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Tako's Take...

A Message from our President— Tako van Popta

The Langley Electoral District Association for the Conservative Party of Canada has been active on many fronts this year. In January, concurrently with our AGM, we selected delegates who expressed an interest in, and who the members deemed worthy of, representing the Langley EDA at the bi-annual convention previously scheduled for June 28 to 30 in Calgary. With the flood crisis in Calgary the convention has been put on hold. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the people and communities of Calgary.

In preparation for the convention, the delegates reviewed a large number of constitutional amendment proposals and prioritized the ones they deemed worthy of convention consideration. The national constitutional committee will compare our priority list with other EDA's and will establish the final list for the convention agenda. Prior to attending the convention, the delegates also received an even larger number of party policy proposals and set aside another evening to deal with these. This is time consuming and tedious work but knowing that they are doing their part to shape public policy and enhance Canadian democracy, the delegates are tackling the work eagerly.

A big part of what an EDA does is support its Member of Parliament, and the Langley EDA board has done that this year. MP Mark Warawa

has represented Langley effectively for 9 years and will continue to do so with strong support from the home front. Mr. Warawa has always been a team player but he is also ready to stand up for his principles, and that tension put him in the spotlight this spring as he sought to present a motion that is important to him and his constituents. What started as a simple motion on a topic that has broad support in Canada became a discussion about how much influence the Chief Government Whip should have in parliamentary procedure and how much freedom individual MPs should have to speak in parliament about issues that matter to them and their constituents. In the end, Mr. Warawa's motion condemning genocide did not make it to the floor of the House of Commons and was not voted on, however, the debate about the party whip's role and the freedom of MPs to be recognized by the speaker continues. On April 23, the House of Commons Speaker Andrew Scheer released his decision on Mr. Warawa's "question of privilege" and stated that in the Canadian parliamentary tradition, the Speaker of the House has the right and authority to recognize any Member of Parliament who asks for the floor, with or without party whip sanction. Mr. Warawa tweeted shortly after the ruling: ***"I am pleased with Speaker's Scheer's ruling that MPs have the right to seek the floor at any time."***



Tako's Take continued...

Another important function of an EDA is to fundraise in preparation for the next election. While that is still two years away, it's not too early to start, especially with the added challenge of riding redistribution set to take effect prior to the 2015 election. Due to population increases in this province, British Columbia will receive another six ridings, many of which stand a good change of electing Conservative MPs but only if Conservatives across this province stay focussed on all the things that helped us win a majority in the 2011 election. All BC ridings, Langley included, will be affected. While the new riding boundaries have not yet been finalized, it seems likely that we will lose a part of our western area to a new riding encompassing the eastern part of Surrey and that we will gain some territory from Abbotsford to our east. In any event, the money in all EDA coffers will be reallocated according to population. ***So our fund raising efforts between now and the next election will have to keep in mind that we will be supporting not only the re-election of our MP but the election of a new riding Conservative MP as well.*** In this newsletter, you will find some information about fundraising. We are expecting that Langley Conservatives will respond with typical generosity.

Thanks you for your ongoing support.
Tako

News from



Dear Langley friends,

Thank you for your continued support. So far in 2013, my initiatives have gathered much media attention and my office has been inundated with your kind and encouraging letters and phone calls. I am pleased to take this opportunity to bring you up to speed on.

In the fall of 2012, I had the privilege of introducing Motion 408 which sought to raise awareness that gendercide is happening in Canada, and which asked the House "to condemn discrimination against females occurring through sex-selective pregnancy termination." M-408 was in response to a CBC presentation that revealed that some clinics in Canada allowed ultrasounds to tell the sex of the baby so that the parents could choose to terminate the pregnancy if the unborn child was female. Shortly after the CBC investigation, the practice of gendercide was unilaterally condemned by all parties in the House of Commons. While M-408 did not come to a vote in the House, it did raise awareness for gendercide. I will continue to move this issue forward within Parliament and across Canada on university campuses and community centres.

Legislatively, I have introduced a new bill, C-489 the "Safe at Home" bill, which will better protect children from sexual predators by introducing a bubble zone around a victim's home. I look forward to working with our Conservative government on this new Bill.

