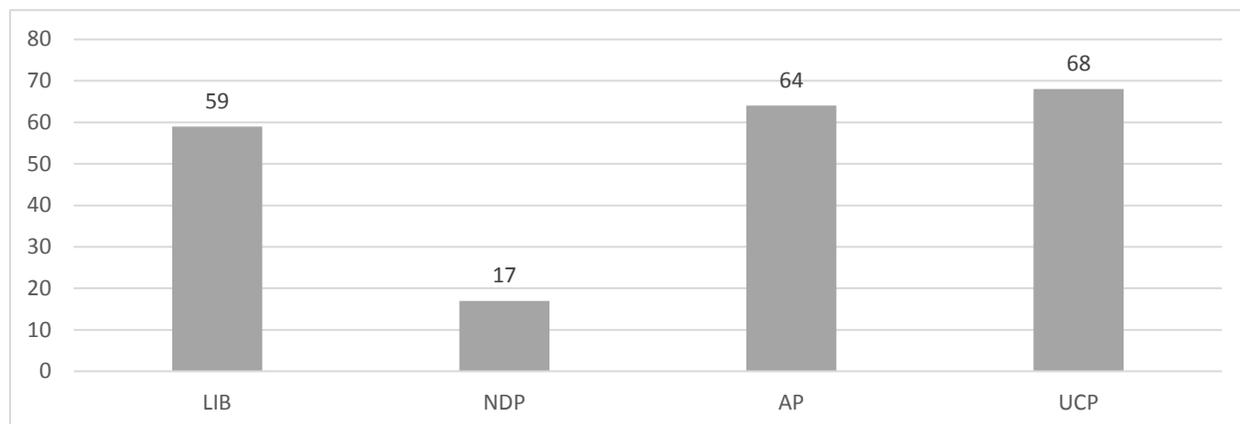
The Reform Party of Alberta was deregistered effective July 21, 2018 for failure to meet the Calgary-Lougheed By-election campaign filing requirements prescribed by the EFCDA. The party later fulfilled the filing requirements, paid a late-filing fee, and requested reregistration which was approved and made effective August 21, 2018.

## CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATIONS

### Initial Registration of TCAs

Since March 31, 2018 up to August 31, 2018, there were 208 applications for initial registration approved under future electoral division boundaries. The transitional provision in the *Electoral Division Boundaries Act* allows TCAs to be fully active prior to the electoral divisions taking effect when the writs are issued for the next provincial general election.

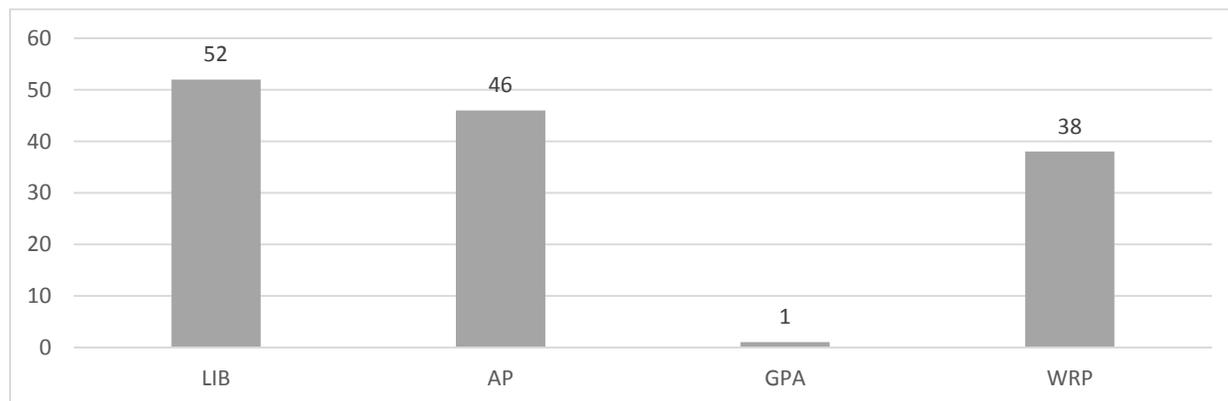
A summary graph of initial registrations is provided below. Details will appear in the 2018-19 annual report.



