

# Conservative Party of Canada Victoria EDA Newsletter



## Message From Your President

Your Victoria Board of the Electoral District Association (EDA) has embarked on a mission this year to return a Victoria Conservative to Ottawa. At the last AGM, I was elected to the board and appointed as Vice President. When President Kelly McCauley accepted a promotion requiring a move to Edmonton, I accepted the move up to president with enthusiasm.

Over the past months, your board members have crystallized into a strong working group dedicated to the goal of the EDA. It is time to return to the Victoria tradition, starting with Sir John A McDonald, of electing members in the governing party. Your Board intends to return to that tradition with your help and is working tirelessly toward that goal.

The office is staffed by a strong group of dedicated workers and multiple

Their work is reflected on the pages here and on the website. As two other members left Victoria, at the last board meeting three new members were appointed with the understanding of active participation. This is to be a working board and is proving to be so.

Our primary goals are clear:

- (1) source an attractive Conservative candidate to represent Victoria
- (2) provide the financial capability to elect the candidate
- (3) provide the expertise and support to elect the candidate, and
- (4) enjoy the journey. Join us.

Brian Siddall

President, Victoria EDA



Brian Siddall (left) Art Sherwin (right)

## MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT:

Sunday, June 28  
12:30 to 3:00 PM

Picnic in the garden at 3340 Beach Drive.

BYOB, Picnic food, utensils and blankets or chairs.

Host supplies tea, coffee, water, BBQs for cooking a hot lunch.

Games, speaker, Canada Day flags AND

Any new member registering locally (telephone message at the office) from now until June 28 at 2:45 PM plus the person recruiting that member will have a chance to win an autographed copy of "Shakedown", the best selling new book by Ezra Levant exposing the Canadian Human Rights Commissions.

Draw will be made at the event, as well as draws for door prizes.



South Island Breakfasts will adjourn for the summer. June 26 breakfast features Viking Air on "Local Company Builds a New Twin Otter" Contact: Jean Howell (250) 383-8097

SGL Summer BBQ is July 11  
Contact: Else Page (250) 479-9861

EJDF TBA Contact: Rick Sousa  
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## TORIES RETURN TO UVIC

From this fair city's centre of academia comes good news, the announcement of the re-formation of a right-of-centre voice at the University of Victoria, the UVic Conservative Club! Lacking a major presence for the past few years, Conservative views on campus will now be represented by this student organization. UVic has undeservedly earned a reputation as a "dry well" for opinions and movements on the right. There are plenty of people and ideas boiling beneath the surface, ones which this club will be stirring very soon.

Some may recall the events of September-October 2007. The UVic Student Society's Board of Directors, at the behest of a radical leftist anti-war student group, banned the Canadian Forces from recruiting in the Student Union Building. The resulting backlash from the student body which overturned this ban was followed by local and national media, particularly after students were told by one director that they were "uninformed about the issues", and that the board had to make the decision for them. The spontaneous organizing of hundreds of students against such a threat to liberty, as well as the outrage this incident evoked proved that when roused, a decidedly Conservative section of the University of Victoria raises its head and is not afraid to be heard. The UVic Conservative Club's aim is to be a continuation of this spirit. As young Tories, we will be preparing for activities and recruiting in the fall to support local candidates and a Conservative vision.

As the 2009-2010 academic year gets underway, be on the lookout for UVic Conservative events. Over the summer and in the fall a new voice at the University of Victoria will emerge; one which will stand up for students, stand up for liberty, and stand up for Canada!

Graham Noyes, President, UVic  
Conservative Club

## Message From Your Candidate of Record, Jack McClintock

I would like to begin by thanking members of this Conservative Riding Association for all of the hard work and support I received during the Federal Election last fall. For those of you that were able to contribute your time or resources to the campaign or to getting our Conservative message out to the community, I am truly grateful to you. I would like our membership to know that the entire Campaign Team, led by my Campaign Manager Ian Pyper and Assistant Manager Brian McCulloch, worked harder than I could have imagined.

As a result of our local second place in the election and the subsequent minority governing position of the Conservative Government, we must once again be well prepared for an election. Any time the opposition feels they have an advantage they may attempt to defeat the government. We saw the lengths the opposition would stoop to in the formation of the coalition as they desperately tried to bring down this Government. The possibility of a coalition of power sharing and self interest between NDP, Liberal and Bloc was met with protest from coast to coast.

Our government is taking unprecedented action to stimulate the country's economy and combat global recession



The Harper government is doing its utmost to take action on the economy in an accountable and transparent manner. The Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance, has launched a comprehensive new website that will allow Canadians to hold government and public officials accountable for action on the economy. You can learn more about the progress that is being made on the economy by our government by going to [www.actionplan.gc.ca](http://www.actionplan.gc.ca)

The rapid decline in the global economy is on the minds of all Canadians. It is critical that all governments around the world take extraordinary measures. Our Canadian Government has answered the call by bringing forward a massive stimulus package. While this increase in spending coupled with declining government revenues will result in a short term deficit, our first priority must be to do whatever it takes to get Canada's economy out of the recession that has recently fallen upon us. I have faith in the current government to provide strong leadership as we weather this storm.

I would urge all members to become actively involved in this riding and also to send Prime Minister Stephen Harper a strong message that we support him and this Conservative Government.

## Greetings From The Office!

Where to start this 'business' report?  
How about the Office is full of enthusiasm, commitment, laughter, ideas & that equals high productivity!!!

Membership Renewal Team - Elizabeth, Richard, Gaelan, & John make the calls, send out the forms, & have a very high success rate for their efforts - about 96%. They are also responsible for several hundred dollars a month in donations received - ALL of which is a demonstration that Conservatives in Victoria are solid.

