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Delta - Richmond East Electoral District Association

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Thank-you!

Thank-you for the energy and effort you put forward during the recent federal election campaign. We can all be proud of the substantial victory we achieved in Delta - Richmond East.

I look forward to working with my new and returning caucus colleagues as we continue with an expanded Conservative presence in Ottawa. Our increased representation will strengthen our minority government position and enable us to provide a more effective government to Canadians.

I hope to see you at our Barn Dance on November 8, 2008 at the Coast Tsawwassen Inn so I can have the opportunity to thank you in person.

Thank you again for the confidence you have shown in me and our team in Delta - Richmond East. It is a pleasure and a privilege for me to represent you for another term in the House of Commons.



**JOHN
CUMMINS**
 Conservative



YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO OUR POST ELECTION CELEBRATION

BARN DANCE

TO BE HELD AT COAST TSAWWASSEN INN

NOVEMBER 8, 2008 - 6:30 P.M. - Dinner 7:00 P.M.

Dance & Games 9:00 P.M.- 1:00 A.M.

Dress: Jeans or Best Dressed Farmer Attire

Guests: Husbands, Spouses, Girlfriends, Sons, Daughters, Neighbours & Friends

PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED

GOOD COUNTRY COOKING / GAMES & PRIZES / SILENT AUCTION

Admission: \$60.00 / No Host Bar

For tickets, please call Marieanna at 604-943-3720

(also, please contact us if you have silent auction items to donate)



How Delta - Richmond East Was Won...

by Jim Northey

A Campaign Announcement or the "Drop of the Writ" sounds easy. But who is going to provide the infrastructure and perform the myriad of chores that are necessary to have a successful campaign?

Volunteers! That's who!

In Delta - Richmond East our volunteers came from numerous walks of life, all ages (from teenagers to eighty years plus), and a nicer bunch of people you will never meet.

A modern campaign requires modern equipment, computers, printers, copiers, etc., and someone to maintain them. We were very fortunate that some of our volunteers had that knowledge.

Others walked miles distributing brochures, put up signs, helped with telephoning and e-mail, spent countless hours working in the offices in Richmond and Tswassen, arranged the purchase of our signs and literature, designed our brochures, wrote copy and managed our newspaper advertising, designed and managed our web site, etc., etc.

To all of you who provided the above, my sincere *Thank You.*

Jim Northey



Ron Hyde, Jim Northey and Alex Bovey

outside the John Cummins Campaign Headquarters in Steveston

RESULTS FROM OCTOBER 14, 2008

Conservative	John Cummins ✓	26,252	55.7%
Liberal	Dana L. Miller	10,371	22.0%
NDP	Szilvia Barna	6,803	14.4%
Green Party	Matthew Laine	3,663	7.8%
Total number of valid votes:		47,089	
Rejected ballots:		180	
Total number of votes:		47,269	

Your 2008 Board of Directors

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

John Cummins - 604-940-8040

EXECUTIVE

Salomon Rayek **President** - 778-898-2548
and Liaison to Richmond EDA

John Weintraub **Vice President** - 604-813-9830
and EDA Webmaster

Dan Tate **Secretary** - 604-943-9703

Bob Spratt **Treasurer** - 604-948-9331
and Financial Agent

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Jim Northey Membership

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Shahrouz Razmyer

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Adrian Wade Newsletter, Internet Communications

Directors, including those who serve on the Executive, are elected by the members at our Annual General Meeting. The 2008 AGM took place on February 14, 2008.

There are always lots of things to be done to keep our Association strong and growing. Would you like to become more involved in your Electoral District Association?

Please call us at 604-515-5505!

Board News

A Special Meeting of the Board was held April 10, 2008 under Section 7.8 of the Conservative Party EDA Constitution for the purpose of appointing **Don Brooks** as a Director. Don moved to our riding after the AGM and brings a wealth of experience to our Board. He has served previously with distinction on other EDA Boards and Campaigns both in Alberta and BC. Also in April, our Vice President, **Melissa Peel**, stepped aside to take an Internship appointment in Ottawa. The Board considered the VP vacancy at the Board Meeting of April 10, 2008 and **John Weintraub** was acclaimed to the position.

Strengthening Canada's Arctic

RADARSAT-2:

Last December our government launched RADARSAT-2, a new satellite that will, amongst other things, help us to protect our Arctic. The new Canadian satellite will empower us to have better continuity of communication and imagery in remote areas of the North.