### Deregistration of CAs

Since March 31, 2018 up to August 31, 2018, requests to deregister a total of 136 CAs on the current electoral division boundaries were received from 3 political parties. All requests were approved. For the most part, CA deregistrations by the Alberta Liberal Party and the Alberta Party are the result of having established corresponding TCAs. The Green Party of Alberta had 1 CA that was deregistered by Elections Alberta for failure to meet the filing requirements prescribed by section 42 of the EFCDA.

A summary graph of deregistrations is provided below. Details will appear in the 2018-19 annual report.



## FORT MCMURRAY-CONKLIN AND INNISFAIL-SYLVAN LAKE NOMINATION CONTESTS AND BY-ELECTIONS

Vacancies were created in the electoral divisions of Innisfail-Sylvan Lake when Don MacIntyre resigned in early February 2018, and Fort McMurray-Conklin when Brian Jean resigned in March 2018.

### Nomination Contests

Each political party that intended to run a candidate in one or both by-elections was required to hold a nomination contest under the EFCDA in the electoral division(s) to select a contestant for endorsement as the official candidate. A summary of the nomination contests held by political parties in Fort McMurray-Conklin and Innisfail-Sylvan Lake is provided below.

Financial filings received from the registered nomination contestants will be provided in the 2018-19 annual report.

Electoral Division	Nomination Contestant (Endorsed In <b>Bold</b> )	Party	Contestant Registration Date	Date Of Official Call	Selection Date	Filing Deadline Date
Fort McMurray-Conklin	<b>Said (Sid) Fayad</b>	<b>AP</b>	Jun 14 2018	Jun 14 2018	Jun 14 2018	Oct 15 2018
	<b>Brian Deheer</b>	<b>GPA</b>	Jun 5 2018	Jun 3 2018	Jun 7 2018	Oct 9 2018
	<b>Robin Le Fevre</b>	<b>LIB</b>	Jun 15 2018	Jun 14 2018	Jun 15 2018	Oct 15 2018
	<b>Jane Stroud</b>	<b>NDP</b>	Apr 16 2018	Apr 12 2018	May 10 2018	Sep 10 2018
	<b>Laila Goodridge</b>	<b>UCP</b>	Mar 14 2018	Apr 3 2018	May 1 2018	Sep 4 2018
	Wilbert Hoflin	UCP	Apr 6 2018	Apr 3 2018	May 1 2018	Sep 4 2018
	Elizabeth Keating	UCP	Mar 25 2018	Apr 3 2018	May 1 2018	Sep 4 2018
	Phil Meagher	UCP	Mar 6 2018	Apr 3 2018	May 1 2018	Sep 4 2018
Innisfail-Sylvan Lake	<b>Abigail Douglass</b>	<b>AP</b>	May 24 2018	May 24 2018	May 24 2018	Sep 24 2018
	<b>Marco Reid</b>	<b>GPA</b>	Jun 5 2018	Jun 15 2018	Jun 15 2018	Oct 15 2018
	<b>Nicolaas (Nick) Jansen</b>	<b>LIB</b>	Jun 15 2018	Jun 15 2018	Jun 15 2018	Oct 15 2018
	<b>Nicole Mooney</b>	<b>NDP</b>	Apr 29 2018	Apr 25 2018	May 25 2018	Sep 25 2018
	<b>Randy Thorsteinson</b>	<b>RPA</b>	Feb 7 2018	Feb 2 2018	Feb 7 2018	Jun 7 2018
	<b>Devin Dreshen</b>	<b>UCP</b>	Feb 7 2018	Apr 3 2018	May 2 2018	Sep 4 2018
	Joan Barnes	UCP	Feb 6 2018	Apr 3 2018	May 2 2018	Sep 4 2018
	Gayle Langford	UCP	Feb 15 2018	Apr 3 2018	May 2 2018	Sep 4 2018
	Joel Loh - not accepted	UCP	Apr 4 2018	Apr 3 2018	May 2 2018	Aug 20 2018
	Christine Moore	UCP	Mar 5 2018	Apr 3 2018	May 2 2018	Sep 4 2018
	Victor Sloboda	UCP	Mar 1 2018	Apr 3 2018	May 2 2018	Sep 4 2018
	Mike Walsh	UCP	Feb 5 2018	Apr 3 2018	May 2 2018	Sep 4 2018

