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## CINCO DE MAYO

# IS THE P.C. DYNASTY IN ITS DEATH RATTLE?

**RACHEL'S ON A ROLL, THE WILDROSE SEEMS POISED FOR RESURRECTION, AND IT'S STARTING TO LOOK LIKE J.P.'S GAMBLE WAS A MISTAKE. WITH ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT, CAN THE RICH TORY MACHINE MUSTER THE POWER TO PREVAIL ONCE MORE, OR WILL 13 BE ITS UNLUCKY NUMBER?**

*Oh why oh why oh why did I do it?* one imagines **Jim Prentice** wailing in those ugly early hours when all the nasties — doubt, regret, fatigue, self-recrimination — swoop through the bedroom window to murder sleep and gorge themselves on the bitter juices of a troubled spleen.

It was, after all, a calculated risk, this early election call. And what a risk it was! Who goes to the polls in an economic downturn with a budget that is all medicine and no sugar? A budget that gives the Keynesian left and the Hayekian right a cavalcade of targets on which to train their blunderbusses? A budget that only a rational person could love?

J.P. is a rational person. He devised a budget that, in our view — and in the view of a good number of economists — was about the best he could have done under the circumstances that included a \$7B drop in oil revenue and an overpriced gov't workforce with locked-in pay increases that couldn't be cut without a rebellion.

To mollify the left, the contracts were honoured, there were protections for the under-\$100K-p.a. middle class, cash and tax relief for the poor, progressive tax increases for the upper-middle and wealthy classes, and deficit borrowing to build schools, hospitals and LRT trains.

To mollify the right, there were spending cuts in the higher echelons of health care, an effective freeze on education spending, cuts to politicians' pay, no raises for management-level gov't employees, and no increases to corporate taxes or oil royalties.

And to allay the perennial bleatings from both political hemi-

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## POLITICAL PULSE

### TAINTED LOVE

## JONO & BREANNA KAPUT; LALL'S LABOURS LOST

Love gone wrong. Where would art be without it. And politics? Well, politics is an art form, *n'est-ce pas?* And the last couple of weeks of misadventures in the Tory atelier have been energized by love of that tainted sort, bringing down a cabinet minister and thwarting a young PC hopeful whose chances of political advancement seem to have been dashed in tragic fashion. Ah, the things we do for love!

The minister is (or was) Attorney General **Jonathan Denis**, 38, the short, balding, somewhat captious and vaguely Napoleonic Calgary lawyer, who became the second youngest minister appointed in Alberta when **Ed Stelmach** gave him Housing & Urban Affairs in 2010.

After **Alison Redford** gave him Justice in May of 2012, Jono (as he is known) proved competent, but not particularly visionary. There were no scandals or major flubs. And the very fact that he survived in the portfolio through the *sturm und drang*, the rise and fall, and the three premiers in three years suggests a certain resiliency.

Meanwhile he'd found himself a woman in 2013, and what a looker! **Breanna Palmer**, was as tall and beautiful as he wasn't: an Edmonton-born, raven-haired model and photographer who was a finalist in the 2010 Miss Universe Canada pageant. Denizens of the Twittersphere know her as a woman with an obsessive need to post artful photos of herself. On April 23, for instance, Breanna posted 46 different Instagram shots of her lovely self.

It could hardly be described as a meeting of minds, and Jono's friends asked one another just what kind of bond might exist. The word "gold-digger" would occasionally arise.

Nonetheless, the pair tied the knot last Oct. 11 at the same evangelical, gay-marriage-unfriendly Centre Street Church where Education Minister **Gordon Dirks** sometimes pastors. They postponed their planned Hawaiian honeymoon to work on Dirks' by-election campaign in Calgary Elbow.

At the time we described Breanna as the "receptionist" in the campaign office, which is how the campaign manager had described her. But on by-election night Breanna sweetly informed us that she was in fact the "office manager." She also gave us a poppy and showed off a classically posed photo of her and Jono.

A little later on that joyous evening Jono, leaving early sans wife, was less gracious. On the way out he growled, "My wife is not a receptionist..." Pronouncing the word as he might pronounce "crack whore." "She's the office manager."

I later heard from an acquaintance of the couple that, despite the sweetness accorded me, it had been Breanna who insisted Jono upbraid me for the faux pas. "Pussy whipped," was the acquaintance's observation. We weren't aware they had a cat.

God knows what has transpired between the two since, but last weekend, at Premier **Jim Prentice's** request, Denis announced he was stepping down as justice minister &

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spheres upset with Alberta's over reliance on oil revenue, additional revenue streams would come from the increased income taxes, the more than 50 increases to fees and taxes on everything from gasoline to alcohol to death certificates, and of course the health care levy. All of this would cushion the blows of resource revenue dips, and, when oil prices bounced back, would produce surpluses to pay down the debt and shore up the Contingency and Heritage Savings Trust Funds.

