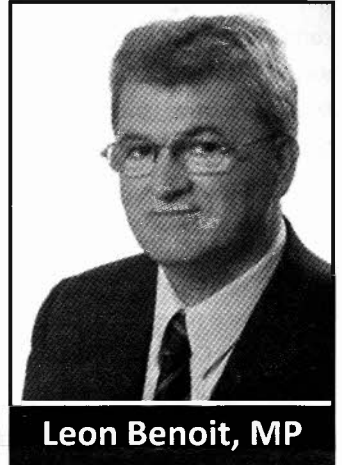


# A Message from Leon Benoit, MP

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Dear Friends,

It has been a busy fall session of Parliament as our Conservative Government continues to focus on the economy and creating jobs for Canadians. We have also continued to push for Justice reforms such as eliminating pardons for serious crimes and ending entitlements for prisoners; amending the Young Offenders Act to protect Canadians from violent and repeat young offenders, protecting children from sexual exploitation; and targeting organized crime, to name a few.

As you may know, I have long been involved in Canada's NATO Parliamentary Association, representing Canada at meetings of parliamentarians from the NATO countries. I was recently elected as Chair of the Economics and Security Sub-Committee on Transatlantic Economic Relations. Through this role, I will continue to work on trade issues that impact both farmers and businesses in Vegreville-Wainwright. In my role as Chair of the House of Commons Natural Resources committee, I have been focusing on promoting the economic benefits of Alberta's oil sands and shale gas, and countering the falsely exaggerated claims by many environmental organizations that these energy resources are "dirty."

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that as well as supporting the Conservative Party at a national level, you have the option to make donations to our local association. In a minority government, we must always be ready to run a strong election campaign in Vegreville-Wainwright. I also believe our riding has the capacity to provide some financial assistance to winnable ridings in other parts of the country that need a little help to win. **By loaning money to these winnable ridings, we can help the Conservative Party win more seats, and obtain a majority government!** Cheques can be made out to Vegreville-Wainwright Conservative Association, and given to the Association's treasurer, Henry Stang, or any other member of the board, including myself.

Directors on the Vegreville-Wainwright Conservative Association board are free to support any provincial political party they choose, but I would encourage them to consider the potential impact of publicly supporting any one party while sitting as a director on our federal Conservative Party board. This type of public support for one provincial party over another could turn people who are supporters of other provincial parties away from supporting our national Conservative party - and we will need their support in order to win a majority government in the next election!

In closing, I would like to wish you and your families a joyful Christmas season, and all the best in the 2011.

Sincerely,  
Leon

## **DSM & Annual General Meeting**

*Vegreville - Wainwright EDA*

Saturday, February 5, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. • Doors open at 12:00 p.m.

Elk's Hall, 5018 - 49 Avenue, Vermilion, Alberta

## Nancy Strand - National Council

Dear Friends,

I am grateful for this newsletter opportunity to send a short message as well as holiday greetings out to conservative friends in the Vegreville-Wainwright constituency.

I have just returned from Ottawa after my second face to face meeting of the National Council since elected in June. It has been very rewarding to get to meet the other councilors

from across the country and discover that they share many of the same Albertan concerns, membership growth, fund raising, communication, policy development, and election planning. In these times of minority government an election is always an early possibility and we all want to be ready to elect that majority government. Future nomination processes are also a current matter of serious discussion.

I want to compliment Vegreville-Wainwright for sending a large delegation of members to the Alberta Congress 2010. Their participation was very valuable. Constitutional amendments are now at the national committee level and EDAs will soon be invited to review and rank. Please know that the National Council was impressed with the Alberta event and plans are being made for similar congresses in other provinces.

I will look forward to attending a Conservative event in your area early in 2011 and do want you to know that you are welcome to communicate with me by phone or e-mail at any time.

In closing, I want to wish all of you a blessed and joyous Christmas and all the best in 2011!

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Nancy Strand  
& Prime Minister Harper

## Lianne Bell - Regional Organizer

Lianne Bell has been the Conservative Party of Canada regional organizer responsible for Alberta since May of 2010. In this role, Lianne works with all 28 Alberta ridings to coordinate political activities and build on our party's growth and success. Although she lives in Edmonton with her husband Ryan, Lianne grew up in the country and always enjoys visiting Vegreville-Wainwright. Lianne and Ryan are expecting their first child in January 2011.