Operation Nanook 2008:

Operation Nanook, which ended just last month included many of the Canadian Forces' civil and law enforcement partners in the North. This exercise in sovereignty is a large part of our government's commitment to bringing together the Canadian Forces and our partners in defence and security to ensure the protection of Canada's Arctic waters.

Surveying the Continental Shelf:

This fall, Canadian and American scientists are teaming up to survey and map the undersea continental shelf in the western Arctic. This could allow for an extension of Canada's territorial waters according to the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea.

This article, and related background information, was published in John's most recent constituency newsletter, **Staying Connected**. If you would like to receive future editions of **Staying Connected** from John by e-mail, or have questions or comments, please email John at cummij@parl.gc.ca or call him at (604) 940-8040.

Want to know more, sooner?

Communication with the members and amongst members is vital to a strong Electoral District Association.

These quarterly newsletters help keep you informed of what John and your EDA are doing. Our Newsletter Editor **Adrian Wade** and his team of volunteers work hard to get them out to you every time there is a constituency association event that you need to know about (*such as...* the post election celebration **BARN DANCE** on November 8th with **John Cummins MP** - call **Marieanna Coutts** at 604-943-3720 for tickets.)

Sometimes you need to know things sooner.

Some organizations send out frequent communications by e-mail. We won't do this as your *Inbox* is probably full enough already, and frequent e-mails detract from the few times when we ask the members to take rapid action on a vital issue (this has happened just once so far - supporting John's position on a vital local matter).

Instead, we are putting more material onto the internet where you can access it **in your own time and in your own way**. As you will see from the Conservative Party's national web site, this allows much richer content, including more photos and video clips. We encourage you to visit the sites listed below on as regular a basis as you like.

Find John on Facebook... and join his supporters (*John Cummins MP, politician*)

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/John-Cummins-MP/31582640380>



Read John's MP Web Site - *hundreds of News Releases, backgrounders, and much, much more...*

<http://www.johncummins.ca>

Visit the official Conservative Party of Canada Web Site - *updated daily, for the latest Party news*

<http://www.conservative.ca>

Visit our Delta - Richmond East EDA web site - *including these newsletters and our gallery of photos from local events* - <http://www.deltarichmondeast.com>

View John's Reelection Web Site - *thank-you again for your vital support!*

<http://www.reelectjohncummins.com>

Membership Application and Contribution Form



CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF CANADA

The Conservative Party of Canada is a registered political party. Your total contribution in any one year entitles you to tax credits. The maximum tax credit in any one year is \$650.00.

Contribution	Tax credit	Actual cost
\$25.00	\$18.75	\$6.25
\$50.00	\$37.50	\$12.50
\$100.00	\$75.00	\$25.00
\$150.00	\$112.50	\$37.50
\$200.00	\$150.00	\$50.00
\$300.00	\$225.00	\$75.00
\$550.00	\$375.00	\$175.00

Conditions of Membership

- Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada
- Active support for the founding principles of the Conservative Party of Canada
- At least 14 years of age
- Payment by applicant of required membership fee

Please send this form to:

**Delta - Richmond East
Electoral District Association**
c/o #20-12880 Railway Ave,
Richmond, BC, V7E 6G2
Phone: 604-277-2627

Thank-you!

Ron Hyde and Jim Northey
Membership Co-chairs

Please make your cheque payable to:
“CPC - DRE - EDA”



ALL DONATIONS RECEIVED BY US REMAIN 100% HERE IN THIS ELECTORAL DISTRICT.

YOU have the choice. — Bob Spratt, Treasurer

CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF CANADA MEMBERSHIP AND CONTRIBUTION FORM FORMULAIRE D'ADHÉSION ET DE CONTRIBUTION AU PARTI CONSERVATEUR DU CANADA

MEMBERSHIP #
D'ADHÉSION _____
(if known/si connu)

Preferred Language
Langue préférée: English/Anglais French/Français

Last Name/Nom de famille _____ First Name/Prénom _____ Middle Initial/Initiales _____ Title/Poste _____

Residential Address/Adresse domiciliaire _____ City/Town / Ville (municipalité) _____ Province/Province _____ Postal Code/Code postale _____

Mailing Address (if not the same as above)/Adresse postal (si différente de la précédente) _____ City/Town / Ville (municipalité) _____ Province/Province _____ Postal Code/Code postale _____

