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Election 2019 Edition

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Message from The Editor

Hello everyone,

In light of the upcoming federal election and the schoolwide student vote being organized by Neha Reddy, we are publishing a special Election Edition. Please note that we do not have complete platforms included in this edition, if you wish to view those, we have included links. We have listed the parties in order of how many seats they have, then the Independents based on their last name. Please read through the various platforms and candidate backgrounds before casting your vote on the 17th.

Sincerely,

Gurleen Bhangu

Editor of the Griffin Gazette

The Liberal Party of Canada

The Liberals are currently in power, governing with a majority government. Justin Trudeau won the election 4 years ago and was sworn in on November 4, 2015.



Party Platform

The party's platform consists of the following priorities:

- Bettering the economy for middle class citizens.
- Taking action to address climate change.
- Strengthening gun laws.
- Ensuring a secure retirement for seniors by the age of 65.
- Continuing reconciliation with the Indigenous people by ensuring they have control over their future, while supporting the First Nations, Inuit and Metis priorities.

allow more flexibility when paying back student loans.

- Additionally, they've promised to plant over two billion trees throughout the next decade to help reduce carbon within our atmosphere.
- Another goal is to cut taxes for the middle class and reduce cell phone bills by 25%.

Justin Trudeau (Current PM running for re-election)

He was raised within both French and English culture by his father, Pierre Elliot Trudeau, and his mother, Margret Trudeau. His background is what sparked



Their plans and promises

- The party wants to help students pay for college and university, and to



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his passion for public service and shaped his belief that Canada's strength was diversity.

He received a Bachelor of Arts in Literature at McGill University and then went on to complete a Bachelor of Education at the University of British Columbia. Afterwards, Justin Trudeau began teaching French and Math in schools within Vancouver.

What have Trudeau and the Liberals accomplished so far?

- Created over one million jobs since 2015, having the lowest unemployment rates since 1970's.
- Lifted about one million people out of poverty, including 300,000 children.
- Passed federal legislation to protect transgender people's rights, he is also the first Prime Minister to invest in LGBTQ2 service organizations.
- Created the National Ocean Protection Plan.
- Put a price on carbon pollution to help counteract the advancement of climate change.
- Invested into the betterment of transit services.
- Legalized marijuana, while keeping strict regulations to keep it out of the

The Liberals wish to continue in their efforts to strive for an inclusive and diverse Canada. While making it more affordable for the middle class, working to fight climate change and reconciliation with the indigenous people. And strongly encourage every person who is eligible to vote to participate in this year's election.

Ms. Qualtrough's website: <https://carlaqualtrough.liberal.ca/>

Liberal platform: <https://2019.liberal.ca/our-platform/>

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hands of youth and to keep criminals from profiting off it.

Carla Qualtrough (MP running for re-election)

- She was elected in on October 19, 2015.
- Prior to entering politics, Carla was a lawyer. She gained a degree in Political Science from the University of Ottawa as well as a degree in Law from the University of Victoria.
- She was voted Canada's most influential woman six times and received a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal in 2012.
- As the Minister of public services and procurement, she prides herself on the role she played in introducing ground-breaking disability rights laws. And in her involvement in overseeing multi million-dollar investment to properly equip the men and women in uniform.





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Conservative Party



The Conservative party has been the official opposition since the 2015 election following Stephen Harper's defeat in his bid for re-election.

Party Platform:

- Focused on reviewing Canada's tax system.
- Want to repeal Bill C-69, a bill made to improve how the government approves major development projects such as pipelines and keep the public's trust.
- Want to continue building the Trans-Mountain pipeline.
- Prefer to attract the "best and brightest" of immigrants, who plan on contributing to Canada's industries.
- Say they will negotiate amendments to the Canada-Quebec accord with the government of Quebec
- Promise to launch a review on all gun legislation to make it easier for gun owners, and to advocate for them.
- Want to cancel the Carbon Tax and use Canada's place as a Global Power to aid countries with higher levels of carbon/GHG emissions transition to green technology.