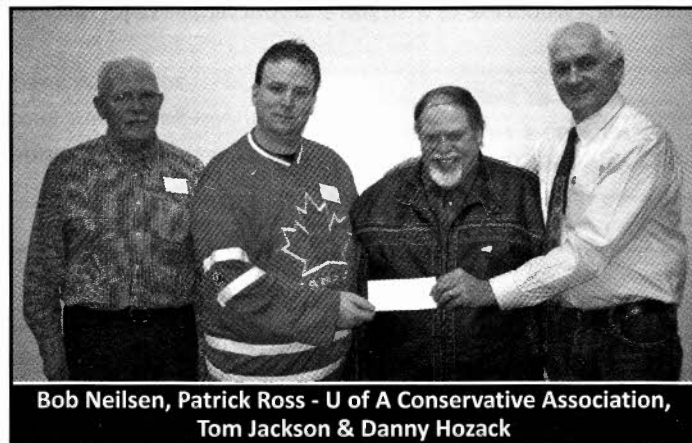
Prime Minister Harper, Lianne & Ryan

Ryan is the nominated Candidate in Edmonton Strathcona and is working tirelessly to win this seat back from the NDP in the next election. If you or anyone you know near Edmonton would like to help this delightful young couple of "parents to be" with his election campaign please contact Ryan at 780-433-0691 or Danny at 780-808-0271 or Ryan at ryanhastman.com.

## An Investment in Canada's Future By Terry Elkow

We on the board continue to believe that our time and financial contributions to youth associations are an investment in creating politically active young people that will ensure that we keep Canada the great nation that it is. Our donations to them are only made possible through donations and membership purchases from people within the EDA and I would like to thank you all.

I wish you all the best in 2011.



Bob Neilsen, Patrick Ross - U of A Conservative Association,  
Tom Jackson & Danny Hozack

**Notice to potential directors and delegates; if you would like your name to appear on either ballot on Feb. 5, please notify our nominating committee chairman Bob Neilsen, before Feb. 1 at dirtfarm1@gmail.com or at 780-875-8202 or secretary Tom Jackson at tom4cwb@hotmail.com.**

# Message to Members VW EDA from Tom Jackson & Rob Lougheed

Dear Conservative Vegreville Wainwright Electoral District Association (VWEDA) Members,

Conservative ethical standards have been challenged over the past years. Property Rights are a part of the tradition in English Canada. Common Law principals entrench Property Rights. If we respect our neighbor we would not take what they own; especially without fair compensation...

The people of Alberta have always been strong supporters of these standards. These principals have been extinguished in a number of new Statutes passed by the Government of Alberta. The National Energy Board is also being allowed by the Alberta Government to further extinguish our property rights on pipe line right of ways. We are working to correct this injustice.

Below are these historical values your VWEDA directors believe are key, to build our strong and prosperous province and nation, Canada:

1. a) Do unto others as you would have done unto you,
- b) Do not do unto others as you would not have others do unto you;

About 200 Conservatives gathered in Edmonton for the Alberta Congress held from the evening of Friday November 12 through to Sunday afternoon. All Alberta ridings were represented and over 20 MPs attended some or all of the proceedings. Like all conferences, speeches from Cabinet Ministers and hospitality suites were highlights. But capturing the attention and most positive feedback was the Saturday discussion and debate of CPC Policy. The morning sessions were broken up into three main areas: Canada's Social and Democratic Framework, Canada's Economy, and Protecting Canada's Health and Safety. All proposed amendments were presented and voted on. They fell into three categories. They received overwhelming support, rejection or the presenter was advised that the proposal had merit but needed to be revised to get enough support to move forward. After group discussions, some revised proposals were discussed during the general session in the afternoon. Again, they were rejected, supported or received conditional support pending further revision. Those going forward will be considered by the National Policy Committee. Casey Des Champs (President of Edmonton-Sherwood Park) and Michelle Remple (President of Calgary North) are on the committee.

On Sunday morning, constitutional amendments were voted on by a general assembly and several will go forward to be considered by the National Constitution Committee. Julian Martin, president of the Strathcona riding (held by the NDP, but seriously being challenged by Ryan Hastman) is on that committee.

2. a) Do not infringe upon the Rights, Freedoms or Property of others, and
- b) Keep all contracts willingly, knowingly and intentionally.
3. a) That for every wrong there is a remedy,
- b) The end does not justify the means,
- c) Fundamental principals cannot be set aside to meet the demands of convenience or to prevent apparent hardship in a particular case,
- d) Ignorance of the law is no excuse for breaking the law,
- e) Two wrongs do not make a right, and
- f) One can enlarge the rights of the people; however they cannot be taken away without their informed consent.

Fair democratic elections and laws that respect our property rights have been some of the objectives of your Board of Directors in 2010. We hope our conservative property rights and ethical democratic standards can be returned to us. Our hope for Canada in 2011!