CIMS Team - There are currently 8 volunteers undergoing on-line training sessions coordinated by Kathie Csomany & National. Training sessions are offered bi-weekly across the country & Victoria's participation is always 30% of the total on-line group. The combined efforts by the CIMS team (Lloyd, Margie, Peggy, Richard, Jean, Kathie, Alyson, Brian M) results in files being updated . Though the data cleaning is a slow process, CIMS as a tool is a fascinating activity. IF you feel intrigued, join us, only a couple of hours a week can make a really big dent in the work that needs to be done. Work shared by many makes the job small.

Office Team - The balance of solving office problems, creating & doing the work IS a shared endeavor. Jean, Kathie, Margie & Alyson bring their talents, throw them at the issue, and presto, the issue is solved!!!

It is magic!! This makes being at the office a pleasant time & the office is starting to think 'election' & electing a Victoria MP.

If you have basic keyboarding skills & would like to join this wonderful group, please call the office 250-388-0980. We'll explore your 'wish' together!!!

Alyson Hawksworth, Vice President and Membership

## Policy Makes A Difference

*The Canadian Human Rights Act 1976-77 states in Section 13 that "It is a discriminatory practice for a person or a group of persons acting in concert to communicate telephonically ... any matter that is likely to expose a person or persons to hatred or contempt by reason of the fact that person or those persons are identifiable on the basis of a prohibited ground of discrimination."*

Thanks to a resolution presented by Victoria's Policy Chair to the Resolutions Committee of the 2008 Conservative Policy Convention, a resolution was passed with the following result. The Policy Declaration of the Conservative Party of Canada Section 12 (iii) states that "We support legislation to remove authority from the Canadian Human Rights Commission and the Canadian Human Rights tribunal to regulate, receive, investigate or adjudicate complaints related to Section 13 of the *Canadian Human Rights Act.*"

Calling all volunteers!

Are you interested in joining our team and putting your skills to work to prepare our riding to elect a Conservative MP?

Of course you are!

Would you like to phone from your home to a few people who do not have email and give them news updates? Are you computer literate? Would you like to use your office experience? Are you interested in helping stage a social event? Are you a wordsmith?

We are very keen to get to know you and have your help to ensure that Victoria sends a Conservative to Ottawa in the next election. The time to prepare is NOW. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Kathie Csomany, Volunteer Chair  
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## Provincial Election Brings Little Change for CRD

After the provincial election the seven ridings of the Capital Region have retained the same political representation with five New Democratic MLAs and two Liberal MLAs. All six incumbents were re-elected. Results for the CRD ridings are:

Esquimalt-Royal Roads: Maurine Karagianis, NDP  
Juan de Fuca: John Horgan, NDP  
Oak Bay - Gordon Head: Ida Chong, Liberal  
Saanchi North and the Islands: Murray Coell, Liberal  
Saanich South: Lanna Papham, NDP  
Victoria - Beacon Hill: Carole James, NDP  
Victoria - Swan Lake: Rob Fleming, NDP

## Electoral Reform Turned Down Again

With a majority of voters saying no to STV, it seems BC voters are not interested in changing the current electoral process. This is the second time the single-transferable-vote system has unsuccessfully won favour with BC voters with 61.2% of voters saying no to the electoral reform.

Kennedy Stewart, a political science professor at Simon Fraser University, said BC-STV failed for two reasons: the STV supporters ran a "fairly inept" campaign and there was collusion among the two major parties - the BC Liberals and NDP - to maintain the status quo.

It is likely that BC-STV will become a dead issue since it has failed to get a majority approval from voters on two separate occasions.

## Moving

Membership or not, whenever you leave the Victoria Electoral District (ED), the only way for the Conservative Party of Canada to know is if you advise them using <http://www.conservative.ca/> or you contact our local office. John Francis has moved to Kelowna and he supplied the office with his new address so we can move his membership. Enjoy the Okanagan, John. We will miss you.

## Telephone Tree

Lloyd Skaalen took on the task of setting up a telephoning system that would have one person as the contact person for 10-12 households that do not have Internet capability. He now has 11 such areas and people in place and accurate email addresses on over 55%.

At the start, Lloyd had close to 550 member households that needed to be contacted (excluding the EDA Executive): a) determining if e-mail addresses are accurate; b) determining which of those with e-addresses would accept an on-line version of our newsletter; and c) communicating with the non e-members and occasionally advising them of short notice events or items of interest.

Thanks to Lloyd and to those who are reading this news using [www.conservativevictoria.ca](http://www.conservativevictoria.ca) your EDA has over \$200 in savings. If you receive this newsletter by post and you could have saved your EDA the cost of printing and mailing by reading on-line, please advise the EDA office.

## Passages

We bid a fond good-bye to long-time supporters and campaigners Joan Haskell, Grace Beckett and Olive Sherman. Our thanks for their contributions in time, dollars and expertise go out to their friends and relatives reading this newsletter. They are missed. If you have a loved one you would like to see recognized in upcoming editions, please advise the office by phone or email.

### Excerpt from a Nov 5, 1998 speech by Faith B Collins titled "The Muscle in Your Vote"

"I assure you your vote can make a difference. The following are some examples of one vote differences...starting back in history:

In 1545 one vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England, four years later one vote cost King Charles I of England his head In 1714 one vote placed King George 1st on the throne of England and restored the Monarchy, in 1776 a one vote margin gave the US the English language over German (may be folklore), in 1867 a one vote margin allowed the Americans to purchase Alaska, in 1875 a one vote margin changed France from a monarchy to a republic.

### Editor's Note:

After a 2008 election recount, Troy De Souza lost by 68 votes or 0.1% of the total votes cast

## Board Members

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