



The Trust has been Broken - TIP is the ONLY Party Telling the TRUTH

March 2024 Edition

MEET THE CREW!

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Volunteers are the heartbeat of any organization, providing their time, skills and passion to make a difference. **The Independence Party** would like to extend their appreciation and say a **HUGE THANK YOU!** If you have a particular **skill set** and would like to **volunteer** as a Constituency Member, or become a Director for The Independence Party Board of Directors or **sit on a Committee** - please send your information with a **Letter of Intent** to: coms@ab-independence.com

If you are on a **CA Board of Directors** and would like to **attend a Provincial Board meeting**, please send your **request to:** ron.robertson@ab-independence.com

TIP TALKS with Charlene

What We Are and What We Are Not

There is a reason there are not a dozen or more choices on the provincial election ballot at each election. It is onerous to be a political party. **There are three main obstacles.**

1. **You are up against two behemoth parties** with endless resources, experience and a massive voter support base who are fed a continual stream of what to think by a bought and paid for media. Otherwise know as **POLITICS OF COMPLIANCE**.
2. **It's all about money, really.** The financial reporting required by a political party, every constituency association, every potential candidate and every running candidate to Elections Alberta is huge and consumptive.
3. **Human nature.** What inspires someone to become engaged in politics is varied; anger, power, concern, compassion, need for justice, etc. That we can ever work together toward a common cause for any length of time is kind of miraculous. But attrition is real. The most important aspects of TIP for me may not be the 'bottom line important thing' for someone else – but the vehicle we choose to work within is the same. The only weapon we have against this obstacle is respect. If we cannot be mindful of others' motivations and have a baseline of respect for each other, we are destined to continue to burn each other up.

Therefore, **there are things we are as a party and things we are not.** Our job is quite specific. And all of the causes and theories that are important to us – **should be important to us.** But we have to realize that the specifics of our personal motivations are not the same, nor do they need to be.

As a Board of Directors for a political party in this province, **our “lanes” are very clear.** Is it important to be a freedom fighter, an educator, a whistle blower or an advocate? **ABSOLUTELY! But our job as a political party is to be a political party and give Albertans looking for another option another option – in**

whatever way a political party can make a change, **we need to be the option for that change.**

The job of the Board of Directors of TIP is to administer the business of the party, guided by the bylaws and policies, mindful of the regulations of Elections Alberta and the Alberta Society Act between Annual General Meetings.

The obstacles to fundraising for a political party do not exist for an “educational institute”.

THINK:

- Alberta Prosperity Project, Take Back Alberta, Parents for Choice in Education, Canadians for Truth, True North, The Alberta Institute, Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms, the National Citizens Inquiry.

Small political parties, such as TIP, rely primarily on donations; and even those are limited by regulation.

Add to this that the legacy parties have **armies of accountants and lawyers** and the **resources to tap into** funding streams such as third party advertisers and you see that we are nowhere near to a level playing field for raising money.

There is a lot of “noise” in Alberta right now. It is easy to be discouraged, burned out or angry and to want to just walk away. One TIP member put it well when she said **“I would love to walk away. It’s hard work. But where do I go? TIP is telling the truth - so I stay.”**

Yours in Independence,

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APRIL

THE INDEPENDENCE PARTY

Annual General Meeting
April 20, 2024

THE INDEPENDENCE PARTY OF ALBERTA

We invite the membership of
The Independence Party to hear the truth about an
Alberta Pension Plan
at our 2024 AGM on April 20th in Carstairs, Alberta

Tickets: \$75.00/Person and includes
a delicious lunch catered by RC Eats

Carstairs Community Hall
1100 Lackner Way
9:00AM - 4:00PM
Keynote Speaker:
NADINE WELLWOOD

TALKING POINTS
Alberta Pension Plan



"An APP is not dependent on ANY transfer of assets from the CPP. Albertans have contributed \$60B more in premiums than they have taken in benefits. In recent years, this has averaged \$3B/year - more than any other province."

Tickets for the AGM are \$75.00 and includes a delicious lunch catered by RC Eats. You can purchase your ticket here:

https://www.abindependence.com/tip_agm2024

Or send an e-transfer to: finance@ab-independence.com and include your full name.

