

## Message from the President – Wayne McGrath

The events that have taken place over the last year in British Columbia have sparked a tremendous revitalization in the need for a Conservative alternative.

Your party is receiving membership applications at an unprecedented rate. My phone and email are virtually running full out and the workload of each director is extensive. This has caught us at a bit of a disadvantage because the volume is enormous.

I ask for two things - first, your pa-

tience and, secondly, for your assistance.

Are there members who have time to spare with computer skills to help with processing membership applications? There is a typing exercise we all used to do years ago that said “it is now time for all good people to come to the aid of the party”. Well, these words were never more true than today. So I ask for volunteers to email me at [nwmcgrath@shaw.ca](mailto:nwmcgrath@shaw.ca).

We will try to keep you up to date frequently now because more and more is-

ssues are arising much quicker. The very large part of the issues are positive and we will focus on that. In the meantime we are the alternative to BC Liberals and NDP and it appears to be our opportunity at forming a responsible government. I intend on running the Party in a firm but fair manner that is open for discussion and closed for improper conduct. Again help us help the province.

Wayne McGrath  
President

## The Advisory Group

– Randy White, Chairman

The Provincial Board recognized early this year the need for experienced advice as we expand rapidly and begin preparing for an election readiness program.

I was asked to organize an advisory group to the President, his board and a Leader who would spend their time strategically planning for the political events that are happening.

We laid out a three-year plan for the Board to consider, provided networking contacts for the party and acting as a sounding board for events that affect the party. Overall, we are very pleased with the professionalism of your Board and the maturity with which it handles its affairs. Some individuals have been unable to accept the rigors and responsibilities of the new fast-growing role of conservatism in BC but the Board, in all cases, has taken a fair but firm approach to the issues.

Our group consists of former politicians from the municipal, provincial and federal levels of government with more than 30 successful elections among the group. We will announce who these individuals are in the fall and I believe all of BC will be pleasantly surprised.

In the months ahead we are suggesting actions for such issues as a party slogan, leadership hopefuls and fundraising – all issues the President and his board will be working on. In the meantime we sincerely hope all members stay very active, form the Constituency Associations and bring in new members.

Thank you for helping BC.  
Randy White

## Coming Events

A number of summer activities are taking place, in particular, events that will be increasing membership in the ridings. If you have an event you want published then email [conservatives@conservativesbc.com](mailto:conservatives@conservativesbc.com) and we will enclose them in our newsletter but be sure to give us plenty of notice.

## AGM Report – Jeff Bridge

The AGM is slated for October 16 at the University of British Columbia. It is our intention to have more than 500 members in attendance. This is the time to show British Columbia we are ready to accept the responsibility of government. We intend to deal with HST policy among other substantial issues, profile our CA Presidents, Board and Advisory Group as well as elect a new, strong and effective Board.

We have developed our AGM budget and will be offering an early bird sign up discount. This is an important event and we need your attendance. Plan now and commit early.

Thank you,  
Jeff Bridge

## Membership

Get a membership book, fill it with new members and participate with the new, essential and invigorating BC Conservative Party. Our slogan “Join us and Lead the Way” says it all.

Members mean Associations, Associations mean quality candidates and quality candidates mean government, so let's all contribute to signing up new members.

## Web site

We have a professional webmaster who can make changes for us and enhance the Party's public profile. We have had requests for changes like easy entry for new members, easy access for contacts within a riding and current events announcements. All are being worked on. If you have suggestions please contact the Party at [conservatives@conservativesbc.com](mailto:conservatives@conservativesbc.com).

## Growth Challenges

We are behind in sending out membership cards, receipts and other such administrative work as the volume has slowed us down. We hope to have staff on board in the fall [depending on your donations and volunteer time] to cope with expansion. These are good problems and other parties should be so lucky.

# Policy

The HST policy was debated at the May Policy Conference and requires additional work as the issue is foremost on the minds of most citizens. The President initiated a Special Policy Committee to review our overall policies, including the HST, and to simplify these policies and ensure that proper costing of initiatives can be achieved. The committee consists of:

Jack Peake – Lake Cowichan

Vic Burstall – Victoria

Greg Kazakoff – Victoria

Rick Sutcliffe - Abbotsford

If you have comments on policy development please contact [conservatives@conservativesbc.com](mailto:conservatives@conservativesbc.com).

## The need for money

Always the issue with political parties. In our case we are growing so fast and cannot afford the infrastructure to accommodate the changes. We need two things:

Volunteer Staff – people to assist with new membership updating and other clerical work. If you have the desire, the skills and the time to help then please contact us at the Party's email [conservatives@conservativesbc.com](mailto:conservatives@conservativesbc.com)

Money – Our budget is planning on opening an office, retain staff, obtain supplies, brochures and to improve our communications. We really need your donation to initiate these projects. Let's look at what these donations actually cost you after the tax deduction.

Donate \$100	After Tax cost	\$25
Donate \$300	After Tax Cost	\$125
Donate \$500	After Tax Cost	\$225
Donate \$1,000	After tax Cost	\$550

This revenue will be spent with the utmost of care and will be subject to full audit. We need your help to become the government of BC. You can donate on line at [www.conservativesbc.com](http://www.conservativesbc.com).