PRESENTATION SUMMARY

DUNCAN PUBLIC HEARING DATED 8 JUNE 2004 AT THE TRAVELODGE SILVER BRIDGE

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.

David B. Tanner

To curb political power, I propose therefore that we have a bi-cameral arrangement, composed of:
a) a legislative assembly of local representative who shall be non-political;
b) an Executive Council, elected from the province as a whole.

KEY THEMES

David Tanner told the assembly that he had worked in the provincial government for 30 years and was very dissatisfied with the violent swings in government policy that occurred during this time. He explained that he wanted to improve the quality of local representation through a bicameral legislature, where voters would vote both for a party leader to sit on an Executive Council and a non-partisan local representative. The Executive Council would be made up of 40 members, which each party being allocated seats on the Council in proportion to its share of the vote for each party's leader. Party leaders would select any additional members to sit with them on the Council. The party leader with the largest team in the Council would form the government. The legislative assembly would be formed as it is at present although MLAs would not have any party affiliations. While the Executive Council would have the power to propose legislation, only the Legislative Assembly would have the power to pass legislation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

David Tanner recommended the creation of a non-partisan Legislative Assembly, elected using FPP, and a proportionally elected 40 member Executive Council.

> *Quote: "This proposal would, it is hoped, allow for better local representation than occurs at present; and would also ameliorate the swings of violent political change that have been taking place until now.*

QUESTIONS, ANSWERS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PANEL

One member of the panel sought clarification on elements of the presentation.

Q	How would you choose people from the community to stand for election?
A	They would probably be local mayors or local government representatives. They would have to be local, and independent, no-one who was parachuted in.

Comment from panel   There were no comments from the panel.

QUESTIONS, ANSWERS AND COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Following this presentation a member of the audience had a question.

Q	How would you ensure the integrity of somebody running if they're not with a particular party?
A	I hadn't thought of that one. There should be some thought given to that, it's a good question.

SUBMISSION: NO