



Newsletter

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Fall 2020

Erin O'Toole Wins Leadership Race



After a long night, Erin O'Toole won on the third ballot 57% - 43% over Peter MacKay and became our party's third leader.

Since then, the sitting MPs have rallied and united behind Erin to hold Justin Trudeau and the Liberals to account during this pandemic by speaking up for those being left behind the various relief packages available to Canadians trying to get through; as well as trying to get to the bottom of things as the Liberals have been attempting to use this as an opportunity to help their friends by attempting to pay them very friendly deals to run programs normally ran by government agencies.

Erin has worked hard and has been bringing forward several ideas for helping Canadians in the future. His "Canada First" economic strategy will steer us towards being more self-sufficient in areas such as PPE supplies and food & energy security.

Be sure to follow Erin & the party on social media to stay up to date with regards to what Erin and the Conservative Party of Canada will do for Canadians!

Alex Ruff Named Deputy Opposition Whip



On September 2nd, Erin named his House Leadership Team and our very own MP Alex Ruff was named as the Deputy Opposition Whip!

The whips are responsible for keeping the other MPs of their party informed concerning House business and ensuring their attendance in the House or on committees.

Alex is working with the Chief Opposition Whip Blake Richards, the MP for Banff – Airdrie (AB).

On September 8th, Erin announced his shadow cabinet. You can view the entire leadership team & shadow cabinet on the Conservative Party of Canada website:

<https://www.conservative.ca/erin-otoole-announces-conservative-shadow-cabinet/>

We Have A New Logo

On September 22nd, the party unveiled a new logo. This has been the first logo change since the first logo was revealed shortly after the party's founding in 2003.



President's Report

Season Greetings to our members,

I am happy to report that Santa delivered his gift early to our Association with the recent confirmation of Alex Ruff as our representative of the Conservative Party of Canada. This is thanks to our fundraising efforts, which exceeded the minimum of \$15,000 that had to be raised by the EDA in order to confirm our MP as our representative/nominee/candidate in the next election.

The efforts of Carol Reaney, Vice President of Internal Affairs, and of Mary-Jo MacDonnell, our Financial Agent, were key to focus our limited resources where to would yield the best results. I want to thank them for getting a hard job done during exceptionally challenging times.

Much is happening on the Party front. We have had a constitutional review in order to update the Charter for electoral district associations. We now have clear guidelines for running our meetings with the use of technology. Wyatt and I are working to integrate these new rules for a AGM in February. More to follow on this.

Rumor has it that the Party will hold the delayed policy convention this Spring. Given that we have not yet surmounted the obstacles of COVID, it will likely be a virtual affair. In preparation for this event, the Party has opened Idea Lab and it is soliciting input. I invite you to submit policy ideas to the Lab for review and possible endorsement by our Association. Keep an eye on our website and social media channels on this topic.

Our new leader, Erin O'Toole, is working very hard to establish visibility with Canadian voters. If you are not aware of this push, I invite you to follow him on Facebook, Instagram and his webpage. There is not a day that passes without updates on his efforts to spread the word. He and his team are doggedly asking the government for accountability when in the house and, clearly, the Liberals are uncomfortable.

We have started to receive expression of interest in volunteering. This is timely as we are working to identify individuals willing to help Alex being re-elected should an election be called in the Spring. Our organisation works on people willing to help. Please take a minute to ask yourself what you can do to move Conservatism back to the forefront and reach out to us. There is a ton of work to be done and not enough hands.

In closing, I ask you to reflect on what this time of the year is about: thinking about others who are more in need than we are be it of attention, support, or love. This country's defining quality is that, in hard times, we share in the burden to get everyone over the hump. Look around you and your community, it will not be hard to find an opportunity to do good around us.

Seize the moment; take the initiative; be the Light that erases the darkness of Fear.

I wish you and your family a Safe and Merry Christmas.

Stephan Tremblay, CD, HBA
Chairperson and President, BGOS CPC EDA.



Alex Ruff MP Notes From the Hill

Greetings everyone,

As 2020 comes to a close, I'd like to first off thank everyone for your continued support.



It's safe to say this year was not what anyone expected. With a minority government and dealing with a pandemic, you would think the governing Liberals would be more inclined to work collaboratively with all opposition parties but that has been far from the norm.

Obviously, our own party leadership race created its own level of excitement but I've been impressed from Day One following the election night to see how quickly all campaigns came together to form an unified team. Our new leader continues to impress and is working hard to strike the right balance between holding the government to account while proposing new ideas.

Personally, I am committed to all of you as I work to bring forth those issues most important to our riding of Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound; standing up for farmers, small business, law-abiding firearms owners, seniors, veterans and our military still remain top of mind.

Throughout your own support has been essential and I greatly appreciated all those that were able to donate to the EDA over the past year. As you all know, with this being a minority government the next federal election could be called any day. It's my own assessment, the government wants to go to the polls and is looking for any excuse to drop the writ but the uptick in COVID-19 cases has prevented it. As such, we need to be ready. For those that have yet and are able to donate or volunteer, please do.

As always, it's an honour to serve you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ruff, MP
Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound

Welcome Our New Social Media Officer

Please join me in welcoming Adam Vaughan as our new Social Media Officer. Adam is from Meaford and will be helping us out by running our social media accounts.

You can look forward to some all-new content as well as items from Alex, Erin & the party as we look to better utilize the platforms we are on.

Be sure to follow us as well as Alex, Erin & the party on your favorite sites to keep up to date.



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*Just In: 2021 Convention Details



March 18 – 20, 2021

Details are just starting to come in about the upcoming policy convention. It was originally scheduled for Toronto last year, however due to the Leadership race they planned on using that date to have a debate and moved the convention to Quebec City in the fall.

Of course, due to Covid-19 we couldn't hold a traditional convention and that convention had to be cancelled. After a lot of planning by national council, there is now a date and a plan to hold it virtually.

Stay tuned for more details regarding the convention and our upcoming delegate selection meeting.



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- YES!** I would like to help out by making a donation of a different amount! Political donations can be eligible for tax credits making the actual cost lower!
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\$1625	\$650.00	\$975.00