

**Subject** The Real Reason Gordon Campbell is Resigning

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Open Letter to Concerned Citizens,

Why is Gordon Campbell resigning?

Many reports in the popular media point to the Harmonized Sales Tax; however, few mention the irregularities in the creation of BC's Official Population Statistics and the firing of the BC government Population Analyst who reported the irregularities.

Why are population numbers important? They are used to justify the opening and closing of public and private facilities including schools. Close to 200 schools have been closed since the Liberals came to power in 2001.

On January 30, 2006, the Analyst submitted another report pointing out the irregularities in the creation of Official Population Statistics since 2002. Examples include giving BC Hydro erroneous information about margins of errors, removing data in an effort to reduce modelling error, and changing migration numbers in order to "look good" (Executive Director of BC Stats).

On February 15, 2006, the Population Analyst was ordered to gather his belongings, turn in his security pass, and to leave the BC Stats building on Superior Street across from the Legislative Building in Victoria.

In October 2010, after four and a half years of letter writing to BC Ministers, Opposition Critics, the media, and Federal Officials, the Analyst wrote to the Royal Society in London in response to a call for evidence regarding the strengths and weaknesses in methods used to create regional population numbers. The Analyst advocated an investigation into the differences between the methods used by BC Stats and Statistics Canada.

In early November 2010, Premier Campbell announced his resignation. Whether he resigned even in part due to the increasing awareness of irregularities in the creation of Population Statistics, one can only speculate. Nonetheless, clients and citizens should be aware of how changes are made to population numbers. Please forward this to those who you think may be interested.

Regardless of who takes over the Liberal Party, there will eventually have to be a full public inquiry into the real methods used to create BC's Official Population Statistics.

Yours Truly,

William Warren Munroe