Home Phone/Téléphone domicile _____ Work Phone/Téléphone travail _____ Fax/Télécopieur _____ E-mail/Courriel _____

MEMBERSHIP: 1 Year \$10 3 Years \$30 5 Years ~~\$50~~ **Now \$35**
ADHÉSION: 1 an 10 \$ 3 ans 30 \$ 5 ans ~~50 \$~~ **Now \$35**

(MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOT TAX RECEIPTABLE/LES FRAIS D'ADHÉSION NE SONT PAS DÉDUCTIBLES D'IMPÔT)

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT/PAR LA PRÉSENTE, JE CERTIFIE QUE:
I am a Canadian Citizen or permanent resident of Canada at least 14 years of age and have personally paid the required membership fee. / Je suis citoyen(ne) canadien(ne) ou résident(e) permanent(e) du Canada; je suis âgé(e) d'au moins 14 ans et j'ai payé personnellement les frais d'adhésion requis.

X

Applicant's Signature (required) / Signature de l'auteur de la demande d'adhésion (obligatoire)

CONTRIBUTION: I would like to make a TAX-DEDUCTIBLE Contribution
CONTRIBUTION: J'aimerais verser une contribution déductible d'impôt
 to the National Party Local Riding in the amount of:
 au Parti national à la circonscription de:
 \$40 \$75 \$140 \$260 Other/Autre \$ _____

TOTAL (membership fee + contribution)
TOTAL (frais d'adhésion + contribution) \$ _____

Recruiter's Name and Electoral District Association (required)
 Nom et Association de circonscription électorale du recruteur (requis)
Delta - Richmond East EDA

METHOD OF PAYMENT/MÉTHODE DE PAIEMENT:
 Cheque/Money Order Cash
 Chèque/Mandat Comptent
 Visa MasterCard AmEx Exp: _____

Card #: _____
 # carte: _____

Cardholder's Signature:
 Signature du titulaire de la carte: _____

Cardholder's Name:
 Nom du titulaire de la carte: _____
(please print/veuillez imprimer)

Please Sign Here

A Little Goes a Long Way

Large numbers of small donations are now the lifeblood of modern political parties, and the work of an Electoral District Association (EDA) goes on not just during elections, but every day in between. There are newsletters to print, the very significant mailing costs associated with our large and vibrant membership, newspaper advertising costs, phone and internet communications expenses, and the excellent social events that need seed funding, to mention just a few... In the past two years we cut back on advertising so as to preserve funds needed for the recent very successful election.

We need to increase the involvement of young people in our Association. This involves not only working with our student clubs at UBC, Simon Fraser and Trinity Western, but putting on events that will reach the majority of potentially politically interested youth who do not attend the colleges. This is perhaps the one area where the Liberals and NDP have put in more effort.

In previous years we have tried to help (particularly) our young members who want to attend National Convention and Regional Meetings, but who cannot afford the high travel and registration expenses. These students are the future Directors and Presidents of this Association, and may one day be an MP - or even our Prime Minister. They deserve our support, whenever possible.

Each year your Association also provides a modest Scholarship in the name of our MP, **John Cummins**, to each of the High Schools in the riding. This not only recognizes and encourages a highly deserving student, but also provides profile to our MP and Association. It results in contacts with students, families and teachers who might otherwise have no reason to become interested in Canada's federal political system.

Your Electoral District Association is run by volunteers who give the countless hours necessary to make sure that all that is needed to be done is done and done well. The results of these labours are seldom more evident than just after completing a SIXTH consecutive successful election campaign for our superb MP, **John Cummins!**
Well done everyone!

Every member can help, even if they cannot afford to donate huge amounts of time. Donating a small amount of money each month to your local Association via your Visa[®], Mastercard[®] or American Express[®] card is simple and painless. 100% of these funds remain in this riding to keep it Conservative, strong and free. A monthly donation of \$20 to \$30, when done by many members, provides these much needed funds to build our Association.

Please call me if you can help.

Thank-you!

Bob Spratt (604-948-9331)
Treasurer



A Fairer Deal For Memberships

A YEAR IS NOW WORTH A WHOLE YEAR

In the past, memberships in our Party have expired on the last day of the calendar year, regardless of the date of purchase. On July 1st the Party moved to a revolving membership where memberships will now expire throughout the calendar year, depending on your membership start date. This means that your membership expiry date will have changed.

