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HST referendum deadlines

July 19, 2011

In keeping with a resolution passed by delegates at HSAs 2010 convention, HSA is encouraging members to vote "Yes" to extinguish the Harmonized Sales Tax in the current BC-wide referendum.

If you haven't received your HST Referendum Voting Package yet, then you should contact Elections BC at 1-800-661-8683 (toll-free) to request a package. The deadline to request a voting package is midnight (local time) Friday, July 22, 2011.

Completed ballots must be received by Elections BC, a Service BC Centre, or an Elections BC Collection Centre before 4:30 p.m., Friday, August 5, 2011. A list of these locations is available on the Elections BC website at <http://www.elections.bc.ca/index.php/referenda-recall-initiative/hst-2011/#return>.

Information about the negative impacts of the HST is available on HSAs website at <http://www.hsabc.org/content.php?id=360>, as well as on the BC Federation of Labours -Scrap the HST" campaign website at <http://www.hstinbcfacts.ca/>. A new video from the BCFL -Stickman Explains the HST Honestly" provides a clear analysis of the HST tax shift, and explains why cutting the HST from 12% to 10% will not "fix" the negative aspects of the HST.

Additional information about the referendum process is available from Elections BC at <http://www.elections.bc.ca/index.php/referenda-recall-initiative/hst-2011/>.

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