

PRESENTATION SUMMARY

SALT SPRING ISLAND PUBLIC HEARING
DATED 19 JUNE 2004 AT LIONS' HALL

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.

Marilyn Marshall

DESCRIPTION OF PRESENTATION

The need for electoral system change.

KEY THEMES

Marilyn Marshall spoke very briefly and argued that the electoral system really needs to change. She explained that the current electoral system has been detrimental to First Nations, young people, ethnic minorities and poor people in the province. She discussed the difficulty of the treaty negotiation process. Ms Marshall argued that the poor and students do not vote because they believe that their vote does not count.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Marilyn Marshall recommended electoral system change in British Columbia.

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 audience.

SUBMISSION: NO