All members of the Conservative Party will now receive a full 12 months of membership, regardless of the date the membership was purchased. Effective July 1st, your membership expiry date was moved to the end of the month that corresponds to your membership start date. For example, if you bought a five year membership on May 10, 2005, your membership expiry date has changed from December 31, 2009 to May 31, 2010.

We raised this issue more than three years ago. Congratulations are due to our National Councillors, Ray Leitch and Menno Froese, who fought for this and finally got us results!

Take Five!

When renewing your membership, remember that a 5 year membership is just \$35, whereas shorter terms are still \$10 per year.

If you can renew for 5 years, please do so. It saves you money. It also saves a volunteer making a phone call each year to remind those members who have forgotten to renew. It means our volunteers can spend that time in signing up new members, which helps us all.

October 14th General Election: B.C.'s Bigger Story

by **Adrian Wade**

Here in Delta - Richmond East voters rewarded our John Cummins 2008 Campaign by doubling John's 2006 margin of victory over the second placed candidate. The gain in Conservative votes, and shrinkage in Liberal support seen here in Delta - Richmond East was mirrored in many other Lower Mainland ridings.

First, and of particular note, must be the success of **Dr. Alice Wong's** campaign in the Richmond riding, where she wrested control away from incumbent Liberal Raymond Chan by a very significant margin. We offer our heartfelt congratulations to Alice and her hard working team for all they have achieved. Part of Alice's support no doubt came because of her strong commitment to keeping Richmond's Garden City Lands as green-space, rather than as 12,000 more homes. Our MP, **John Cummins**, is also a strong supporter of this position. In the words of the song, Liberal **Raymond Chan** wanted to "*pave paradise and put up a parking lot*", and paid the electoral price for not listening to the vast majority of his constituents who want it kept green.

The newspapers and TV focus on those who are elected, but the second BIG story has to be the improvements made by hard-working candidates and their teams in ridings which we do not yet hold.

In Vancouver South, comparison of the vote totals to those in the 2006 election shows that **Wai Young and her team** achieved a swing of over 9000 votes in our favour. The difference between her and first place **Ujjal Dosanjh** is presently just 33 votes (i.e., much closer than was announced on election night) and Elections Canada has ordered a judicial recount. There is hope that she may still win as the number of rejected ballots was high at 259 (Delta - Richmond East had 180; Vancouver Centre had 187) and **The South Asian LINK** newspaper (www.thelinkpaper.ca) reports severe problems at one poll. They report that one poll had a "final count of more than 900 votes", "800 alleg-



edly accredited to the Liberal candidate", and only "a maximum of 500 votes to be cast". Clearly that election is not over and **Wai Young** may yet join **John Cummins** and **Alice Wong** as Conservative MPs in Ottawa.

While our Conservative **Lorne Mayencourt** was not successful in defeating long time Liberal Incumbent **Hedy Fry** (Vancouver Centre) this time around, he too gained a swing of over 8000 votes, and gave her quite a scare. Well done, Lorne!

Then there is our own **Salomon Rayek**. Several of us had been working throughout the summer to help Salomon become the Conservative candidate for Burnaby - Douglas, a riding where he had owned a pizza business and has shoe customers - and many friends. When the election was called, neither Burnaby - Douglas nor Vancouver Kingsway had yet held their Candidate Selection Meetings. Under the extreme time pressure of a snap election, National Council decides who will be the candidate in each "vacant" riding. National Council decided **Ronald Leung** should run in Burnaby - Douglas and asked **Salomon Rayek** to run in Vancouver Kingsway (**David Emerson's** riding). Salomon and his Campaign Team did not win, but still achieved a very respectable swing of 7867 votes in our favour. **Ronald Leung** came within 500 votes of winning in Burnaby Douglas.

<u>Riding</u>	<u>Margin Improvement</u>
Richmond	+9916 votes CONS GAIN
Vancouver South	+9032 votes RECOUNT
Vancouver Centre	+8115 votes
Delta-Richmond East +7878 votes CONS HOLD	
Vancouver Kingsway	+7867 votes
Vancouver Quadra	+7003 votes
Burnaby-Douglas	+3058 votes

While much of the interior of BC and the Fraser Valley is strongly conservative, Conservative MPs are still rare to find in the Vancouver area. With more hard work and strong Leadership from **Stephen Harper** and the larger contingent of Conservative MPs we now have in Ottawa, these urban ridings will build on the excellent progress they have made. We can and will help it happen.

Adrian Wade