Sensible. Rational. Or, as Prentice keeps on telling us, "Prudent," a word favoured by a certain comedian impersonating **George H.W. Bush** in the early 1990s, viz: "Not gonna do it. Wouldn't be *prudent* at this juncture."

**After much discussion with his inner circle, Prentice** decided that taking the budget to the people at *this juncture* was in fact prudent. A better bet, he felt, than going into budget debates and giving the opposition a chance to eviscerate the thing before an election. And—bonus!—an immediate election would hit the Wildrose while they were still recovering from the December floor crossings, and with a new leader who'd barely had time to lace up his skates before the puck was dropped.

Unfortunately sensible, rational and prudent are things that have little bearing on elections, as J.P. has discovered to his dismay these last three and a half weeks. Poll after poll has shown **Rachel Notley's** NDP building momentum in all of Edmonton, and parts of Calgary and Lethbridge, while the Rosers have not only healed from the Decembrist Decimation, but seem poised to equal or exceed the 17 seats they had before in the stick.

And while most of the earlier polls were of the dubious, automated robo-call variety, a more reputable survey, by Leger Marketing, released by Post Media on Thursday backed them up. This is how the poll, which surveyed 1,180 eligible voters between Sunday and Tuesday, broke it down among decided voters province wide:

NDP	PC	WR	LIB	AP
38%	30%	24%	6%	1%

We spoke to some party insiders with the Tories and the Wildrose who reported that their internal polls told much the same story.

Edmonton, it seems, has been lost to the Orange Horde, and the battle grounds are now in Calgary, the smaller cities, and the rural areas, where, according to the polls, the three main parties are neck and neck.

Thus in the few days before the election we shall see all of the leaders in those closely contested areas.

As for the air campaign, expect lots of Tory ads—they have the biggest budget—going after the NDP and its carefully masked statist policies.

Prentice began that campaign this week, speaking to a strangely subdued Tory crowd of around 1,600 at the Edmonton Premier's Dinner on Thursday night. While still selling his budget as the prudent alternative, he specifically attacking NDP policies such as the proposed abandonment of the problematic Northern Gateway and Keystone

XL pipelines.

"We don't need a pipeline policy that feels like it's been scripted by **Thomas Mulcair**," Prentice said. "Fundamentally, the NDP could undermine the heart of Alberta's economy."

Notley, the former environment critic, has toned down her anti- "tarsands" rhetoric since she became leader, and during a recent appearance could not be drawn out on the subject of cap-and-trade, that had just been adopted by Ontario. "We need to sit down and talk about these things," she said.

One can expect the Tories to dredge up some of her more extreme environmental and statist rhetoric from Hansard in the days ahead. (Rachel's "lake of fire" probably has something to do with tailings ponds.)

But that may not be enough to turn the Orange tide. At least in terms of the polls.

Where the Tories have the advantage over their competitors is on the ground. The party has rich constituencies with \$60K or \$70 to spend on signs, events, telephonists, local radio ads, and transportation for voters on polling day. The Wildrose and NDP constituencies consider themselves rich if they have \$30K. Most have less than \$10K.

So in the end the Tories may in fact regain their majority on election day by dint of better logistics (not to mention a far deeper talent pool of candidates than the NDP or the Wildrose).

But even if the Tories retain a slight majority—and we are predicting 47 seats for the Tories (see the election chart starting on p. 4)—this election will have been a close call and a bad bet for **Jim Prentice**. And he doesn't seem to be improving his game as he goes along.

Perhaps he needs new people. Campaign manager **Randy Dawson** might have peaked with the **Ed Stelmach** win in 2008. If communications manager **Mike Storeshaw** is writing the speeches, perhaps he needs to take a rest. Or maybe he has. The stump speech does not seem to have changed in two months, and if we have to listen to that same old anecdote about **Jim Prentice's** campaign encounter with a hostile trailer park resident who doesn't recognize him... And then there's those flat TV spots! Isn't it time that the ad maven **Margaret Bateman**, who's running Jimbo's advertising campaign, retire to the coast where she can pursue her true calling: painting seascapes?

But there is only so much lipstick one can apply to the porker. For Prentice's main problem remains. He fails to connect with the hoi polloi. He's smart, sensible, and prudent, but, no matter how many times he dons a Flames jersey or tells the tired old story about working "under the coal bins" as youth, he fails to reach the ordinary people.

Somehow Prentice needs to bring his message down to earth. **Ralph Klein** could do this. **Peter Lougheed** couldn't, but then it didn't matter in those halcyon days of infinite revenue.

Jimbo may yet squeak out this election with a slim majority. Perhaps it will serve as a wake-up call.

