

Langley Conservative Electoral District Association

Newsletter Spring 2009



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***For a full list of our Board
visit our website.***

President's message

Each year I am impressed by the hard work and dedication of our Board members, but this year may prove to be exceptional. Thanks to an excellent turnout at our Annual General meeting in January, we have a large Board of Directors ready to serve the Langley Electoral District. Already we have several ambitious projects in the works. This Board is on the move!

Early in April, we kicked off our fundraising efforts with a major fundraising dinner, featuring Senator Mike Duffy as our guest speaker. His witty and endless supply of jokes and insights into federal politics were truly engaging. The event was also a great way to catch up with Mark as he kept us informed with the latest happenings in Ottawa. The evening ended with Mark turning the tables and “interviewing” Mike Duffy, to great hilarity.

As mentioned earlier, we're on the move—literally. As we go to press, we have just moved to a more central office in the City of Langley. We plan to hold all Directors and committee meetings at our new office, and we also hope to utilize the space as a friendly drop in centre for all our

members. The new office is on the 2nd floor at 5735 203rd St. Stay tuned for details about our upcoming Open House.

Finally, if you have a question or wish to provide feedback to your EDA please feel free to contact us. We always look forward to hearing from you.

Have a safe summer and I hope to see you at the many events your EDA has planned.

John Burns
President, Langley EDA



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Member of Parliament's message

We are incredibly fortunate to have a Prime Minister like Stephen Harper, a leader with economic expertise and experience. In a time of global economic uncertainty, Canada needs a strong and steady leader at the helm, and a party with a proven track record. Prime Minister Harper has provided that leadership by managing the economy with prudence and discipline and by providing Canadian families and businesses with practical help that's making a real difference. Today, Canada is in the best financial position of any country in the G7. The Harper Government has lowered taxes for the typical family by more than \$3,000 a year.

Our government is also committed to safer communities. Our tough-on-crime approach has resulted in tougher penalties for serious drug crimes and drug-impaired driving, and better protection from gangs, dangerous offenders and sexual predators.

Meanwhile, the political rhetoric is growing from the Ignatieff Liberals, including their plan for a massive new carbon tax, and increasing the GST. Mr. Ignatieff has also made very clear that he will not pass another budget, which means that we could have another election as soon as this fall, but certainly no later than this time next year.



Across this country we are working toward electing a Conservative majority government. In Langley, our EDA is committed to ensuring not only my re-election, but will also assist with the election of a Conservative candidate in the riding of Vancouver South. Ridings in every province are teaming up to get more Conservative MPs in the House of Commons. To accomplish that goal, we need your help.

The Langley EDA has set goals of raising \$50,000 in Langley each year, and building our membership to more than 800 residents. We also intend to better identify our tremendous voter support, in preparation

for the next election. Elections are won on the ground and we need you to volunteer.

A Conservative Government will continue to guide the country on a steady course through global instability. We will continue to stand up for Canada's national interests as a credible competitor and attract better and higher-paying jobs.

We will deliver on a realistic plan that makes it more affordable for a young couple to buy their first home, for parents to save for their children's education and for seniors to retire to a comfortable life.

Under Stephen Harper's leadership, Canada will emerge stronger and more united than ever before.

Thank you for all your help.

Mark Warawa

MP for Langley

Langley's Conservative Candidate

Did you know?

The Conservative Party of Canada has published its new Constitution and Policies book,

'The True North Strong And Free - Stephen Harper's Plan for Canadians'.

To obtain a copy please visit: <http://www.conservative.ca/media/20081007-Platform-e.pdf> or call 1-866-808-8407.

Election Readiness & Breakfast Club

We could have an **election at any time**. Every day a different sabre is rattled in Ottawa for a variety of reasons. We cannot take the chance that another coalition will gang up on us again. So the election readiness team has been meeting to get our ducks in a row in case that happens. The Langley EDA has been chosen to work in concert with Vancouver South; our expertise will be used to turn that riding Tory Blue; a riding lost to the Liberals in the 2008 election by a mere 22 votes. **To do this successfully takes money!** Please contribute your donation **directly to the EDA**, and we will then use these **funds to fight the next election**.

In other news, Langley is following the tradition of several other electoral district associations to create a **breakfast club**, complete with guest speakers and good conversation. Stay tuned for the time, place and speaker. Should you have ideas for a speaker, we would be happy to hear them.

Jeffrey B. Bridge

Election Readiness Chair & Breakfast Club coordinator

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By donating
directly to your local
Langley CPC EDA, more
money stays in Langley!
Contact us to find out how.

Youth

This year the Youth Committee plans to foster youth involvement within Langley high schools and college campuses, to raise awareness of the Conservative cause and to provide opportunities for those interested in gaining political experience. If you wish to receive email updates on upcoming events, please email langleyyouthconservatives@gmail.com or contact the Langley EDA office.

Starting in September and once every school month the TWU Conservative Club will host Kwantlen students and Langley high school students for a **pizza and political movie night**. Each semester, the youth committee will offer **election readiness information sessions** on the types of volunteer opportunities available at election time. They will provide ways for students to get involved, while also helping them **fulfill their high school requirements for volunteer hours**. As well, members will be invited to enjoy some Conservative fun at the **third annual Blue Christmas event, hosted by the TWU Conservative Club**.

The Youth Committee wants to say **a big thank you** to those members who bought tickets for youth to attend the **Mike Duffy Fundraising Dinner**. In the future, if you can't attend a fundraising event, consider sponsoring a youth!

