



## FOOTHILLSFOCUS



**Foothills CPC Fundraiser with  
Melissa Lantsman**

On March 21st, our riding hosted Thornhill MP Melissa Lantsman, Deputy Leader of the Conservative Party, at Sirocco Golf Club for an evening of conversation mixed with laughter. Melissa was able to share information about current events in Ottawa, the trading relationship with the USA, the Conservative proposals to the affordability challenges Canadians are facing, and some of the changes to the way the Party is preparing for the next election. She generously answered questions in the room for 90 minutes after dinner, touching on a wide range of topics on the minds of people in the room. MP John Barlow was also joined by MP's from three other ridings supported by Foothills EDA in the last election. MP's Anstey, Cody, and Rowe personally thanked the donors and shared how meaningful the support from Foothills was in their successful election. Thank you to everyone who attended and made it a huge success! Your patience through the unexpected power outage was greatly appreciated!

### **Foothills EDA Elects New President**

With much thanks to Wade Nelson, Wayne Meikle was elected our new EDA president. Wayne comes with significant experience in politics which started at 18 yrs old, encouraged by his mother. Wayne spent 35+ years as a Park Ranger, including serving at Fish Creek Park in Calgary. He has 1 son and 3 grandkids and a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Albertan.

Wayne chaired the most recent election of John Barlow our MP with the highest election totals in Canada. He has been with Foothills EDA for the past 5 years but helped 14 years ago with Barlow's 1<sup>st</sup> election.

Wayne's goal during his time as President is to see a significant increase in youth involvement and action. We are already seeing more youth.

### **Thank You Deb Janzen**

Deb Janzen is a very recognizable name in the Foothills Electoral District Association (EDA) as well as the rest of Southern Alberta. Deb has always been a conservative. When she was young her uncle told her Conservatives care for people and believe that if you work hard, you will succeed. She started in politics 25 years ago in Nova Scotia where she worked passionately for the conservatives. A few years later she came out West and brought her experience and wisdom to Southern Alberta.

She worked for both Ted Menzies and later, John Barlow. For many years Deb organized and raised funds for the annual Foothills golf tournament. A well-known fact - if you want something done, ask Deb, she will look after it.

Four years ago, she suggested that I (Birgit) take the Foothills EDA secretary job. I was reluctant but she convinced me that I could do the job and she would be there to support me. True to her word, as each time I needed help, she was there, no fail.

Currently Deb is serving as a Representative on the National Constitutional Committee.

Deb Janzen has stepped down from Foothills EDA.

Thank you, Deb for all you do.



# Foothills CPC Golf Tournament



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The 11th Annual Foothills EDA Golf Tournament is back, and it's going to be a great one! Hosted by Foothills MP John Barlow, this event is all about community, camaraderie, and giving back to the incredible people across our Foothills Electoral District.

Over the past decade, we've proudly supported organizations like Rowan House in High River, the A-T Children's Project from Fort Macleod, and last year we extended our reach to Vulcan, raising funds for the Vulcan Food Bank and Victims Services. This year, we're thrilled to support KidSport Okotoks — because every kid deserves a chance to play.

Cap off the day with our Prime Rib Dinner and the exciting auction of the Foothills EDA Crystal Cup. Our mission? Put the fun in fundraising — and make a real difference right here at home across the very large and very proud Foothills Electoral District.

Come join us!

## Campus Conservative Association of Calgary Featuring: Danielle Smith & Myles McDougall

CCAC is the largest partisan campus organization in Canada. The event was hosted by Josh Heuberger and Simone Ellis

Topics were:

- 1.Challenges of being a conservative on campus
- 2.Free speech on campus and creating a place where ideas can be openly debated and respected
- 3.Rising cost of living, affecting students as well
- 4.Degrees offer a path to success in Alberta, but so do skilled trades, equally

The event was well attended and with **Foothills EDA** sponsoring a table. Our EDA had two students, Emily and Avery in attendance. Avery was one of the students selected to ask Danielle Smith her question. There were quite a number of Grade 12 students in attendance as well that gives a reason to be optimistic and confident in the future of Canadian conservative ideals and political influence. This gives hope to the goal of our EDA to increase student involvement.

## EDA donors Help Elect 3 East Ridings

As a result of significant donations, our EDA was able to financially support 14 ridings throughout Canada, at \$10K each, resulting in nearly all ridings seeing an increase in popular vote and 3 MP's getting elected. Bryan Walton chaired this committee and several EDA board members were in regular contact with these EDA's who greatly appreciated the moral and financial support.

At the recent Foothills CPC fundraiser with Melissa Lantsman, all three elected MP's attended and expressed their profound appreciation for the support of our EDA team. Carol Anstey from NFLD became 1<sup>st</sup> female MP out of NFLD, a significant victory for the Conservative Party. Connie Cody from Cambridge and Jonathan Rowe from Terra Nova also won their seats largely because of Foothills EDA support.



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**A Word from our MP John Barlow**

It was a tumultuous week in Ottawa as Carney's Liberals manipulated a slim majority government built on backroom deals and floor-crossers.

Canadians did not vote for this, they voted for a minority government with a strong, experienced Conservative Official Opposition to keep the Liberals in check. This was an ugly work-around of our democracy and Canadian voters should demand better. Regardless, Conservatives remain strong and steadfast behind our Leader Pierre Poilievre. We are committed to the policies and values on which our constituents elected us and holding the Liberals accountable. We have already proven to be a formidable Opposition forcing the Liberals to eliminate the consumer carbon tax, cancel the capital gains tax increase, pause the new livestock traceability rules and just recently partial relief on fuel taxes. Absolutely, there is more to do, but I am confident in our Conservative team and what we can accomplish for our ridings and all Canadians.

Conservatives continue to fight for Canadians in the House of Commons as well. We are working to reverse the Liberal closure of seven agriculture research centres and experimental farms, to remove Liberal tariffs on fertilizer imports and to eliminate the industrial carbon tax making food and fuel unaffordable. I was proud to work with my neighbour Bow River MP David Bexte to table Bill C-273 the Facilitating Agricultural Regulatory Modernization Act (FARM Act). This legislation marks a critical first step in fixing Canada's outdated and overly burdensome agricultural approval system holding Canadian farmers back. This Private Member's Bill will ensure Canadian farmers and ranchers can access the tools they need to remain competitive and economically viable. We are also pushing the Liberal government to follow through on their promise to build critical infrastructure like pipelines and LNG terminals. However, while the Liberals are good at making promises they continually fail to actually keep those promises. As a result, the cost-of-living crisis continues as our families, seniors, youth and business owners endure high food inflation, rising unemployment and suffocating red tape and regulations.

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