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### DEBT & TAXES

#### DEBT & DEFICITS (MARCH 2015-16)

	Surplus (Deficit)	Net Debt	5-Year change in net debt	Per Cap. Debt	Net debt to GDP ratio
AB	(\$4.99B)	\$1.1B	-94%	-\$260	-2.6%
BC	\$284M	\$41B	28%	\$8.8K	16.9%
SK	\$107M	\$6.7B	81%	\$5.9K	7.7%
MB	(\$218M)	\$19B	52%	\$15K	30%
ON	(\$8.5B)	\$298B	40%	\$21.6K	39.8%
QU	(\$33M)	\$193B	21%	\$23.2K	49.5%
NB	(\$477M)	\$13.1B	35%	\$17.4B	39.1%
PEI	0	\$2.2B	29%	\$14.7K	35.1%
NS	(\$98M)	\$15.1B	18%	\$16K	36.3%
NL	(\$916M)	\$15.1B	23%	\$19K	27%
CDA	\$1.4B	\$617B	12.2%	\$17.1K	33%
USA	(\$649B)	US\$18Tr	-53%	US\$57K	67%

Cdn. Figures from RBC Research

#### ALBERTA CORPORATE TAXES COMPARED

Jurisdiction	General	Mfg. & Processing	Small Business	Sm. Business Threshold
Alberta	10%	10%	3%	\$500K
BC	11%	11%	2.5%	\$500K
Saskatchewan	12%	10%	2%	\$500K
Manitoba	12%	12%	0.0%	\$425K
Ontario	11.5%	10%	4.5%	\$500K
Québec	11.9%	11.9%	8%	\$500K
New Brunswick	12%	12%	4%	\$500K
PEI	16%	16%	4.5%	\$500
Nova Scotia	16%	16%	3%	\$350K
Newfoundland	14%	5%	3%	\$500K
+ FEDERAL	15%			

## Announcement

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# Insight's Guide to the 2015

Alberta's 29th general election will be held on Tuesday, May 4, with just the Progressive Conservatives and the NDP fielding full slates of 87 candidates, with the Wildrose being one short in Edmonton-Strathcona (not that anyone has a hope in hell of unseating NDP Leader and woman of the hour Rachel Notley- although the Rosers had a full house last time.) The Liberals, who are expected to virtually disappear, also ran a full slate in 2012, but this time around struggled to drum up 52 volunteers as cannon fodder to augment their two remaining MLAs, both of whom could become part of the ballistics, victims of the NDP's greedy gobbling of the left predicted by pollsters, pundits & other Dipper plumpers. If you care, the Alberta Party squeezed out 34 candidates, four fewer than last. The Greenies were down two from the 25 they ran in '12. Oddly, there are a full 5 Social Credit Candidates running, two more than last time. Must be replicating. We'll look into it later.

