



Langley Conservative Electoral District Association

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Tako's Take

A message from our President—Tako van Popta

The recent BC convention of the Conservative Party of Canada was a great opportunity for Conservatives across the province to share ideas about building and strengthening electoral district associations. This is timely as we enter a second year of a strong, stable, national, majority, Conservative government and as we look toward the 2015 general election. The electoral map of 2015 will be much different than the 2011 map as we add six new ridings in BC for a total 42. This will put us in line with Ontario and Quebec in the MP-to-population ratio. Currently 21 of BC's ridings are Conservative and it is our aim to colour many of the remaining 21 ridings blue in 2015.

The process of redistribution is underway. The Federal Boundaries Commission for British Columbia published its preliminary report this past summer and has almost completed public hearings across the province. Currently, we have the benefit of a federal riding that coincides with Langley's two municipal boundaries, but in all likelihood that will change. The preliminary proposal has Langley City and Brookwood becoming part of a new riding called Langley - Cloverdale with the rest of Langley Township being called Fort Langley - Aldergrove and extending eastward to Mt. Lehman Road. Our two mayors, Peter Fassbender for the City and Jack Froese for the Township, spoke at the September 18 public hearing in Langley in favour of keeping Langley as one federal riding or alternatively, keeping Langley Township as a riding on its own with Langley City joining Cloverdale. The commissioners listened intently and will take these concerns to heart, but in the end they have to make a decision that will create 42 ridings of approximately 105,000 constituents each that will be fair to all British Columbians. The commissioners' final report will be out in about a year. In the meantime, Mark Warawa continues to represent the two Langleys effectively in Ottawa.



With an eye to redistribution and the very likely event of our EDA being split in two before the next federal election, we need to focus on fundraising. An EDA needs about \$90,000 to run a campaign, so we will have to double our fundraising efforts over the next few years. Of course our fellow Conservatives in Cloverdale and Abbotsford will also have to contribute some percentage of their savings to the new ridings' bank accounts, but we can't be complacent and rely on others if we want to keep Langley blue. We will be calling on all Langley Conservatives to dig into their pockets now, even in a non-election year. You'll see more about this elsewhere in this newsletter. We want to keep Canada Conservative in 2015 so that we can continue to build on the Harper government's economic gains of the last few years.

At our recent convention held in Richmond on October 12 - 14, our former EDA president Pam Milburn received a volunteer recognition award, one of eight awarded across the province. Pam was and continues to be recognized as a role model for volunteers in Canada's Conservative movement. She co-chaired the 2011 campaign that saw Mark Warawa returned as Langley's Member of Parliament and she continues to serve on the EDA board and to inspire others to join the Conservative cause. Congratulations to Pam. Much of this EDA's strength is due to Pam's leadership.

This year the United Nations marked the first International Day of the Girl Child. This fall MP Warawa also introduced a motion condemning gender selection feticide. He is asking Canada's parliament to confirm what 92% of Canadians believe, namely, that the practice aborting females merely because they are female is morally wrong. This motion does not propose to change any existing laws or to add any new laws but only to put Canada on the right side of girl child rights. Please take the time to send Mark an encouraging email.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will see a notice of our upcoming AGM. Please mark the date in your calendar and also encourage your Conservative friends, family, relatives, and neighbours to join the Langley Conservative EDA. Join us in building the foundations for two Conservative Party EDAs in Langley, well in advance of the 2015 election.

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Fundraiser *Breakfast* with Mark Warawa

Please join us for breakfast with MP Mark Warawa on Thursday **November 15th** from **7:30-8:30am** at Redwood's Golf Course (22011 88th Ave Langley). This is a fundraiser event and our goal is to raise \$20,000, so bring your cheque book!

Seats are limited so please call [604-534-1160](tel:604-534-1160) and reserve your seat as soon as possible!



CANADA DAY CELEBRATION 2012

Thank you to all the volunteers who attended our event and made this a really great weekend! Everyone from our set up and tear down crews, greeters and guest callers really made the event a fun time for all of our guests. Despite the rain and mud, we hosted repeated full crowds of bingo gamers in the CPC tent throughout June 30 and July 1. I think having a warm, dry place to hang out in the middle of the rain really helped keep the bingo games rolling! Well done team and many thanks to our dedicated bingo enthusiasts.



The Policy and Constitution Committee

- from **Nicole** -



It has been a busy fall with preparations for the BC Convention from October 12-14th. Part of the convention included a constitutional session which had great attendance from members from all parts of the province with spirited discussion about some of the more controversial constitutional amendments or hot button policy resolutions.

Any constitutional amendments or policy resolutions that our riding would like to bring forward will need to be submitted by the end of January. Part of the strength of our party, is that all our members are not only capable of but encouraged to submit changes that they would like to see to either our Policy book or our Constitution. If you have something you would like to see be brought forward, please contact me at nhackett@shaw.ca and we can work together to craft the resolutions for consideration from our EDA.

Aldergrove Fair Days Parade in July.



Experiencing different cultures @
Langley International Festival



The Festivities!!!



Cranberry Festival—enjoying the great October weather!

AGM—Save the date

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Nomination information and Membership requirements!

The Langley CPC EDA will hold it's 2013 Annual General Meeting on Saturday **Jan 19, 2013** at the Rotary Fieldhouse (big yellow building) behind McLeod Athletic Park, 21355 57A Ave. Registration opens at 9:00 am, the meeting begin promptly at 9:30 am.

Nominations are being requested for the 2013 Board of Directors. Please complete the enclosed Nomination form and return it to us by email or mail. Nomination forms are also located on our webpage www.langleyconservatives.ca.

In order to vote or be nominated to stand as a candidate for a position on the Board you must be a member in good standing within 21 days of the AGM date.

To renew or obtain your first membership **complete the enclosed membership form and mail to the address provided**. Other ways to join:

Phone (toll free) the Conservative Party of Canada at [1-866-808-8407](tel:1-866-808-8407) or visit their website at www.conservative.ca and sign up on their secure webpage.

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