

# Langley Conservative Electoral District Association

Election Readiness Edition

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## **Greetings from the President**

I hope you all had a fun and relaxing summer. I certainly enjoyed meeting many of you at the Langley Canada Day Celebrations and at Senator St Germain's BBQ with our Prime Minister.

However, now that summer is over, it's back to business as we find that we are once more into an on-again-off-again election threat. The Opposition Liberals simply do not want to allow us to get on with the business of governing Canada. In fact, it appears that they are so desperate to get back into power that they don't care whether a fall election will affect our country's economic stability or that the average Canadian has no desire to go back to the polls so soon. ***And while we don't want to go to the polls, we must be ready to re-elect Mark Warawa.***

If the Opposition gangs up on us to give a vote of non-confidence in our Government, our Campaign Team must be ready to go. The Liberals have nominated their local candidate to oppose Mark, so we know they are gearing up for the next election. We need a **majority** this time. We don't want to give the Opposition any chance of forming a **Coalition Government** with the NDP and Bloc Quebecois.

Even if we survive this week and the Opposition's attempts to vote us down, over the next while, someone from the Langley Conservative EDA will contact you, asking you to help us in some way, whether by volunteering, displaying a lawn sign or donating money locally to support Mark's re-election bid. Also, you can contact us, either by phone at 604-534-1160, or by e-mail at [info@langleyconservatives.ca](mailto:info@langleyconservatives.ca). To see our upcoming activities and events, please visit us at our new, redesigned Web site at: [www.langleyconservatives.ca](http://www.langleyconservatives.ca).

Thank you for supporting Mark and your Langley Conservative Party of Canada EDA.

Sincerely,

John Burns

President

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Dear Member,

Election speculation and rumours are everywhere again in Ottawa. While the timing of an upcoming election is at the discretion of the opposition parties, it remains our responsibility to be prepared here in Langley.

I realize we were in this same position only a year ago, and I have called my Langley Campaign Team together to make sure we are ready for another go-around. I'd like to now ask you to be ready and think about how you might be able to help when an election is called. We will need donors and volunteers.

I am proud to say that nationally Prime Minister Stephen Harper has done a fantastic job leading the country through the global economic crisis. Under his leadership, we were the last country pulled into the recession, and one of the first to have worked our way out of it. We are moving forward.

Canada has come through without a single bank failure and no mortgage crisis like we have seen in so many other countries, because before the downturn began our government took specific steps to protect Canadians. And during that time we have been allocating our resources towards infrastructure – Building Canada – one project at a time, while also helping those hardest hit in this recession by extending EI benefits and other programs.

And while Canada plays a leading role in the global economic recovery, we know it is not just the government at work; it's hardworking, law-abiding Canadians who keep us moving forward. It's you. And I thank you for that.

Our priority is to build on what's already been accomplished, and we need your help to keep us moving forward. Please consider how you might help us in the next election and let us know.

Thank you,

Mark Warawa, MP

Langley

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment



## **Membership**

Conservative Party of Canada Members, “Membership in the CPC” are words to stir one’s pride. As one member says, “We stand for responsible democratic governance, lower taxes, support for families, accountability, Arctic sovereignty, funding and support for our military, law and order, care for the environment, a vibrant business community, respect for cultural heritage, and equality of all Canadians”. If you have not recently read the FOUNDING PRINCIPLES of the party, you can view them on the web at [www.conservative.ca](http://www.conservative.ca). Take a few minutes to read them and you will know why we are proud Conservatives. At this website you will also notice that new members can sign up. Contributions can be made, and current members can renew their memberships on the site. You can even volunteer. Should the Opposition parties call for an unnecessary election, we need to be ready. To help the local Conservative organization prepare for such an event, you may be telephoned, or receive an email or letter to ask for your assistance and involvement. We would be happy if you contact us to offer your help. We know that you will want to be actively involved in building support for the Conservative Party of Canada. Our goal is to achieve a majority and put an end to what my friend calls, “...the disgraceful obstruction and unwarranted smears by the Opposition”. Our FOUNDING PRINCIPLES unite us and our commitment to the cause energizes us to do whatever we can to support the Conservative Party of Canada and locally, our respected Member of Parliament Mark Warawa, as well as our local Conservative association. If you would like someone locally to speak with you about purchasing or renewing a membership, making a contribution or updating your address information, feel free to call me directly.

Pam Milburn  
Membership Chair  
604-996-4498

## **Election Readiness & Campaign Manager**

Awhile back Michael Ignatieff criticized Jack Layton for voting down a budget he hadn’t read. Mr. Ignatieff took hypocrisy to new levels today when he prepared a non confidence motion for an economic statement the government had not yet released!

That is the state of alert our election readiness team has been living under these past few months. Will we have an election or won’t we? That is the question on everybody’s mind.

Our election readiness team as well as the Conservative Party together with the majority of Canadian people are preparing for an election we don’t want!

After a little over a year since the last vote, the Liberals are prepared to waste over \$300,000,000 of tax payers' money and chance stalling the economic recovery for an election that only they want.

This is a selfish power grab on their part.

Are we ready to go to the polls? Reluctantly.

Stay tuned to see how events in Ottawa play out and remember as you put your head on the pillow tonight, whether we go to the polls is now up to Jack Layton, the aforementioned voter who doesn’t read. Comforting eh! Sleep well!

Jeff Bridge  
Election Readiness Chair &  
Manager for the Re-elect Mark Warawa Campaign



## CIMS

Fellow Conservative friends,

I am the Chair of the CIMS committee and it is my job to keep track of all our members, supporters, and volunteers. Frightened yet? No, we have nothing to do with MI-6, the CIA, or even CSIS. We do not exist to spy on you or sift through your garbage. Rather, our job is to ensure we have current contact information so we can tell you about exciting events. What exciting events, you ask? Nothing special really, just BBQs with the Prime Minister; opportunities to get involved with your local board of directors meetings where you can bring up items of importance to the community; free BBQ and family fun events with activities for all ages (did I mention we like to eat?); town hall meetings with your MP, Mark Warawa; our 'Elegant Evening With' galas featuring such special guests as Senator Mike Duffy, Minister of Transport John Baird, Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty and more! Lest you should think we're just about eating and socializing, we also make sure those people who need a ride to the polls on Election Day are able to get one. Or we'll let you know about free seminars such as the recent seniors tax seminar. Basically we're here to help. We have no ulterior motives and have a strict privacy policy which ensures your private information is never sold or forwarded on to anyone else. You will not be placed on anyone else's e-mail lists for time-share vacation properties or hot stock tips...

Over the next couple of weeks many of you will be getting a call from a volunteer, who will clearly identify him or herself, so that we might keep our list current. If anyone still has doubts about this exercise, I'll get the ball rolling: my name is Steve Schafer and my personal cell phone number is (604) 837-9722. If there are any questions, you can phone me directly.

Thank you,  
Steve Schafer  
CIMS Chair

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