CONSTITUENCY	PROG. CONSERVATIVE 87 CANDIDATES	WILDROSE 86 CANDIDATES	NDP 87 CANDIDATES
AIRDRIE	PETER BROWN, AIRDRIE MAYOR	ANGELA PITT, EVENT MANAGEMENT COMPANY OWNER	CHRISTOPHER NOBLE, MUSICIAN & "ARTS ACTIVIST"
ATHABASCA-STURGEON-REDWATER	JEFF JOHNSON (I), SENIORS MINISTER	TRAVIS OLSON (R), FARMER	COLIN PIQUETTE, PRESIDENT OF BOYLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BANFF-COCHRANE	RON CASEY (I), CANMORE MAYOR	SCOTT WAGNER, BUSINESSMAN	CAM WESTHEAD, NURSE, UNA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER
BARRHEAD-MORINVILLE-WESTLOCK	MAUREEN KUBINEC (I), PARKS & TOURISM MINISTER	GLENN VAN DIJKEN, GRAIN FARMER	TRISTAN TURNER, GAY RIGHTS ACTIVIST, COLUMNIST FOR MORINVILLE NEWSPAPER
BATTLE RIVER-WAINWRIGHT	BLAKE PRIOR, FARMER	WES TAYLOR, REALTOR, SCHOOL TEACHER	GORDON NAYLOR, JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL MATH & PHYS-ED TEACHER
BONNYVILLE-COLD LAKE	CRAIG COPELAND, MAYOR OF COLD LAKE	SCOTT CYR, ACCOUNTANT	JOSALYNE HEAD, ANTHROPOLOGY STUDENT AT GRANT MACEWAN UNIVERSITY
CALGARY-ACADIA	JONATHAN DENIS (I), LAWYER, FORMER JUSTICE MINISTER (RESIGNED)	LINDA CARLSON, POLICY ANALYST	BETH DRADER, OWNER OF YOGA THERAPY BUSINESS
CALGARY-BOW	BYRON NELSON, LAWYER	TREVOR GROVER, OILFIELD SERVICE WORKER	DEBORAH DREVER, SOCIOLOGY STUDENT AT MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY
CALGARY-BUFFALO	TERRY ROCK, ARTS MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT	LEAH WAMBOLDT, SMALL BUSINESS OWNER, FORMER COUNCILLOR	KATHLEEN GANLEY, LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT LAWYER
CALGARY-CROSS	RICK HANSON, CALGARY POLICE CHIEF	MOIZ MAHMOOD, STUDENT	RICARDO MIRANDA, CUPE RESEARCHER
CALGARY-CURRIE	CHRISTINE CUSANELLI (I), SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	TERRY DEVRIES, TEACHER, FLIGHT ATTENDANT	BRIAN MALKINSON, HEAVY DUTY ENGINE SALESMAN
CALGARY-EAST	MOE AMERY, REALTOR	ALI WAISSI, IMMIGRATION FACILITATOR	ROBYN LUFF, JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER & ATA REPRESENTATIVE
CALGARY-ELBOW	GORDON DIRKS (I), EDUCATION MINISTER	MEGAN BROWN, POLICY ANALYST	CATHERINE WELBURN, ESL TEACHER, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZER
CALGARY-FISH CREEK	RICHARD GOTTFRIED, EXECUTIVE W/ CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS	BLAINE MALLER, OIL EXPLORATION COMPANY OWNER	JILL MORETON, LANDSCAPE AND GARDENING BUSINESS OWNER
CALGARY-FOOTHILLS	<b>JIM PRENTICE (I), PREMIER</b>	KEELAN FREY, ACCOUNTANT	ANNE WILSON, CRIMINAL DEFENCE LAWYER
CALGARY-FORT	ANDY NGUYEN, CALGARY POLICE SERGEANT	JEEVAN MANGAT, CIVIL ENGINEER	<b>JOE CECI</b> , CALGARY CITY COUNCILLOR
CALGARY-GLENMORE	LINDA JOHNSON (I), FEDERAL MP'S AIDE	CHRIS KEMP-JACKSON, IMMIGRATION CONSULTANT	ANAM KAZIM, CHEMICAL/ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER
CALGARY-GREENWAY	MANMEET BHULLAR (I), INFRASTRUCTURE MINISTER	DEVINDER TOOR, SMALL BUSINESS OWNER	DON MONROE, CALGARY CITY ROADS WORKER & CUPE REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT
CALGARY-HAWKWOOD	JASON LUAN (I), SOCIAL WORKER	JAE SHIM, LAWYER	MICHAEL CONNOLLY, STUDENT ACTIVIST
CALGARY-HAYS	RIC MCIVER (I), JOBS MINISTER	BOB MAILLOUX, SOFTWARE CONSULTANT	CARLA DRADER, CAREER COACH AT BOW VALLEY COLLEGE
CALGARY-KLEIN	KYLE FAWCETT (I), ENVIRONMENT MINISTER	JEREMY NIXON (R), MANAGER, MUSTARD SEED CHARITY	CRAIG COOLAHAN, MEDIATOR W/ UNITED UTILITIES WORKERS' ASSOC.
CALGARY-LOUGHEED	DAVE RODNEY (I), ADVENTURE GUIDE, MOUNTAINEER	MARK MANTEI, EXECUTIVE WITH A SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT CO.	MIHAI ION, CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGER
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KEY: I=INCUMBENT MLA; P = PREVIOUSLY HELD RIDING; FC = WILDROSE FLOOR CROSSER; R = RUNNING AGAIN IN SAME RIDING; RN= RUNNING AGAIN IN NEW RIDING

# Alberta General Election

Conventional wisdom this year is that voter turnout will be abysmal, possibly even besting (or worsting) the 2008 nadir, when just 41% of eligible voters contributed to the Ed Stelmach landslide (a respectable 57% showed for the Alison-Danielle slugfest in 2012). Certainly during our peregrinations on the door-knocking trail we heard much anecdotal info about citizens with no idea there was an election on. But isn't that always the way? With the economy down and a real horse race afoot, we believe we might even hit 60%. We also have some thoughts on who might win each riding, as you will see in the guide to the candidates on the following six pages. Tune in next week to see just how wrong we were. Meanwhile some facts: Budget for 2015 election: \$23.5M. 2012 cost: \$13M. Reason for hike: twice the staff, more advertising, more polling stations. Number of people hired for the election: 18,000 (up from 17K in '12, because of population increase). Pay for election day: \$210 + \$60 for training.