## Candidates

The campaign period for the by-elections commenced with the issuance of the writ of election on June 14, 2018, voting day was on July 12, 2018, and the campaign period ended on September 12, 2018. Eleven candidates listed below were automatically registered upon being endorsed by their party in a nomination contest, and one independent candidate was registered upon filing an application for registration, which was approved by Elections Alberta. The filing deadline for the candidates' campaign returns is November 13, 2018. Summary information is provided below; further details will be provided in Elections Alberta's full report on the Fort McMurray-Conklin and Innisfail-Sylvan Lake By-elections, and in the 2018-19 annual report.

Electoral Division	Candidate Name (Voted in <b>Bold</b> )	Party Affiliation	# of Votes	% of Votes
Fort McMurray-Conklin	Jane Stroud	NDP	1,149	28.6%
	Robin Le Fevre	LIB	42	1.0%
	Said (Sid) Fayad	AP	103	2.6%
	Brian Deheer	GPA	29	0.7%
	<b>Laila Goodridge</b>	<b>UCP</b>	2,689	67.0%
			<b>Total</b>	<b>4,012</b>
Innisfail-Sylvan Lake	Abigail Douglass	AP	731	7.4%
	<b>Devin Dreeshen</b>	<b>UCP</b>	8,029	81.7%
	David Inscho	IND	63	0.6%
	Nicolaas (Nick) Jansen	LIB	93	0.9%
	Nicole Mooney	NDP	915	9.3%
	Marco Reid	GPA	Did not file nomination papers	
	Randy Thorsteinson	RPA	Withdrew	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>9,831</b>

## ELECTION COMMISSIONER

Legislation to create a new independent officer of the legislature received Royal Assent on December 15, 2017, resulting in the opening of the Office of the Election Commissioner on July 1, 2018. The Election Commissioner has taken over the investigative powers and responsibilities formerly of the Chief Electoral Officer. Effective July 1, 2018 all complaints and allegations of violations of the *Election Act* and EFCDAs are directed to the Election Commissioner's office.

## PROVINCIAL ENUMERATION IN PREPARATION FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Legislation requiring Elections Alberta to conduct a provincial door-to-door enumeration to update the voter's list prior to the next general election, came into force on December 15, 2017. Elections Alberta quickly began working on a strategic plan, developing training programs for returning officers and enumeration staff, and developing a wide variety of resources.

The enumeration was conducted beginning in August with the launch of a call centre for phone-in enumeration and an online self-service enumeration tool. This was followed in September with door-to-door enumeration across the province. At the time of publication of this report, the enumeration is scheduled to be completed in October. A full report on the enumeration will be included with the report on the 2019 Provincial General Election.



## **SECTION 4**

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following pages contain the Audited Annual Financial Statements for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer for the year ended March 31, 2018.

## **OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2018



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2018, and the statements of operations, change in net debt and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

## Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

## Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer as at March 31, 2018, and the results of its operations, its remeasurement gains and losses, its changes in net debt, and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

[Original signed by W. Doug Wylie FCPA, FCMA, ICD.D]

Auditor General

July 11, 2018

Edmonton, Alberta

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2018

	2018		2017
	Budget	Actual	Actual
<b>Revenues</b>			
Other Revenue	\$ -	\$ 7,209	\$ 15,205
<b>Expenses (Schedule 1 &amp; 3)</b>			
Voted:			
Corporate Services	4,865,000	3,650,594	3,799,127
Enumeration	-	36,732	-
Elections	1,581,000	653,591	3,681
	<b>6,446,000</b>	<b>4,340,917</b>	<b>3,802,808</b>
Amounts Not Voted:			
Amortization of Capital Assets	523,000	147,560	257,640
Provision for Vacation Pay	-	32,353	(25,544)
	<b>523,000</b>	<b>179,913</b>	<b>232,096</b>
	<b>6,969,000</b>	<b>4,520,830</b>	<b>4,034,904</b>
<b>Net Cost of Operations for the Year</b>	<b>\$ (6,969,000)</b>	<b>\$ (4,513,621)</b>	<b>\$ (4,019,699)</b>