Andrew Scheer (PM Candidate)

- Youngest speaker of the House of Commons in history
- Social Conservative

- Opposed bills to legalize same-sex marriage in the past.
- Against the Federal Carbon Tax because he believes it serves as an out for the biggest polluters to keep on polluting by paying the tax.
- Voted for Bill S-218, respecting Latin-American Heritage Month.
- Voted to amend the Fisheries Act
- Pro-Life



Tanya Corbet (MP Candidate)

- Member of Tsawwassen First Nation
- Dedicated to helping first time home buyers
- Wants to investigate money laundering in real estate
- Wants to equip the police with the proper resources to deal with the ongoing opioid crisis
- Believes tax cuts are needed for seniors



Andrew Scheer's Vision for Canada: <https://www.myvisionforcanada.ca/>

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New Democratic Party (NDP)



The NDP has never been in power however they did achieve official opposition status under Jack Layton in 2011.

Party Platform

Economy

- Raise minimum wage to \$15.
- Create 300,000 jobs.

Climate Change

- Protect land, air and water resources.
- Invest in carbon-free electricity.

Reconciliation

- Invest in Indigenous communities and improve resources.
- Close the education gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children.

Affordability

- Make housing more affordable.
- Invest in affordable childcare.

Public Services

- Invest in Pharmacare
 - Make medications more affordable and accessible for all.
- Make mental health services available to Canadians.
- Make post secondary education more affordable.

What has the NDP done?

The NDP has been in power in B.C. since 2017 and has made progress on or completed 90 out of 122 platform pledges made during the election including things like increasing income assistance, establishing a Ministry of Mental Health and Addiction as the nation faces an opiate crisis, and eliminating tuition fees on Basic Adult Education courses and English Language courses. Furthermore, the NDP on a national and provincial scale have opposed the Kinder Morgan pipeline that the Liberals ended up allowing.

Jagmeet Singh (PM Candidate)

Born and raised in Scarborough, Ontario, Mr. Singh lived in Detroit during his teenage years and graduated from high school there. Later, he received a bachelor's degree from the University of Western Ontario and then a Law degree from York University. He has said that his interest in politics comes from his background working in law.



Randy Anderson-Fennel (MP Candidate)

He grew up in the B.C. Interior, is a former Delta School Board





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trustee and current employee of the Surrey School district. He is trained as an electrician and is a huge supporter of the trades.



NDP Commitments: <https://www.ndp.ca/commitments>

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The Green Party of Canada (GPC)

The GPC has been around since 1983, having had their first MP elected in 2011. As implied by their name, their primary focus is the environment and combatting climate change, however they have plans to deal with other issues as well.



Party Platform

Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples

- Implement recommendations from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.
- Aid the Indigenous peoples of Canada (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) in transitioning to self-governance and sovereignty if they so desire.
- Improve their living conditions and healthcare.
 - End drinking and boil water advisories.
 - Provide safe housing.

Addressing the Climate Emergency

- Mission Possible
 - Pass into law a Climate Change Act
 - 60 % cut in climate-changing emissions

below 2005 levels by 2030.

- Establish a cross-party inner cabinet to deal with the climate change with in a relatively nonpartisan manner.
- Energy
 - More renewable electricity
 - 100% of Canada's electricity will be from renewable sources by 2030.
- Transportation
 - Encourage people to purchase electric vehicles by exempting new and used electric cars from the federal sales tax.

Transitioning to a Green Economy

- Ensure a just and fair transition by putting into place measures such as income protection and retraining to



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aid workers that will be out of work in the oil, gas and coal sectors.

- Deal with disruption caused as a result of automation by working with provinces, territories and Indigenous Peoples to put into place a guaranteed Livable Income for all. They would also work to eliminate post-secondary tuition.
- Ensure fair taxation by taxing money tucked away in offshore tax havens and close tax loopholes that benefit the wealthy.
- Create a parliamentary committee to examine issues related to Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Renewing the Social Contract

- Work to ensure that all Canadian families have family doctors.
- Expand the healthcare to include Pharmacare.
- Address the opioid crisis as a healthcare issue rather than a criminal one.
- Invest more in childcare.
 - This would also make it easier for women to go to work.

