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Political action report

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Brothers and Sisters

As we say goodbye to summer and hello to the fall we see all sorts of interesting things happening in the political front Both Calgary and Edmonton are having their municipal elections in October, Calgary has 8 candidates running for mayor and over 40 people running for councillors, Edmonton has 10 people running for mayor and also over 40 running for councillors,

I encourage everyone to get out and vote at the municipal election but please research the person you vote for, find out if they have the same political, economic, social beliefs that you do. Change can only happen if we all take the first step forward.

On the provincial front

The Wildrose and PC, s merged in July to form the UCP with a 95% majority Now the top two contenders Jason Kenney and Brian Jean are on a cross Alberta tour promoting their brand and running for the leadership which also occurs in October,

Things are not running to well for the UCP at this time, Jason Kenney was invited by KD Lange to attend one of her concerts if he would sit down with her and discuss LGBQT issues afterward but he declined as being "too busy," The UCP were also barred from the pride parade in Calgary until they prove that they are serious about LBGQT issues, They have also cut ties with the Rebel, An extremely right wing online media outlet, The rebel sent one of their reporters to South Carolina to cover the neo-Nazis and nationalists protest, Their reporter made fun of the antifascists and sided with the neo Nazis, Unfortunately a lady was killed in the demonstration when a car drove into the crowd, Now the UCP want to separate themselves from this so called media outlet They previously granted interviews with. Even though the rebel have been very vocal in stopping immigration, illegal inspections of immigrants, violation of immigrant rights etc.

The UCP, s Derek Filderbrandt has also stepped down as finance critic due to some issues regarding renting out his government funded apartment, and double dipping on his expense account

The provincial NDP have started an online consultation with Albertans to get feedback on the Occupational Health and safety laws and what changes should be brought forth I recommend everyone goes to the OHS website and take the survey its approx. 30 min but you can completed over a few days You have until October 16th to complete the survey. On the federal front we have the renegotiation of NAFTA I personally am very happy that workers are being represented at the table by our National

President Jerry Dias, NAFTA was never a good plan for Canadian workers so lets hope the new plan is a little better With President Trump declaring they might cancel NAFTA it is going to be an uphill battle.

Lastly my wife and I attended the Family education program in Port Elgin the first week of August It was very interesting as my wife is in a management position and she got to see how the other side lives I am proud to say that she is bringing some of the things that she learned to the executive of her company and knowing her company I feel they will listen and take in to consideration her opinions and suggestions.

There was a convention where resolutions were brought forward and a number of young Canadians spoke on there issues and problems of growing up today, It was informative, educational and emotional and I would like to express my gratitude to the local for granting me this opportunity and highly recommend others in the local to take advantage of this program

Thank you

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