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

AS AT MARCH 31, 2018

	2018	2017
<b>Financial Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 150	\$ 281,957
Accounts Receivable	1,000	500
	<b>1,150</b>	<b>282,457</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	525,185	315,695
Accrued Vacation Pay	262,024	235,595
	787,209	551,290
<b>Net Debt</b>	<b>(786,059)</b>	<b>(268,833)</b>
<b>Non-Financial Assets</b>		
Tangible Capital Assets (Note 4)	1,869,191	778,030
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,083,132</b>	<b>\$ 509,197</b>
<b>Net Assets (Net Liabilities) at Beginning of Year</b>	<b>\$ 509,197</b>	<b>\$ (81,166)</b>
Net Cost of Operations	(4,513,621)	(4,019,699)
Net Financing Provided from General Revenues	5,087,556	4,610,062
<b>Net Assets at End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 1,083,132</b>	<b>\$ 509,197</b>

Contractual Obligations (Note 7)

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

**STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET DEBT**

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2018

	2018		2017
	Budget	Actual	Actual
<b>Net Cost of Operations</b>	\$ (6,969,000)	\$ (4,513,621)	\$ (4,019,699)
Acquisition of Tangible Capital Assets	(990,000)	(1,238,721)	(534,622)
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets (Note 4)	523,000	147,560	257,640
Change in Prepaid Expenses		-	687
Net Financing Provided from General Revenues		5,087,556	4,610,062
<b>(Increase) Decrease in Net Debt</b>		\$ (517,226)	\$ 314,068
<b>Net Debt, Beginning of Year</b>		(268,835)	(582,903)
<b>Net Debt, End of Year</b>		<u>\$ (786,061)</u>	<u>\$ (268,835)</u>

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2018

	2018	2017
<b>Operating transactions:</b>		
Net Cost of Operations	\$ (4,513,621)	\$ (4,019,699)
Non-Cash Items Included in Operating Results		
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets (Note 4)	147,560	257,640
	<b>(4,366,061)</b>	<b>(3,762,059)</b>
Increase in Accounts Receivable	(500)	-
(Increase) Decrease in Prepaid Expenses	-	687
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	209,490	(10,982)
(Decrease) Increase in Accrued Vacation Pay	26,429	21,279
<b>Cash Applied to Operating Transactions</b>	<b>(4,130,642)</b>	<b>(3,793,633)</b>
<b>Capital transactions:</b>		
Acquisition of Tangible Capital Assets	(1,238,721)	(534,622)
<b>Cash Applied to Capital Transactions</b>	<b>(1,238,721)</b>	<b>(534,622)</b>
<b>Financing transactions:</b>		
Net Financing From General Revenues	5,087,556	4,610,062
Change in Cash	(281,807)	281,807
Cash at Beginning of Year	281,957	150
<b>Cash at End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 150</b>	<b>\$ 281,957</b>

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 2018

**Note 1 Authority**

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer (the Office) is operated under the authority of the *Election Act* and the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*. General Revenues of the Province of Alberta fund both the cost of operations of the Office and the purchase of tangible capital assets. The all-party Standing Committee on Legislative Offices reviews and approves the Office's annual operating and capital budgets.

**Note 2 Purpose**

The Office provides administrative, logistic and financial support for general and special enumerations, general elections and by-elections, and plebiscites in support of the *Election Act* and elections in support of the *Senatorial Selection Act*. The Office monitors and records the financial activities of registered parties, constituency associations and candidates to ensure compliance with the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*.

**Note 3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices**

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, which use accrual accounting. The Office has adopted PS3450 Financial Instruments. The adoption of this standard has no material impact on the financial statements of the Office, which is why there is no statement of remeasurement gains and losses.

This Office has prospectively adopted the following standards from April 1, 2017: PS 2200 Related Party Disclosures, PS 3420 Inter-Entity Transactions, PS 3210 Assets, PS 3320 Contingent Assets and PS 3380 Contractual Rights which are reflected in Schedule 1 and Schedule 3.

Other pronouncements issued by the Public Sector Accounting Board that are not yet effective are not expected to have a material impact on future financial statements of the Office.