LIBERAL 54 CANDIDATES	ALBERTA PARTY 34 CANDIDATES	GREEN 25 CANDIDATES	OTHER 23 CANDIDATES	RESULTS FROM ELECTION 2012	Insight's Pick
-----	JEREMY KLUG	-----	JEFF WILLERTON (R) (IND)	WR: 58%; PC:33% NDP:4%; LIB: 3%	PC
-----	-----	-----		PC: 48%; WR: 35%; NDP: 14%; LIB: 3%	PC
-----	-----	-----		PC: 42%; WR: 37%; LIB: 14%; NDP: 7%	PC
-----	-----	-----		PC: 45%; WR: 43%; NDP: 6%; LIB: 6%	PC
RON WILLIAMS	-----	-----		PC: 47%; WR: 44%; NDP: 5%; LIB: 3%; AP: 2%	WR
-----	ROB FOX	-----		PC: 49%; WR: 42%; LIB: 5%; NDP: 3%;	PC
NICHOLAS BOROVSKY, WELDER	-----	-----		PC: 46%; WR: 42%; LIB: 6.2%; NDP: 5%	PC
MATTHEW GAISER, ENGINEERING PROJECT COORDINATOR	JONATHAN HIMANN	DAVID REID, EMERITUS PROF. OF BIOLOGY, U OF C		PC: 47%; WR: 38%; Lib: 9%; NDP: 4%; AP: 2%	WR
DAVID KHAN, LAWYER	-----	SABRINA LEVAC, LPN & NURSING INSTRUCTOR AT BOW VALLEY C.		LIB: 41%; PC: 31%; WR: 21%; NDP: 5%; AP: 2%	NDP
MANJOT SINGH GILL, PUNJABI TV REPORTER	-----	PETER MEIC, AUTO MECHANIC	KATHERINE LE ROUGETEL (IND.)	PC: 44%; WR: 39%; LIB: 10%; NDP: 5%; GRN: 2%	PC
SHELLEY WARK-MARTYN, FORMER ONTARIO NDP CABINET MINISTER	TONY NORMAN	NELSON BERLIN, BUS. DEVEL. MGR BLUE PLANET RECYCLING		PC: 45%; WR: 29%; LIB: 16%; NDP: 5%; AP: 3%	PC
NASER AL-KUKHUN, APPLIANCE REPAIRMAN	-----	-----	BONNIE DEVINE (COMMUNIST)	PC: 46%; WR: 38%; NDP: 9%; LIB: 6%	PC
JOHN ROGGEVEEN, LAWYER	GREG CLARK	-----	LARRY HEATHER (SOCRED)	<b>PC: 58%</b> ; WR: 29%; LIB: 6%; NDP: 4%; <b>AP: 3%</b>	AP
-----	ALISON WEMYSS	-----	MARTIN OWEN (SOCRED)	WR: 43.9%; PC: 43.5%; LIB: 7%; NDP: 5%	WR
ALI BIN SAHID, SOFTWARE DEVELOPER	-----	<b>JANET KEEPING (R), PARTY LEADER, LAWYER</b>		PC: 54%; WR: 34%; LIB: 9%; NDP: 4%	PC
SAID ABDULBAKI	VIC GOOSEN	-----		PC: 41%; WR: 39%; LIB: 10%; NDP: 7%; GRN: 3%	NDP
DAVE WADDINGTON, CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS OWNER	TERRY LO	-----		PC: 48%; WR: 39%; LIB: 7%; NDP: 7%; GRN: 3%	WR
-----	-----	-----		PC: 54%; WR: 32%; LIB: 11%; NDP: 3%	PC
HARBAKSH SINGH, POLICY STUDIES STUDENT, MOUNT ROYAL U.	BETH BARBEREE	POLLY KNOWLTON CROCKETT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR	LEN SKOWRONSKI (SOCRED)	PC: 47%; WR: 37%; LIB: 8%; NDP: 5%; <b>GRN: 1%</b>	PC
SHAWN EMRAN, STUDENT	-----	GRAHAM MacKENZIE, TEACHER	ZACHARY DOYLE (SOCRED)	PC: 55%; WR: 36%; LIB: 6%; NDP: 3%	PC
DAVID GAMBLE, TECHNICAL WRITER	-----	NOEL KEOUGH, ASSIST. PROF. SUSTAINABLE DESIGN, U OF C		PC: 41%; WR: 35%; LIB: 12%; NDP: 6%	PC
LEILA KEITH, MUSICIAN	-----	-----		PC: 50%; WR: 39%; LIB: 7%; NDP: 4%	PC
PRAB LASHAR, PROVINCIAL GOV'T EMPLOYEE, RADIO HOST	-----	SANDY ABERDEEN, ENVIRONMENTALIST		PC: 46%; WR: 38%; LIB: 8%; NDP: 6%	WR

Key: bolded = party leader. Percentages rounded to closest whole number; results below 2% of vote not included.