Alayna Johnson
Youth Chair

Did you know?

**The CPC considers
"Youth" to be from the ages
14-30.**

**Check out our website to
learn more about how
to get involved.**

GOING GREEN...

In an effort to reduce our use of paper, we encourage our members to go on-line. Please check out our website (www.langleyconservatives.ca) for updates. If you are receiving this newsletter the snail mail way and you have an email address, let us know! Together we can save a tree and some money by sending out information to your email address.

Membership

Late Summer Picnic

You are invited to an “old time community picnic” for members of the Conservative Party of Canada and their families on **Saturday, September 12th, 2009** from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Old Orchard Picnic Site in Campbell Valley Park, east of the corner of 200th Street and 8th Avenue, Langley Township. Just like families in the 1920s, 30s and 40s, you are invited to bring your own picnic lunch and blanket or chairs from home. We will provide ice-cream, flavoured drinks and water. We will also have entertainment and games for the young and those who are not so young. Should you wish to barbeque, there are facilities available. Parking is located nearby and passengers, big lunches and chairs can be offloaded at the picnic shelters before parking in the lot.

This is a great opportunity for **Conservatives to enjoy the late summer weather with friends old and new**. Our Member of Parliament, Mark Warawa, will be our special guest. Be sure to take time to meet Mark and his wife Diane and other members of our Langley Conservative Electoral District Association. Those who wish to **renew their memberships or purchase new memberships** will have the opportunity to do so. **Large and small donations** to the local association and/or to the national party, so that we can prepare for the next election, will be gratefully accepted. Should you need transportation to and from the picnic, be sure to mention that fact when you call to register.

Registration for the Late Summer Picnic:

Please call me at 604-534-9574 to **register as soon as you receive this**. The registration cut-off date is September 5th, 2009 but our planning will be facilitated by early registrations. Thank you for your enthusiastic support of the Conservative Party of Canada and the Langley Conservative Electoral District Association.

Pam Milburn
Membership Chair

Special Events

There are several opportunities for you to participate in our upcoming special events over the next few months:

- ♦ **Come and walk with M.P. Mark Warawa** in any one of these parades: **May 18th** in Fort Langley, **June 20th** in Langley City, and **July 25th** in Aldergrove. Contact Abraham Koole via the EDA office at 604-534-1160 for more details.
- ♦ **Attend the Canada Day Events** on June 30th and July 1st at McLeod Athletic Park. Stop by our tent to say ‘Hi!’
- ♦ **Visit our tent at the Langley International Festival** at Douglas Park on August 8th.

Contact me directly via the EDA office for more details on these events or any other event ideas.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Linda Bellamy
Special Events Chair

Double our membership drive!

Enclosed with this newsletter is a CPC membership form. If we all sign up just one person, we can strengthen local support for our Party and for our MP and Conservative Candidate, Mark Warawa.

Sign someone up today!

Community Relations

The Langley CRC's five volunteers assisted at the Conservative Party of Canada's hospitality tent at **Surrey's annual Vaisakhi parade**. A crowd of well over 100,000 enjoyed themselves despite some light showers earlier in the day. The volunteers and attending MPs- **our own Mark Warawa, Nina Grewal, Alice Wong, Ed Fast, and Dona Cadman**- handed out hundreds of Conservative Party balloons, pencils, and candy. The CRC is already hard at work on our next project: a tent at **Langley's International Festival** August 8th at Douglas Park in Langley City.

See you there!

Dane Minor
Community Relations Co- Chair



Mark with fellow MPs Nina Grewal, Alice Wong, Ed Fast and Dona Cadman along with Festival volunteers from Surrey and Langley EDAs

Coming soon!

**Our office Grand Opening
&
A new look to the website...**

Stay tuned!

Fundraising

The Langley Conservative Electoral District Association kicked off the year with our first big event, **An Elegant Evening with the Honourable Senator Mike Duffy**. The dinner was spectacular and Mike Duffy gave an incredible speech, filled with lots of laughs. Mark Warawa and his lovely wife Diane Warawa were in attendance as well as some members from the Vancouver South Electoral District Association. Thank you to all of those that attended the evening and made it the success it was!

There are many fundraising events that will be taking place monthly - a little something for anyone and everyone to come out and enjoy. **The Women's**

Luncheon Fashion Show took place on May 4th at Newland's Golf and Country Club. Another Women's Luncheon Fashion Show will take place later in the year. Contact me at 778-888-5365 for further information or to be placed on a contact list so **you won't miss out!**

If you would like to receive monthly emails regarding upcoming fundraisers please email cpclangleyeda@telus.net and in the subject line write "Fundraisers". We will ensure that you are always informed with the **monthly goings on and receive VIP bookings** before anyone else.

Anyone interested in **helping out with a fundraiser** is always welcome, and can get further information by contacting me or emailing tamelia_platt@hotmail.com to get the details.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you at various events this year!

Tamelia Platt
Fundraising Chair

Calling all volunteers!

Interested in trying something new? Want to meet new people?

The Langley CPC EDA (formerly known as the Langley CPC Riding Association) cannot succeed without the time and energy of volunteers. Come support your local CPC at an event, in our office or during a campaign.

Just drop us an email or give us a call, we'd love to have you aboard!

Photo Gallery



*Langley Electoral District Association's fundraiser
'An elegant evening with Senator Mike Duffy'*