**a) Reporting Entity**

The reporting entity is the Office, for which the Chief Electoral Officer is responsible.

The Office operates within the General Revenue Fund (the Fund). The Fund is administered by the President of Treasury Board, Minister of Finance. All receipts of the Office are deposited into the Fund and all disbursements made by the Office are paid from the Fund. Net financing provided from General Revenues is the difference between all cash receipts and all cash disbursements made.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 2018

### **Note 3      Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)**

#### **b) Basis of Financial Reporting**

##### **Revenues**

All revenues are reported on the accrual basis of accounting.

##### **Expenses**

The Office's expenses are either directly incurred or incurred by others.

##### **Directly incurred**

Directly incurred expenses are those costs incurred under the authority of the Office's budget as disclosed in Note 6.

Pension costs included in directly incurred expenses comprise employer contributions to multi-employer plans. The contributions are based on actuarially determined amounts that are expected to provide the plans' future benefits.

##### **Incurred by others**

Services contributed by other entities in support of the Office's operations are not recognized and are disclosed in Schedule 3.

##### **Assets**

Financial assets of the Office are limited to financial claims such as advances to and accounts receivables from other organizations, employees and other individuals.

Tangible capital assets of the Office are recorded at historical cost less accumulated amortization. The threshold for capitalizing capital assets is \$5,000. Amortization is taken in the month of acquisition and not in the month of disposal. Amortization is calculated monthly on a straight-line basis, over the estimated useful life of the asset.

##### **Liabilities**

Liabilities are present obligations of the Office to external organizations and individuals arising from past transactions or events, the settlement of which is expected to result in the future sacrifice of economic benefits. They are recognized when there is an appropriate basis of measurement and management can reasonably estimate the amounts.

##### **Net Debt**

Net Debt is measured as the difference between the Office's financial assets and liabilities. Net debt indicates additional cash that will be required from General Revenues to finance the Office's cost of operations to March 31, 2018.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

MARCH 31, 2018

**Note 4 Tangible Capital Assets**

	2018				
	Equipment and Furniture 10 Years	Computer Hardware & Software 3 Years	Leasehold Improvement 10 Years	WIP	Total
Estimated Useful Life					
Historical Cost					
Beginning of Year	\$ 197,538	\$ 5,430,130	\$ -	\$ 503,250	\$ 6,130,918
Additions	97,839	1,084,108	48,384	8,391	1,238,721
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>295,377</b>	<b>6,514,238</b>	<b>48,384</b>	<b>511,641</b>	<b>7,369,639</b>
Accumulated Amortization					
Beginning of Year	182,778	5,170,110	-	-	5,352,888
Amortization Expense	10,400	137,160	-	-	147,560
Effect of Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>193,178</b>	<b>5,307,270</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,500,448</b>
Net Book Value at March 31, 2018	\$ 102,199	\$ 1,206,968	\$ 48,384	\$ 511,641	\$ 1,869,191
Net Book Value at March 31, 2017	\$ 14,760	\$ 260,020	\$ -	\$ 503,250	\$ 778,030

**Note 5 Defined Benefit Plans**

The Office participates in the multi-employer pension plans: Management Employees Pension Plan and Public Service Pension Plan. The Office also participates in the multi-employer Supplementary Retirement Plan for Public Service Managers. The expense for the plan is equivalent to the annual contribution of \$289,277 for the year ended March 31, 2018 (2017 - \$300,949). The Office is not responsible for future funding of the plan other than through contribution increases.

At December 31, 2017, the Management Employees Pension Plan reported a surplus of \$866,006,000 (2016 surplus - \$402,033,000) and the Public Service Pension Plan reported a surplus of \$1,275,843,000 (2016 surplus - \$302,975,000). At December 31, 2017, the Supplementary Retirement Plan for Public Service Managers had a deficiency of \$54,984,000 (2016 deficiency - \$50,020,000).

