



# 2023 WINTER REFERENDUM

## REPORT & RESULTS

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# REFERENDUM OVERVIEW

Student Consultancy: January 9 - 25

Referendum Called: January 26

Referendum Announcement: January 31

Voting Period: March 13 - 16

## EVENTS

SUS Tabling Q&A: February 28th - March 2nd

Streets Social: March 2nd

Sidekick Social: March 7th

# EVENTS

The Review Period was extended this year to allow for our Marketing & Communication team to have more time to generate content for the campaigning period, as any materials had to be released during the voting period last year.

This extended Review Period allowed the Electoral Officer to review and confirm candidate eligibility in the first couple days, with filming and photos occurring at end of the first week, and editing during the second week.

Candidates were urged to attend the scheduled Debate & Socials organized in Abbotsford & Chilliwack. Due to heavy snow the morning of the Debate, the decision was made last minute to transition the event to Zoom. Despite lower than anticipated Candidate turnout, students showed up to learn more about their candidates. The Streats Social had excellent attendance and facilitated great conversations regarding the upcoming referendum in addition to allowing Candidates to connect with students.

The Sidekick Social in Chilliwack did have lower attendance than in Abbotsford, but was successful, albeit on a small scale. It was great to connect with Chilliwack students and hear the differences in their perspectives from Abbotsford students.

Society staff tabled in the Atrium during the campaign to answer any questions about referendum or the Elections process & Candidates.

# RESULTS

## VOTER TURNOUT

Ballots were available to students for just over four days, with votes coming in steadily over that time. This election had a 9% voter turnout, with 709 students casting a vote.

### QUESTION #1

Do you support reallocating \$3 of the Building fee to the Membership fee, with both fees being adjustable for CPI?

- The Building fee will drop from \$35/semester to \$32/semester
- The Membership fee will increase from \$36.50/semester to \$39.50/semester

**PASSES - 519 in favour, 149 opposed (78% in favour)**

### QUESTION #2

Do you support replacing the \$27.23/semester Inter-Campus Shuttle Fee with a \$27.98/semester Student Transportation Fee, adjustable for CPI?

**PASSES - 345 in favour, 329 opposed (51% in favour)**

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## QUESTION #3

Do you support making the current \$2/semester Student Refugee Program fee adjustable for CPI?

**FAILS - 310 in favour, 355 opposed (53% opposed)**

## QUESTION #4

Do you support the creation of a \$2/semester Food Bank fee, adjustable for CPI?

**PASSES - 368 in favour, 305 opposed (55% in favour)**