

Tuesday, August 30, 2011

On Friday, August 26, 2011, the results of the HST referendum were released. To see the breakdown of the results, click [here](#).

The HST was defeated, as 54% voted to extinguish the HST and reinstate the GST-PST.

The [Ministry of Finance](#) has stated that the transition to reinstating the PST-GST is expected to take a minimum of 18 months. Until that time, the HST will remain in full effect. During the transition period, the Province will provide quarterly updates on the progress of reinstating the PST.

The Film and Television Industry in Vancouver has survived through many different tax policies over the years. Along with other members of the Motion Picture Production Industry Association, I will be meeting with several Ministers over the next few weeks to discuss options going forward. Industry representatives will continue to make an effort to work with the government on ensuring that we remain competitive in the international market.

We will continue to work with our industry colleagues to provide the most up to date information. Please don't hesitate to contact the office if you require further information.

Regards,



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