Advancing the Just Society

- Advance LGBTQI2+ rights
 - End all discriminatory federal laws and policies on the ground of sexuality.
- Fight against gender-based violence.

Elizabeth May (PM Candidate)

- She was born in Hartford Connecticut on June 9th, 1954 to Stephanie Middleton, a sculptor, pianist and writer, and John Middleton May, an accountant.



- It can be speculated that her passionate activism stems from the influences her mother must have had on her growing up. Stephanie Middleton, an anti-nuclear activist, sued the governments of the U.S., U.K., and USSR to cease atmospheric nuclear testing.
- She immigrated to Canada with her family in 1972, when they moved to Margaree Harbour, N.S.
- In 1980, she enrolled at Dalhousie Law School and graduated in 1983. She returned to Nova Scotia and worked as an environmental lawyer at a small Halifax Law Firm.
- She has been the leader of the GPC since August 2006. She became the first Green MP in 2011.
- Before joining the Green Party, she was named Senior Policy Advisor to then Environment Minister, Thomas McMillan. In this capacity, she was deeply involved in the negotiation of the Montreal Protocol.
- Her whole family is quite involved in politics. Her daughter, Victoria Cate May Burton, ran, and lost, in the 2015 federal election as a Green candidate. Her husband, John Kidder, ran in the 2011 federal election as a Liberal and



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then as a Green candidate in the 2013 BC election.

- She currently resides in Sidney, B.C. which is located on Vancouver Island.

Craig DeCraene (MP Candidate)



- He moved to Delta three years ago with his wife and two daughters.
- He is running because he knows that there is a lot more that can be done to combat the climate crisis federally.

- In addition to the environmental work, he plans to fight for improvements and more funding for mental health and addictions services.
- He was inspired to enter politics while he was driving by the Clayoquot Sound logging protests in the early 90's.
- In his spare time, while not spending time with his family, he enjoys playing the bass guitar.
- This year, he hopes to start shoreline cleanups to keep our oceans safe and clean.

Green Party Platform: <https://www.greenparty.ca/en/platform>

By: Gurleen Bhangu



People's Party of Canada (PPC)

The PPC is the newest party, established just over a year ago, in September 2018. However, it has managed to whip up quite a bit of support in such a short time frame.



Party Platform

- Balance the budget through fiscal (economic) prudence and spending cuts.
- Create relationships with the Aboriginal people based on mutual respect within the guidelines of the Canadian Constitution.
- Return the land the Aboriginal peoples are entitled to.
- Improve Aboriginal living conditions.
- End official multicultural identity in Canada and preserve Canadian identity and values.
- End open borders and give immigration prioritization to persecuted groups and skilled immigrants.
- Curb the flow of illegal immigrants. Accept fewer resettled refugees (refugees who have been granted asylum in a country and now wish to move to another, in this case, Canada).



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- Limit the number of immigrants accepted under the family reunification program and getting rid of the program for parents and grandparents.
- Lower the number of immigrants from 350,000 to between 100,000 and 150,000.
- Limit the number of temporary foreign workers and ensure that they only fill temporary positions.

Maxime Bernier (PM Candidate)



- He was born on January, 12, 1963 in Saint-Georges, Quebec.
- In addition to being a politician, he is a lawyer, businessman, and author.
- Before entering politics, Bernier tried his hand at law, finance and banking, and received the following degrees:
 - Business Commerce from the Université du Québec à Montréal.
 - Bachelor of Laws from the University of Ottawa
- He has been the member of Parliament for the riding of Beauce since 2006.
- He created the PPC on September, 14, 2018 shortly after resigning from the Conservative party.
- As a Conservative, he occupied the following positions in Stephen Harper's Cabinet:
 - Minister of Industry
 - Minister of Foreign Affairs
 - Minister of State (Small Business and Tourism)

- After the defeat of the Conservatives in the election of 2015, and his subsequent defeat in the bid for leadership of the Conservative party, he announced his departure from the party and formed the PPC.