<b>CONSTITUENCY</b>	<b>PROG. CONSERVATIVE 87 CANDIDATES</b>	<b>WILDROSE 86 CANDIDATES</b>	<b>NDP 87 CANDIDATES</b>
<b>CALGARY-MCCALL</b>	JAGDEEP KAUR SAHOTA, LAWYER	HARDYAL SINGH (HAPPY) MANN (RN) REALTOR	IRFAN SABIR, LAWYER
<b>CALGARY-MOUNTAIN VIEW</b>	MARK HLADY (P), U OF C TRIATHLON COACH	TERRY WONG, MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT	MARC CHIKINDA, DEAN/ COMMUNICATION STUDIES, MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY
<b>CALGARY-NORTH WEST</b>	SANDRA JANSEN (I), CTV PRESENTER	JEFF CALLAWAY, FORMER PARTY PRESIDENT, INVESTMENT ADVISOR	KAREN MILLS, GRAPHIC DESIGNER
<b>CALGARY-NORTHERN HILLS</b>	TERESA WOO-PAW (I), ASSOC. MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL & INTERGOV'T RELATIONS	PRASAD PANDA (R), ENGINEER	JAMIE KLEINSTEUBER, AIRPORT WORKER
<b>CALGARY-SHAW</b>	JEFF WILSON (I) (FC), AV COMPANY ACCOUNTS MANAGER	BRAD LEISHMAN, CEO OF MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY	GRAHAM SUCHA, RESTAURANT MANAGER
<b>CALGARY-SOUTH EAST</b>	RICK FRASER (I), PARAMEDIC	BRANDON LUNTY, POLITICAL ORGANIZER	MIRICAL MACDONALD, N/A
<b>CALGARY-VARSITY</b>	SUSAN BILLINGTON, LAWYER	SHARON POLSKY, PRIVACY CONSULTANT	STEPHANIE MCLEAN (RN), LAWYER
<b>CALGARY-WEST</b>	MIKE ELLIS (I), CALGARY POLICE OFFICER	GERARD LUCYSHYN, ECONOMIST	MIZANUR RAHMAN, MUSICIAN, BANGLADESHI ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE
<b>CARDSTON-TABER-WARNER</b>	BRIAN BREWIN, CATTLE FARMER, MD OF TABER REEVE	GRANT HUNTER, CONSTRUCTION CO. OWNER	AARON HAUGEN, DIGITAL COMMS. STUDENT AT LETHBRIDGE COLLEGE
<b>CHESTERMERE-ROCKYVIEW</b>	BRUCE MCALLISTER (I) (FC), GLOBAL TV PRESENTER	LEELA AHEER, CARWASH OWNER	WILLIAM PELECH, PROFESSOR OF SOCIAL WORK AT U OF C
<b>CYPRESS-MEDICINE HAT</b>	BOB OLSON, REEVE OF CYPRESS COUNTY	DREW BARNES (I), RANCHER, DEVELOPER	BEV WAEGE, RETAIL WORKER & UNION SHOP STEWARD
<b>DRAYTON VALLEY-DEVON</b>	DIANA MCQUEEN (I), MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS MINISTER	MARK SMITH, TEACHER	KATHERINE SWAMPY, RECENT GRADUATE OF U OF A (BA ECONOMICS)
<b>DRUMHELLER-STETTLE</b>	JACK HAYDEN (P), FARMER, FORMER AG & TOURISM MINISTER	RICK STRANKMAN (I), GRAIN FARMER	EMILY SHANNON, UFCW LOCAL 441 EMPLOYEE IN EDMONTON
<b>DUNVEGAN-CENTRAL PEACE-NOTLEY</b>	RHONDA CLARKE-GAUTHIER, AGROLOGIST, FARMER	KELLY HUDSON, FARMER, CAO OF MD OF SPIRIT RIVER	MARG MCCUAIG-BOYD, FORMER TEACHER, BUSINESS CONSULTANT
<b>EDMONTON-BEVERLY-CLAREVIEW</b>	TONY CATERINA, EDMONTON CITY COUNCILLOR	STEPHANIE DIACON, OILFIELD SERVICES WORKER	DERON BILOUS, HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER
<b>EDMONTON-CALDER</b>	THOMAS BRADLEY, BASE COMMANDER OF EDMONTON GARRISON	ANDREW ALTIMAS, SALES REP FOR WATER PURIFICATION SYSTEM CO.	DAVID EGGEN (I), TEACHER, FORMER EXEC. DIRECTOR, FRIENDS OF MEDICARE
