

I am writing to express my interest in being a candidate for the Board of the Alberta Party at the upcoming AGM. I have attached a brief biography of my professional career. I am now retired.

I was born in Southern Ontario, did my elementary school in Ontario and Quebec, my high school in British Columbia and my university education at McGill. After obtaining a Bachelor of Arts I entered Medicine at McGill, graduating in 1977. I moved to Edmonton in 1978 where I completed my surgical training, then joined the surgical staff at The University of Alberta Hospital in 1985, and have lived in Alberta since. My wife Julie and I have 4 children (and 9 grandchildren), one lives in Ottawa, one lives in Calgary and two live in Edmonton. After retiring from clinical practice, my wife and I moved to Canmore in 2016. We are now in the process of relocating into Calgary.

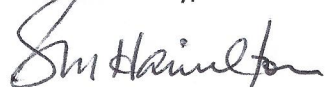
My reasons for putting my name forward for a role on the Board arise generally from my concerns about extremist politics and the need for a centrist party to bridge the gap between the extremes. As a retired senior citizen who has paid taxes for decades, the fact that I must pay for a COVID vaccine as a member of a high-risk group is appalling. This is but one example of the poison that has crept into our political discourse with the discrediting of science and other pillars of our society's foundations.

At a more specific level, over the past 8 years I have been consulting with Alberta Health Services as a Senior Medical Advisor, and latterly as an Associate Medical Director of the Alberta Surgical Initiative. This provided me with direct knowledge of the current government's take down of Alberta Health Services and its CEO. In my opinion they have done this due to an ideological bent that has created a free for all in surgical services without proper quality controls in place. With health care being the single largest expenditure in the provincial treasury, there must be a vision and a plan for managing the demands that are being placed on the system, improving productivity and restoring the public's faith in health care in Alberta.

While I am in the seniors category, I like to think that my physiological age is less than my chronological age. I am an active walker/hiker, golfer, photographer and skier. I am an avid reader. While I like to travel, it is only for short periods as we enjoy our Alberta winters. Over the past winter I got to know Peter Guthrie MLA for Airdrie-Cochrane as we liaised over the breakup of AHS and other matters related to health care.

Thank you for your consideration of my application. I look forward to engaging in the next steps.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stewart M. Hamilton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Stewart" being the most prominent part.

Stewart M. Hamilton MD

Biography

Stewart Hamilton MD, FRCSC, FACS

After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts (economics, history) in 1972, Stewart Hamilton completed a medical degree at McGill University in 1977. Moving to Alberta in 1978, he completed his surgery training at the University of Alberta, joining the surgical staff at the University of Alberta Hospital in 1985, where he practiced until his retirement from clinical practice in 2015.

In 1993 Dr Hamilton was appointed as Chair of the Department of Surgery at the University of Alberta, and the Chief of Surgery at the University of Alberta Hospitals, completing 2 five-year terms in 2003.

Dr Hamilton has served on multiple provincial and national organizations. Of most significance, he was elected to the Council of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in 1996. He served on the Executive of the Royal College and subsequently was elected President 2004-2006. Dr Hamilton was also elected to the Council of the Canadian Medical Protective Association, serving from 2000 to 2004. He has been a member of several national and international surgical societies. In 2008, Dr Hamilton served for 5 weeks as a civilian trauma surgeon with the Royal Canadian Medical Corps at the Role 3 Multinational Medical Unit, located at the Kandahar Airfield, Kandahar Afghanistan.

Dr Hamilton retired from surgical practice in July 2015. At that time, he was co-Medical Director of the University of Alberta Hospitals and an Associate Zone Medical Director of the Edmonton Zone, remaining in these roles with Alberta Health Services (AHS) until December 2016. In 2018 he was hired by AHS as a Senior Medical Advisor in the Edmonton Zone. Dr Hamilton served as the medical lead for the implementation of the province-wide electronic medical record (Connect Care) at the University of Alberta Hospitals, the first site to go live in 2019. He led several quality assurance reviews, was the surgical lead in implementing the Ernst Young Report commissioned by Alberta Health and participated in medical staff by-laws processes on professionalism. In 2023 he was appointed as an Associate Medical Director of the Alberta Surgical Initiative (ASI), with oversight of the 310,000 surgical procedures performed within ASI and with specific focus on surgical patient flow, the measurement of surgical performance, day surgery optimization and reduction in clinical variation.

Dr Hamilton is married, has 4 children (3 of whom live in Alberta) and nine grandchildren. He and his wife Julie have lived in Canmore for the past 10 years and are about to relocate to Calgary.