Dear Friend,

The snow is gone and the sun has arrived to shine upon us all!

Here is a snapshot of what your local conservative team has been working on over these cold winter months!

#### **Election Readiness**

The Election Readiness Committee has been meeting bi-monthly to ensure we are ready to roll in the event of a snap election. And we are! PPE has been stockpiled, maps printed, phone strategies discussed, Press Releases drafted, Membership lists refined.

We now have a megaphone added to our communication strategy and David has his pick-up truck....so Town Halls might take place in parking lots and don't be surprised to see rally/barnstorming-like efforts to get our CONSERVATIVE message out to SGI

Stay tuned!

Karen Sander



## **Volunteers**

2020 was a rather uneventful year for the volunteer committee. A few volunteers attended a practice zoom town hall meeting with David in early January 2021 and we are looking forward to holding more. As time presents itself we're looking to holding virtual CIMS training sessions for our volunteers.

We are looking forward to 'catching up' with our volunteers in the not too distant future. Thanks to all of you for your support!

Cheers,

Rosalind Wilson



### Membership

There have been about 200 memberships in our riding that have expired since the beginning of 2021.

We encourage anyone who is aware that their membership has expired or will soon expire to renew their membership. We will be contacting as many as possible with an expiring or expired membership. If you know your membership number, you can check the expiration date

at: <a href="https://www.conservative.ca/membership-check/">https://www.conservative.ca/membership-check/</a>

You will need your Membership Number and your Postal Code. If you don't know your Membership Number, you can provide your full name and address in an email to <a href="mailto:membership@conservativesgi.ca">membership@conservativesgi.ca</a> and we can be of help.

Bob Anderson

## **Policy**

The policy committee really started working in December when we sent an email to our membership asking for policy input. That input was then consolidated into the issues and ideas that were of most interest to our EDA. We used this information to allocate points to resolutions we wanted to see succeed. We also submitted two policies of our own:

# **RRSP**

Allow parents to transfer funds from their RRSP/RRIF to their children's RRSP's at time of death or when otherwise desired. Transfers could not exceed RRSP contribution room, the recipient may not use the transfer as a tax deduction, and the recipient may refuse the transfer. Thanks to Alan Hannebauer for this submission idea.

#### **Environment**

Canadians are concerned about climate change. A Conservative Government will address these concerns:

by working within Canada and internationally, using the best scientific and technical knowledge to reduce our environmental impact, to achieve net zero emissions by 2050. While limiting and mitigating any harm to the Canadian economy.

The policy and constitution voting has ended. It is now up the the delegates at the virtual convention to choose which policy and constitution modifications to support or reject.

Thanks to everyone who has reached out to provide feedback and for getting involved in this grassroots process!

#### Deid Reimer



# **Fundraising**

Thank you very much to our members & supporters for your generous financial contributions to the Saanich–Gulf Islands Conservative Association in the past year.

I am proud to announce that in 2020 we raised over \$28,000 to fill our war chest for the next campaign. Thank you everyone! To keep this momentum going, would you please consider making a \$25 donation right now?

Cheers,





### **Finance**

I am happy to announce that we have distributed all tax receipts for donations received in 2020. As in previous years, we have sent your receipts by email where possible. This is part of our ongoing goal of prudence and frugality with your generous contributions.

Our financial statements have been sent to our auditor and will soon appear on Elections Canada's website. I hope to report our position soon at our AGM.

Thank you very much to our generous donors for your ongoing support. If you have any questions, please email me at <a href="mailto:cfo@conservativesgi.ca">cfo@conservativesgi.ca</a>

Joseph Vaesen



# Youth

In coordination with the election readiness chair, we have managed to set up a millennial focus group in order to widen our understanding of issues within the riding. This will serve as a test run for youth outreach and to understand what issues young professionals face in our region.

Thanks,

Alfred Sales



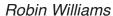
# **Gulf Islands**

Hello Gulf Island residents!

I serve as the liaison to the SGI Board of Directors for the Gulf Islands. I am based on Saltspring, but have traveled throughout our beautiful islands. I am looking for more volunteers so we can have a more efficient conservative presence across the Gulf Islands – before, during, and after the next campaign! I encourage you to get involved with our grassroots team today!

Please contact me directly via email: <u>islands@conservativesgi.ca</u>

Thanks,





#### Communications

The communications committee is working hard to provide more timely updates to our members and supporters. One way we achieve this is more consistent posting on social media platforms. We also are lucky to have bi-weekly videos from our candidate - David Busch. David plans to keep producing these videos with topical current issues. A recent video he posted was viewed by 2.9 thousand people! You can watch in on Facebook here:

Trudeau and Covid. They both need to go.

Ryan Kuhn



Each day that passes, the possibility of another election draws closer. That is why I am so pleased to announce that **David Busch** has been acclaimed as the candidate for the Conservative Party of Canada in Saanich–Gulf Islands! Please join me in thanking David for stepping up as our local champion.



Dear Friend, to show **your** support: Please consider signing up to Volunteer or make a Donation to David's Campaign!

**Volunteer Now!** 

**Donate Now!** 

Thank you for your ongoing support of your local conservative team. Please

reach out if we can help you with anything.

Be Safe, Healthy, and Happy!

**Ryan Trelford** 

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President

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