The Office also participates in two multi-employer Long Term Disability Income Continuance Plans. At March 31, 2018, the Bargaining Unit Plan reported a surplus of \$111,983,000 (2017 surplus - \$101,515,000) and the Management, Opted Out and Excluded Plan reported a surplus of \$29,805,000 (2017 surplus - \$31,439,000). The expense for these two plans is limited to the employer's annual contributions for the year.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

MARCH 31, 2018

**Note 6 Budget (in thousands)**

	2017-18 Voted Budget	2017-18 ACTUAL	Unexpended (Over Expended)
<b>PROGRAM EXPENSE</b>			
Corporate Services	\$ 4,865	\$ 3,651	\$ 1,214
Elections	1,581	654	927
Enumerations	-	37	(37)
	<u>\$ 6,446</u>	<u>\$ 4,342</u>	<u>\$ 2,104</u>
<b>CAPITAL INVESTMENT</b>			
Total	\$ 990	\$ 1,239	\$ (249)
	<u>\$ 7,436</u>	<u>\$ 5,581</u>	<u>\$ 1,855</u>

**Note 7 Contractual Obligations**

Contractual obligations of \$6,436,445 (2017 - \$3,480,634) are obligations of the Office to others that will become liabilities in the future when the terms of those contracts or agreements are met.

Estimated payment requirements for each of the next 5 years and thereafter are as follows:

2018-19	\$ 5,623,506
2019-20	775,649
2020-21	9,980
2021-22	9,980
2022-23	17,330
Thereafter	-
	<u>\$ 6,436,445</u>

**Note 9 Approval of Financial Statements**

These financial statements were approved by the Chief Electoral Officer.

## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENSE DETAILED BY OBJECT**

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2018

	2018		2017
	Budget	Actual	Actual
<b>Voted:</b>			
Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefits	\$ 2,944,000	\$ 2,412,704	\$ 2,395,478
Supplies and Services	3,502,000	1,928,213	1,407,330
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,446,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,340,917</b>	<b>\$ 3,802,808</b>
<b>Amounts not voted:</b>			
Amortization of Capital Assets	523,000	147,560	257,640
Provision for Vacation Pay	-	32,353	(25,544)
	<b>523,000</b>	<b>179,913</b>	<b>232,096</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 6,969,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,520,830</b>	<b>\$ 4,034,904</b>

## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

**SALARY AND BENEFITS DISCLOSURE**

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2018

	2018			2017	
	Base Salary <sup>(1)</sup>	Other Cash Benefits <sup>(2)</sup>	Other Non-cash Benefits <sup>(3)</sup>	Total	Total
<b>CURRENT EXECUTIVES</b>					
Senior official					
Chief Electoral Officer <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 182,514	\$ -	\$ 52,565	\$ 235,079	\$ 240,955
Executive					
Deputy Chief Electoral Officer	\$ 142,650	\$ -	\$ 30,811	\$ 173,461	\$ 185,234

<sup>(1)</sup> Base salary is comprised of pensionable base pay.

<sup>(2)</sup> Other cash benefits include vacation payouts and lump sum payments. There were no bonuses paid in 2018.

<sup>(3)</sup> Other non-cash benefits include the Office's share of all employee benefits and contributions or payments made on behalf of employees including pension, supplementary retirement plans, health care, dental coverage, group life insurance, short and long term disability plans and professional memberships, tuition and fair market value of parking benefits.

<sup>(4)</sup> Other non-cash benefits include the taxable benefit of the Chief Electoral Officer of \$10,247 for the calendar year ended December 31, 2017 (2016 - \$9,456) for an automobile provided.

## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

**SCHEDULE OF ALLOCATED COSTS**

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2018

Program	2018				2017	
	Expenses <sup>(1)</sup>	Expenses - Incurred by Others		Amounts not voted <sup>(4)</sup>	Total Expenses	Total Expenses
		Accommodation Costs <sup>(2)</sup>	Other Costs <sup>(3)</sup>			
Operations	\$ 4,340,917	\$ 657,455	\$ 29,000	\$ 179,913	\$ 5,207,285	\$ 4,701,476

<sup>(1)</sup> Expenses - Directly incurred as per Statement of Operations, excluding amounts not voted.

<sup>(2)</sup> Costs shown for accommodation allocated by square footage.

<sup>(3)</sup> Unbilled expenses for shared services, financial services, IMAGIS and corporate overhead.

<sup>(4)</sup> Amounts not voted include a provision for vacation pay and amortization cost as per the Statement of Operations.











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