

PRESENTATION SUMMARY

CRANBROOK PUBLIC HEARING DATED
21 JUNE 2004 AT THE PRESTIGE INN

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE PRESENTATION TO THE CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY ON ELECTORAL REFORM. IT ATTEMPTS TO CAPTURE THE KEY ISSUES AND ARGUMENTS THAT WERE PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING. IN SOME INSTANCES, THE PRESENTER HAS ALSO MADE A SUBMISSION TO THE ASSEMBLY AND THIS IS ACCESSIBLE VIA THE WEBSITE AT WWW.CITIZENSASSEMBLY.BC.CA BY CLICKING ON "GET INVOLVED". IF SUCH A SUBMISSION IS AVAILABLE, IT WILL BE NOTED AT THE END OF THIS REPORT.

Vine Madder

DESCRIPTION OF PRESENTATION

Youth vote: why its diminishing, and what youth want tot see in order to begin to participate.

KEY THEMES

Vine Madder was not able to attend the hearing, but her presentation was read to the hearing by the facilitator. The presentation outlined her concern with the state of the culture of the Canadian electoral system and the disproportionality of the last election result in BC. Ms Madder advocated the Mixed Member Proportional system as proposed by the Free Your Vote campaign, where a party must win five per cent of the vote to win party status. She argued that even though the system may not be perfect and is slightly more complicated, the end result is a better reflection of the views of voters than the current system.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Vine Madder recommended the introduction of MMP in British Columbia.

Quote: "It is time for BC to set the example for all of Canada and join the ranks of democracies that strive to give every voice a chance to be heard."

QUESTIONS, ANSWERS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PANEL

There were no questions or comments from the panel.

QUESTIONS, ANSWERS AND COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments from the panel.

SUBMISSION: NO