<b>EDMONTON-CASTLE DOWNS</b>	THOMAS LUKASZUK (I), TEACHER, FORMER DEPUTY PREMIER	GERRIT ROOSENBOOM, MEDIATION CONSULTANT	NICOLE GOEHRING, SOCIAL WORKER
<b>EDMONTON-CENTRE</b>	CATHERINE KEILL, PREMIER'S OFFICE AIDE	JOE BYRAM, STUDENT ATHLETE	DAVID SHEPHERD, CITY OF EDMONTON COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
<b>EDMONTON-DECORE</b>	JANICE SARICH (I), BUSINESS CONSULTANT	DEAN MILLER, SALES REP	CHRIS NIELSON, SHIPPER/RECEIVER & UFCW LOCAL 401 SHOP STEWARD
<b>EDMONTON-ELLERSLIE</b>	HARMAN KANDOLA, LAWYER	JACKIE LOVELY (R), PROPERTY MANAGEMENT CO. OWNER	ROD LOYOLA (R), PRESIDENT OF U OF A NON-ACADEMIC STAFF ASSOCIATION
<b>EDMONTON-GLENORA</b>	HEATHER KLIMCHUK (I), MINISTER OF HUMAN SERVICES	DON KOZIAK, GM & PART OWNER OF CHATEAU LOUIS HOTEL	SARAH HOFFMAN, CHAIRWOMAN OF EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD
<b>EDMONTON-GOLD BAR</b>	DAVID DORWARD (I), CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT	JUSTIN JAMES, IIT MANAGER	MARLIN SCHMIDT (R), HYDROGEOLOGIST WITH ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT
<b>EDMONTON-HIGHLANDS-NORWOOD</b>	JONATHAN DAI, IMMIGRATION CONSULTANT	JOSH LOEPPKY, SALES REP	<b>BRIAN MASON (I), FORMER PARTY LEADER, EDMONTON CITY COUNCILLOR</b>
<b>EDMONTON-MANNING</b>	GUCHARAN GARCHAN, DRIVING INSTRUCTOR	ATIQ REHMAN, COMMUNITY ACTIVIST	HEATHER SWEET, SOCIAL WORKER, AUPE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEMBER
<b>EDMONTON-MCCLUNG</b>	DAVID XIAO (I), BUSINESS OWNER	STEVE THOMPSON, OWNER OF VARIOUS BUSINESSES	LORNE DACH (R), REALTOR
<b>EDMONTON-MEADOWLARK</b>	KATHERINE O'NEILL, JOURNALIST	AMBER MAZE, EDMONTON POLICE OFFICER	JOHN CARSON, ELECTRICIAN
<b>EDMONTON-MILL CREEK</b>	GENE ZWOZDESKY (I), SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE	SAQIB RAJA, BUSINESS CONSULTANT	DENISE WOOLARD, U OF A STUDENT TEACHER FACILITATOR
<b>EDMONTON-MILL WOODS</b>	SOHAIL QUADRI (I), BUSINESS OWNER	BALJIT SALL, ELECTRICIAN	CHRISTINA GRAY, PROJECT MANAGER W/ SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY
<b>EDMONTON-RIVERVIEW</b>	STEVE YOUNG (I), EDMONTON POLICE OFFICER	IAN CRAWFORD (RN), REALTOR	LORI SIGURDSON (R), MANAGER WITH ALBERTA COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK
<b>EDMONTON-RUTHERFORD</b>	CHRIS LABOSSIERE, IT COMPANY FOUNDER	JOSEF PISA, OILFIELD LOGISTICS MANAGER	RICHARD FEEHAN, SOCIAL WORK INSTRUCTOR
<b>EDMONTON-SOUTH WEST</b>	MATT JENEROUX (I), NON-PROFIT COMPANY WORKER	COLE KANDER, POLI SCI STUDENT, PILOT	THOMAS DANG, U OF A COMPUTING SCIENCE STUDENT
<b>EDMONTON-STRATHCONA</b>	SHELLEY WEGNER, SMALL BUSINESS OWNER	-----	<b>RACHEL NOTLEY (I), PARTY LEADER, LAWYER</b>