Angeline Ireland (MP Candidate)

- She received a Bachelor of Arts Honours degree in Political Science at the University of Winnipeg. And she earned her master's degree in political science from Carleton University in Ottawa.
- Post-graduation, Ireland lived in London, England, working for British Telecom.
- Upon returning to Canada, she lived in Toronto, working as a National Credits and Collections Manager. She then moved on to accounting and worked as a corporate accountant in several businesses in the lower mainland.
- 15 years ago, Ireland entered business and now runs her own business, providing client accounting services to small businesses.
- While running her business, Ireland experienced the pressure felt by those responsible for upholding the Canadian economy.
- She has been a Delta resident for the past 10 years and is an active member of the community. She sits on the board of directors for the





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Rotary Club of Ladner and for the Delta Hospice Society, she is a member of the Finance Committee,

and is an active parishioner of the Sacred Heart Parish in Ladner.

Ms. Ireland's website: <http://www.aireland.ca/>

PPC Platform: <https://www.peoplespartyofcanada.ca/platform>

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Independents

Amarit Bains (MP Candidate)

One of our independent candidates for the upcoming election in Delta is Amarit Bains.

Platform

- His platform is unlike those of the other electoral candidates of Delta, in the sense that he wants more of a balanced approach to running the city. It is hard to categorize him as right wing or left wing, because his beliefs are derived from both sides.
- In terms of combatting the effects of climate change, Bains says he supports the Conservative plan for green energy tax credits, but also the Green platform, mentioning that research and investments are needed to shift to other fuel types.

Some reforms that Mr. Amarit Bains says that he would make to our current situation here in Delta are as follows:

- Seeking better funding for the justice department.
- Holding pharmaceutical companies accountable for contributing to the opioid crisis.

- Suggesting the need for “better training of doctors to stop the over prescribing of power-opioids”.
- Keeping rapid transit in mind for upcoming city-wide investments



He also suggests that \$80 million has been wasted on environmental assessments, giving off the idea that he has an unclear opinion on climate change.

The Person

In terms of his professional and educational background, he works as a personal injury lawyer at Preszler Law.

- He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of Victoria prior to law school. He obtained his law degree from the University of Leicester in England.



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When not practicing law, Mr. Bains:

- Enjoys hiking
- Likes to travel

- Is a passionate reader

He is fluent in English, as well as Punjabi.

To wrap things up, Mr. Bains believes in taking a more balance, nonpartisan approach to politics, with ideas deriving from left wing and right-wing ideologies.

Website: There isn't one listed on the Elections Canada site for this riding.

Tony Bennett (MP Candidate)

We also have Tony Bennet joining us as an independent candidate. Mr. Bennet's platform hovers around the idea that we need to make Delta's society more manageable and convenient for all Delta citizens.

Platform

Some of Tony's ideas to reduce Delta's carbon footprint are as to:

- Build more hydroelectric dams.
- Add more electric vehicle charging stations.
- Promote the use of the three R's.

He also wants to make life easier for the citizens of Delta, by pledging to:

- Go over the proposal for a government land bank which provides "Community Housing Assistance Programs" (CHAPS).
- Create jobs from new infrastructure development.
- Make a scheme that includes a land bank foundation that sees homeowners only paying for buildings, not land.

- Address the opioid crisis, stating that it is "out of control" and that "mental health support urgently needs improvement".

The Person

On the personal side of things, Tony Bennet is just like any other Delta resident.

- He is a construction project manager at RABB Construction and Environment Solutions Inc.
- He is enthusiastic about helping combat the climate crisis and believes that we need to take this issue to the municipal level, by taking official action against global warming.



To conclude, Mr. Bennet is running with the hopes of improving the lives of our citizens and helping create a greener society.

Website: <https://tonybennetformp.ca/platform/>

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