Sincerely,  
VWEDA Secretary Tom Jackson

The Constitution amendment Vegreville-Wainwright will bring forward reads as follows. "Add new 5.4: Electoral district associations will be guided by the EDA Organization and Procedures Manual which outlines the obligations and responsibilities of Board members. This manual will be updated on a regular basis as required."

Our other Constitutional amendment about the nomination process was withdrawn in favor of a similar one from Macleod. We will discuss how to support the Macleod amendment when we have our next meeting of the Board.

Our Policy amendment "13 iii) We believe the government should periodically review and when required revise the mandate of the NEB in order to protect landowners rights." received good support and will go to the National Committee.

The entire weekend was well organized and very informative, with good opportunities for input to CPC Policy and Constitution. The organizers are to be commended and the delegates from Vegreville-Wainwright should also be commended for being there in force and being the largest delegation. Based on the success of this Alberta Congress, I'm sure we will have more members wanting to attend the next one. We are looking forward to the National Conference in June 2011 and hopefully another good group from Vegreville-Wainwright will attend.

Submitted by Rob Lougheed - Policy Chair

## Message from Vegreville-Wainwright President Danny Hozack

I hope that everyone had a joyous and blessed Christmas and I pray that God will bless you and yours in the year and years to come.

All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident. SCHOPENHAUER (1788-1860)

When our party was formed in 2003 our EDA (Electoral District Association) set a goal of having one of the best EDAs in the conservative network. We believe that we are still on course to achieve that goal.

Thank-you to all board members and especially Henry Stang (treasurer) and Tom Jackson (secretary) for their efforts in this regard.

As I am sure most of you are aware, Vegreville-Wainwright has been an outspoken advocate of regular nomination events as a means of insuring accountability, renewal and strong representation.

As I am sure most of you are also aware, we were both ridiculed and violently opposed for our efforts.

You may not be aware that on the weekend of Nov. 12-14 our EDA sent a full delegation of representatives to the Alberta Congress in Edmonton. This was the precursor to the AGM in Ottawa next spring. It was with a certain amount of satisfaction that we watched the debate on nomination events unfold. At the meeting the need for nominations was considered "self evident" and the discussion led by EDAs from around Alberta was about the need to have these events included in and protected by our constitution.

We intend to send a full delegation to the Ottawa AGM to work with the rest of the EDAs to prepare our party for a strong future.

To that end: Our next mission, step three, in what we call "Preparing to Govern for a Generation" is to help develop a directors' handbook which will outline the duties of the directors as well as their relationship to the party and to the MP.

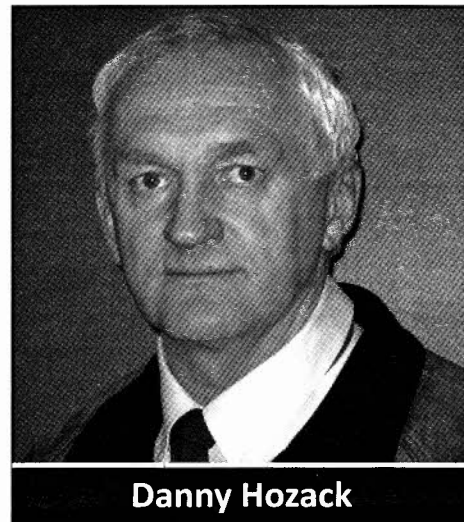
We believe that "Preparing to Govern for a Generation" is a three pillared program.

**Pillar #1** A broad based policy development process to keep the party in touch with its members. We already have this and it is one of our greatest assets.

**Pillar #2** Regularly scheduled nomination events to insure that the MP stays in touch with his/her base. It is in the process of being enshrined in our constitution but will need lots of support from Alberta.

**Pillar #3** Strong, informed, active Electoral District Associations that help the MP keep in touch with his/her constituents between nomination events and policy conferences. We sponsored a resolution at the Alberta Congress on this subject and it was widely supported and I assume that it will pass in Ottawa.

In closing, I would like to thank you all for your continued and generous support of our party. As an association we have committed to:



**Danny Hozack**

1. Run a strong local election campaign.
2. Help fund several conservative student associations.
3. Continue to be a leader in the policy development process including sending a full delegation to the National AGM in Ottawa in June of this year.
4. Help fund the election efforts of several ridings in northern Canada. We would certainly appreciate any financial support which you could send directly to our EDA.

We are always seeking feedback, suggestions and volunteers to help us promote the conservative cause. If you have any interest in being involved in the Harper/Benoit team we would be most grateful for your participation.

**Please make an effort to renew your membership, send us a contribution, attend our AGM and help us to help Mr. Harper get a majority government.**

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