The media has also focused on the question of privilege that I brought forward in the House concerning the right of a Member of Parliament to introduce an S.O. 31. These statements of not more than one minute, given on a rotational basis, allow *each member equal opportunity to represent their constituents*. I believe that each MP has the responsibility to represent their community and, in order to do so, their rights must be ensured. I am pleased with the Speaker's ruling on my question of privilege, in which he clarified that he alone has the authority to recognize members.

It has been a whirlwind of activity on Parliament Hill these last few months and I have greatly appreciated your support. I am honored to represent you, the constituents of beautiful Langley, and excited to continue building a great Conservative future with you. Thank you ~Mark Warawa, MP

KEEP UP TO DATE!

Looking for government news or interested in what your Member of Parliament is up to? Check our markwarawa.com for more information.



Meet the 2013 Board of Directors



Directors: L-R

Front: Kim Houlind, James Pratt, Mark Warawa, Tako Van Popta, Rebeca Brown, Tanya Tait

Back: Annette DeKraker, Dean Drysdale, Margaret Hsieh, Steve Schafer, Paul Fast, Michael Pratt, Bert Chen, Rita Thiessen, Pam Milburn, Janice Irwin, Nicole Hackett.

Missing: John Hof, Ursula Neuscheler

Welcome to our newest directors:

Rebeca Brown

Bert Chen

Dean Drysdale

The Board would like to recognize the effort and time spent working on behalf of the CPC by our 2012 Directors. We would also like to thank and acknowledge Eric Bysouth and the incredible amount of time and effort he spent over the years supporting the Conservative EDA. In July, Mr. Bysouth received a Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal recognizing his work in community presented to him by MP Mark Warawa. Sadly, he passed away soon afterward but was posthumously honoured at a public ceremony in November along with 29 other Langley residents. His award was accepted by his son Randy.

TWU Campus Club news...

The upcoming 2013/2014 school year is already shaping up to be a productive one for our TWU CPC Campus Club. We'd like to introduce you to our two Club leaders.

Damien Kurek

My wife and I moved to Aldergrove last summer so I could finish a Bachelors degree in Political Science at Trinity Western University. Prior to that I had studied and worked in both Saskatchewan and Alberta which allowed me to travel across the country representing different organizations, truly seeing Canada for the amazing country it is. I have been involved with the Conservative Party of Canada since middle school and served on an EDA in various capacities including being an elected director for 6 years and representing the EDA at several policy conventions. I believe that the CPC is the party best fit to lead this country and best reflects the values of Canada. I look forward to being involved with the TWU Campus Conservative Club this coming year!



Jordan Schroeder

I am a third year student at Trinity Western University studying for an honours degree in political studies before pursuing a law degree. I love being involved in anything on campus that can help to make a positive impact on the lives of those around me. Specifically, involvement in the CPC has given me an opportunity for meaningful involvement in the political sphere, where I believe I can make the most significant impact on the decisions for the future of Canada.



Interested in CPC youth or campus club activities? Email us at info@langleyconservatives.ca!



Get connected!

Three ways you can stay up to date with local political and CPC special events and activities:

- ♦ Get on our email blast list by sending us your name and email address to info@langleyconservatives.ca
- ♦ Join us on Facebook at CPC Langley
- ♦ Check out our website at www.langleyconservatives.ca

Happy 146th Birthday Canada!



**Have you
heard?**

The 10 year Canadian passport has arrived!

On July 2, Jason Kenney, Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism announced that Canada's new and more secure 10-year ePassport is available to Canadians.

Canada's new 10 year ePassports will help make travel more reliable and convenient for Canadians and will help create jobs and growth here at home. Indeed, the new ePassport is also a better value for Canadians, as it will cost less per year than the old 5-year passport and will need to be renewed less often. Go to passportcanada.gc.ca for FAQs and application forms.

For more Conservative government news, visit conservative.ca.





