

An Ipsos-Reid poll taken in February 2005 revealed that half of British Columbians had never heard of the upcoming referendum on electoral reform to take place on May 17, 2005, in conjunction with the provincial election.

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Of the half who had heard of it—and the even smaller percentage who said they had a good understanding of the B.C. Citizens’ Assembly on Electoral Reform’s recommendation to change to a single transferable-vote system (STV)—more than 66% said they intend to vote yes to STV.

Randomocracy describes the process and explains the thinking that led to the Citizens’ Assembly’s recommendation that the voting system in British Columbia should be changed from first-past-the-post to a single transferable-vote system.

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