Daylight Saving Time Survey

British Columbians are invited to share their views on how we should observe time in our province. Most areas of B.C. currently “spring forward” into Daylight Saving Time during summer months and “fall back” to Standard Time in the winter.

The following choices are being considered:

1. B.C. continues the practice of changing our clocks bi-annually; or
2. B.C. adopts year-round observance of Daylight Saving Time.

The survey will be open until July 19, 2019 at 4pm.

About the Survey

The survey should take approximately 5 minutes to complete. It offers an opportunity to share your views on the following issues:

- Whether B.C. should continue to observe the bi-annual time change; and
- How important it is to you that B.C. aligns with neighbouring provinces, territories and states.

Next Steps

- Survey responses will be used to inform the development of the B.C. government’s position on time observance.
- Survey results will be posted later this year.

Feedback collected through this engagement will be weighed alongside decisions adopted by neighbouring jurisdictions to help government determine the best course of action for B.C. A final decision is expected to be announced in the fall of 2019.

Before taking the Daylight Saving Time Engagement survey, please review this background information on the current state of time observance in British Columbia and other jurisdictions, and the pros and cons of different time change options.

Please do not include any personally identifiable information about yourself or others in your responses.
If you require phone support (including TDD) to complete the online feedback form, please contact ServiceBC (local Vancouver and toll-free): Vancouver: 604 775-0303 and elsewhere in B.C.: 1 800 661-8773

**Please note:** This online feedback form supports IE11 and all newer comparable browsers like Firefox, Chrome, Opera etc. with activated JavaScript. Your browser settings must have cookies enabled for the questionnaire to run properly and inactivity on the questionnaire for longer than one hour will result in the questionnaire timing out.

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There are 11 questions in this survey.

**Do you believe B.C. should adopt year-round observance of Daylight Saving Time?**

Choose one of the following answers

- Yes
- No, I think B.C. should continue our current practice of "springing forward" into Daylight Saving Time in the summer, and "falling back" to Standard Time in the winter.

**Why do you prefer continuing to observe the bi-annual time change?**

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:
Answer was 'No, I think B.C. should continue our current practice of "springing forward" into Daylight Saving Time in the summer, and "falling back" to Standard Time in the winter.' at question '1 [Q1]' (Do you believe B.C. should adopt year-round observance of Daylight Saving Time?)

Check all that apply

- [ ] Balances daylight observance throughout the year
Why do you prefer observing Daylight Saving Time year-round?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:
Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [Q1]' (Do you believe B.C. should adopt year-round observance of Daylight Saving Time?)

Check all that apply

☐ These hours of daylight benefit me professionally/economically
☐ Additional daylight during evening commute
☐ Safety reasons (other than road safety)
☐ Health and/or wellness reasons
☐ Environmental protection reasons
☐ Other:

How important do you think it is for B.C. to be aligned with neighbouring provinces, territories and states?

Choose one of the following answers

☐ Very Important
☐ Important
☐ Neutral
☐ Low Importance
☐ Not Important

Washington, Oregon and California are considering year-round observance of Daylight Saving Time. If these states implement the changes, do you believe B.C. should:

Choose one of the following answers

☐ Decide independently what time observance is best for British Columbia, even if this means British Columbia is not on the same time as Yukon, Washington, Oregon, and California for all or part of the year.
Change, as required, to align with how Yukon, Washington, Oregon and California observe time.

What is your gender?

Choose one of the following answers

☐ Woman
☐ Man
☐ Gender X

Do you identify as an Indigenous person, that is, First Nations (status or non-status), Métis or Inuit?

Choose one of the following answers

☐ Yes
☐ No

Which region do you live in?

Choose one of the following answers

☐ Vancouver Island & South Coast/Sunshine Coast
☐ Lower Mainland
☐ Thompson-Okanagan
☐ Cariboo
☐ East Kootenay
☐ West Kootenay
☐ Creston
☐ Peace
☐ North Coast
☐ Nechako
☐ Stikine

Which age category do you belong to?

Choose one of the following answers

☐ Under 18
☐ 18 - 39 years
☐ 40 - 64 years
☐ 65 - 75 years
☐ Over 75 years

What is your role/occupation?

Choose one of the following answers
If you choose 'Other:' please also specify your choice in the accompanying text field.

☐ Management
☐ Business, finance and administration occupations
☐ Natural and applied sciences and related occupations
☐ Occupations in health, education, law and social, community and government services
☐ Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport
☐ Sales and service occupations
☐ Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations
☐ Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations
☐ Occupations in manufacturing and utilities
☐ Student
☐ Retired
☐ Unemployed
☐ Maternity Leave
☐ Homemaker
☐ Other

Which of the options below best describes your industry?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:
Answer was 'Occupations in manufacturing and utilities' or 'Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations' or 'Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations' or 'Sales and service occupations' or 'Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport' or 'Occupations in health, education, law and social, community and government services' or 'Natural and applied sciences and related occupations' or 'Business, finance and administration occupations' or 'Management' or 'Maternity Leave' at question '10 [Dem5]' (What is your role/occupation?)

Choose one of the following answers

☐ Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting
☐ Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction
☐ Utilities
☐ Construction
☐ Manufacturing
☐ Wholesale or retail trade
☐ Transportation and warehousing
☐ Information and cultural industries
☐ Finance, insurance, management of companies and enterprises
☐ Real estate and rental and leasing
☐ Professional, scientific and technical services
☐ Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services
☐ Educational, health care, social assistance services
☐ Arts, entertainment and recreation
☐ Service industry
☐ Public administration

Thank you for your feedback.