THE INDEPENDENCE PARTY AGM

April 20, 2024

In Carstairs, Alberta

In order to participate in this year's AGM, the following criteria will need to be met:

- **Canadian Citizen**
- **Alberta Resident (minimum 6 months)**
- **At least 14 years of age**
- **21 Days as a member in good standing - Deadline: March 30, 2024**

Party Bylaw Revision REMINDER:

Membership Participation Request:

The **Board of Directors Policy Committee** for **The Independence Party of Alberta** has been working on revisions to the DRAFT [Party Bylaws](#) and the DRAFT [Party Program](#).

The **goal of the Policy Committee** has been to **enhance the operation of the Party** by ensuring the [Bylaws](#) and [Party Program](#) are clear, concise and better equipped to protect the Party in situations it may face in the future.

To this effect, **recommendations for changes** to the DRAFT [Bylaws](#) and DRAFT [Party Program](#) shall be submitted to the membership for approval at the Annual General Meeting on **April 20, 2024, in Carstairs, Alberta**.

As part of this process, the **Policy Committee** is requesting input from all members. If members have recommendations for changes to the DRAFT [Bylaws](#) and the DRAFT [Party Program](#), the Board of Directors requests that you submit your proposed revisions **by April 1, 2024** to: coms@ab-independence.com with the subject "**BYLAW RECOMMENDATIONS**".

Please visit The Independence Party [website](#) to access current Party Bylaws and Party Program.

www.abindependence.com

Join The Independence Party (TIP) as a Volunteer Director at Large!

Are you a passionate advocate for independence in Alberta? Are you eager to actively shape the future of our movement? If so, we invite you to step forward and play a crucial role on our board!

Responsibilities:

Management of Party Affairs: Take on assigned responsibilities for the effective operation and management of the Alberta Party.

Regional Representation: Be the voice of members throughout the region at board meetings, ensuring their interests are considered and represented.

Committee Leadership: Chair specific committees as assigned, contributing your expertise to further our cause.

Qualifications:

- **Membership in Good Standing:** All positions on the Alberta Board require candidates to be current members of The Independence Party.
- **Passionate Advocacy:** Demonstrate enthusiasm and unwavering support for independence in Alberta.
- **Leadership Skills:** Exhibit strong leadership capabilities and an ability to take charge of assigned tasks.
- **Collaborative Community:** Join a dedicated team of individuals united by a shared vision for a free and independent Alberta.
- **Professional Growth:** Develop leadership, management, and advocacy skills while contributing to a cause you're passionate about.

If you're ready to play a pivotal role in the pursuit of Independence, **we want to hear from you!**

How to Apply:

If you're ready to take a leading role in shaping Alberta's future and believe you have what it takes to drive our events to success, we want to hear from you!

Please submit the [TIP Application Form](#) and a cover letter (or Letter of Intent) detailing your relevant experience, passion for the cause, and commitment to The Independence Party's platform to: coms@ab-independence.com

Application Deadline: March 30th, 2024

VOLUNTEER



WE NEED YOU AT THE AGM:

- **Join Us and Make a Difference!** Volunteering at our AGM is a **rewarding experience** that offers valuable insights, connections, and the satisfaction of knowing you've **contributed to something meaningful**. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of our AGM Committee! **To volunteer or learn more**, please email: coms@ab-independence.com with your name, number and add **AGM Volunteer** in the **subject line**.

We look forward to having you on board!

Stay in the know. [Subscribe to our newsletter.](#)

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TAX RECEIPTS for 2023 - Reminder

Official Tax Receipts for all donations made in 2023 for The Independence Party - will be issued through the 'online' financial system of [Elections Alberta](#).

[Elections Alberta](#) opens the 'online' financial system in February of each year - at which time we will enter the information for all donations.

TIP BITS:

Dear Members, Your voice matters! Join us on X Facebook and Instagram to stay informed, engaged, and empowered. Together, we can shape the future with [The Independence Party!](#)

[@ABindependence](#) With 2939 X Followers

[@TheIndependencePartyofAlberta](#) With 1987 X Followers

[@TheIndependenceParty](#) With 7500 Facebook Followers

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