**What
are we
working
on in
2013?**

- ◆ We're staying on top of the redistribution process. This has many steps and no final decisions have been made. As Tako mentioned, we will see changes in our boundaries. Stay tuned for more information in the fall.
- ◆ We're discussing policies headed to the National Convention floor. 11 Langley EDA delegates will be at the Convention and voting on policy and constitutional amendments that will help shape our Party. New Convention dates will be announced later this summer.
- ◆ We're building our membership and donor base—this is an important time for parties of all political stripes as the face of the federal riding map changes in BC. The CPC will enter into a nomination race in all of BC's federal ridings. The Langley EDA has to ensure we have best and strongest candidate for this process and subsequent election. Our mandate is to do everything possible to ensure a Conservative candidate is elected. This takes a strong membership and financial base to do.

How you can help:

- ⇒ Renew your membership now and consider a 3 year membership for just \$45!
- ⇒ Become a member if you are not one already. P 7 tells you how.
- ⇒ Donate to your Langley EDA. Go to P 8 for How to Donate information.
- ⇒ Spread the word about our activities by sharing our stories and liking our facebook page, talking to your friends and co-workers and joining us at events.



*Thank you to everyone who joined me in the May Day Parade!
Conservatives showed our community pride. Job well done!*





Membership Info

What does membership mean?

- Membership in the Conservative Party of Canada makes you a member of the CPC Langley Electoral District Association.
- We welcome members 14-140; please encourage your like-minded friends to join too!
- Member benefits include: Newsletters, invitation to events, volunteer opportunities, and a chance to form lifelong friendships.
- Membership is \$15.00 per year.

How to join

- Visit www.conservative.ca (hit the “JOIN” button) and pay by credit card OR cheques, money orders or bank drafts made out to the Conservative Fund
- Call the Conservative Party of Canada at 1-866-808-8407, or
- Write the CPC at 1204-130 Albert Street, Ottawa, ON, K1P 5G4

Why?

- Donations are the EDA’s only source of funding
- EDAs need funding to build their membership and donor base
- Funding is used to communicate with members, supporters and potential voters
- Your dollars fund solid, well run elections campaigns
- All of this work and support are the building blocks to ensuring a Conservative Member of Parliament is representing Langley in the House of Commons.



Donation info

Benefits to you!

Federal Political Donation Tax Credits – A Great Way to Give and Receive

Up to 75% of donations are returned to donors and 100% of donations are used for financing political campaign costs. The table below shows the net cost to donors for a range of donation amounts. Please consider making a donation of \$25.00 or more. Every donation goes a long way to helping Mark Warawa represent us in Langley.

| Your donation | Tax Credit | Net Cost |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| \$25.00 | \$18.75 | \$6.25 |
| \$50.00 | \$37.50 | \$12.50 |
| \$100.00 | \$75.00 | \$25.00 |
| \$200.00 | \$150.00 | \$50.00 |
| \$300.00 | \$225.00 | \$75.00 |
| \$400.00 | \$300.00 | \$100.00 |
| \$500.00 | \$350.00 | \$150.00 |
| \$750.00 | \$475.00 | \$275.00 |

Donation Rules and Information

- Only individuals can contribute to federal political parties (no corporations);
- Individuals are limited to \$1,200 in total per calendar year to a political party (Conservative Fund Canada) and another \$1,200 in total per calendar year to the EDA/riding level;
- When you *contribute directly to the Langley Conservative EDA*, *100% of your money goes towards helping re-elect Mark Warawa*. When you donate nationally, only 10% is returned to our riding;
- Donate by personal credit card or make your personal cheque payable to **"CPC Langley EDA"**;
- Tax receipts will be mailed at the end of the year.

Here's How You Can Donate

By Mail – Complete the enclosed donation card and send it to us at:

PO Box 12053 Murrayville, Langley, BC V3A 9J5

Remember to make cheques payable to ***CPC Langley EDA***

By Phone – Call us at (604) 534-1160, leave your name and number and we'll contact you.

Personal Cheque or Credit Card Tear-off Form (Cut and mail to the Langley EDA)

\$ _____
Donation amount

Full Name

_____ Langley, BC _____
Address Postal Code

Cheque enclosed ☐

Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Amex ☐

Name on card

_____ Expiry date
Card number

Cardholder's signature

Thank you for your support!