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AVINASH KHANGURA, ENGINEERING STUDENT	-----	-----	BURHAN KHAN (IND)	LIB: 37%; WR: 30%; PC: 29%; NDP: 2%	WR
<b>DR. DAVID SWANN (I), LEADER</b>	-----	-----		LIB: 40%; PC: 31%; WR: 23%; NDP: 5%	PC
NEIL MARION, MOUNT ROYAL SCIENCE STUDENT	CHRISTOPHER BLATCH, LIBRARIAN	-----		PC: 51%; WR: 38%; LIB: 6%; NDP: 3%	PC
HARRISON LIN, NA	-----	-----		PC: 50%; WR: 38%; LIB: 8%; NDP: 5%	PC
ALEXANDER BARROW, NA	EVERT SMITH, RETIRED MANAGER, ALTA. ENVIRONMENT	-----		WR: 45%; [C: 42%; LIB: 7%; NDP: 4%; GRN: 2%	WR
GLADWIN GILL, MINING ENGINEER	-----	JORDAN MacISAAC, RED SEAL JOURNEYMAN STEAMFITTER		PC: 49%; WR: 43%; LIB: 5%; NDP: 3%	PC
PETE HELFRICH (R), PARAMEDIC	-----	CARL SVOBODA, RETIRED PETROLEUM ENGINEER		PC: 46%; WR: 26%; LIB: 21%; NDP: 5%;	PC
-----	-----	-----		PC: 50%; WR: 37%; LIB: 7%; NDP: 3%	PC
-----	DEL BODNAREK, AIRCRAFT TECHNICIAN	-----		WR: 54%; PC: 38%; NDP 4%; LIB: 3%	PC
-----	-----	CORAL BLISS TAYLOR, GEOMATICS ENGINEER	JAMIE LALL (IND) (DISQUALIFIED PC); MATT GRANT (IND.)	WR: 58%; PC: 35%; LIB: 3%; NDP: 3%	WR
ERIC MUSEKAMP, NON PROFIT MANAGER	-----	-----		WR: 53%; PC: 36%; LIB: 6%; NDP: 5%	WR
-----	CONNIE JENSEN, RETIRED FARMER & SCHOOL ADMIN.	JENNIFER ROACH, LEGAL ASSISTANT		PC: 52%; WR: 38%; NDP: 6%; LIB: 4%	PC
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-----	-----	-----		PC: 45%; WR: 42%; NDP: 10%; LIB: 3%	PC
TOMI YELLOWFACE, HOUSEWIFE	-----	-----		NDP: 37%; PC: 35%; WR: 20%; LIB: 6%	NDP
AMIT BATRA, NUTRITIONIST	OWAIS SIDDIQUI, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR	-----		NDP: 38%; PC: 35%; WR: 19%; LIB: 7%	NDP
TODD ROSS, JAIL GUARD, UNION SHOP STEWARD	-----	-----		PC: 53%; WR: 22%; NDP: 13%; LIB: 12%; AP: 2%	PC
LAURIE BLAKEMAN (I), 18-YR MLA, THEATRE MANAGER	LAURIE BLAKEMAN	LAURIE BLAKEMAN	GREG KEATING (IND.); R. KOOPMANS (IND.)	LIB: 40%; PC: 31%; NDP: 16%; WR: 13%	LIB
BRADLEY WHALEN, MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT	-----	TREY CAPNERHURST, MUSICIAN, ACTIVIST, TRAD. HEALER		PC: 43%; WR: 22%; NDP: 20%; LIB: 16%	NDP
MIKE MCGOWAN, RETIRED RESTAURANTEUR & REALTOR	-----	-----		PC: 43%; WR: 25%; NDP: 16%; LIB: 11%; AP: 4%	PC
KAREN SVCIK, VOLUNTEER	CHRIS VILCSAK, ENTREPRENEUR	DAVID PARKER, ENGINEER & RETIRED NAIT INSTRUCTOR		PC: 38%; NDP: 25%; WR: 17%; LIB: 10%; AP: 9%	PC
RONALD BROCHU, SENIOR TAX AUDITOR, PROV. GOV'T	CRISTINA STASIA, U OF A INSTRUCTOR	-----		PC: 33%; NDP: 29%; LIB: 20%; WR: 16%; AP: 2%	NDP
MATT SMITH, ADVERTISING OFFICE WORKER	-----	-----		<b>NDP: 54%</b> ; PC: 22%; WR: 16%; LIB: 5%; AP: 2%	NDP
ADAM MOUNZER, SMALL BUSINESS OWNER	-----	-----		PC: 40%; WR: 25%; NDP: 25%; LIB: 8%	NDP
-----	JOHN HUDSON, FOUNDER OF SHADOW THEATRE	-----		PC: 47%; LIB: 25%; WR: 18%; NDP: 7%; AP: 3%	WR
DAN BILDHAUER, CONSTRUCTION CO. OWNER	-----	-----		<b>LIB: 36%</b> ; PC: 35%; WR: 21%; NDP: 8%; AP: 2%	NDP
HARPREET GILL, COMMUNITY MAGAZINE PUBLISHER	-----	-----		PC: 55%; WR: 18%; LIB: 14%; NDP: 11%; AP: 2%	PC
BOB MAGLALAND, HR DIRECTOR	-----	-----	NAOMI RANKIN (COMMUNIST); AURA LEDDY (IND.)	PC: 35%; WR: 24%; LIB: 21%; NDP: 14%; IND: 4%; AP: 2%	PC
DONNA WILSON (RN), U OF A NURSING PROFESSOR	BRANDON BERINGER, STATION MANAGER HSE INTEGRATED	SANDRA WOLF LANGE, SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPE DESIGNER	GLENN MILLER (IND.)	PC: 39%; LIB: 23%; NDP: 21%; WR: 16%; AP: 2%	NDP
MICHAEL CHAN, INSURANCE SALESMAN	-----	-----		PC: 42%; LIB: 22%; WR: 17%; AP: 10%; NDP: 8%	NDP
RUDY ARCILLA, RETIRED TEACHER	KRISHNA TAYLOR, FUND MANAGER	-----		PC: 56%; WR: 18%; LIB: 15%; NDP: 9%; AP: 2%	PC
STEVE KOCHAN, YOUTH WORKER	-----	-----		NDP: 62%; PC: 20%; WR: 12%; LIB: 4%	NDP

Key: bolded = party leader. Percentages rounded to closest whole number; results below 2% of vote not included.

<b>CONSTITUENCY</b>	<b>PROG. CONSERVATIVE 87 CANDIDATES</b>	<b>WILDROSE 89 CANDIDATES</b>	<b>NDP 87 CANDIDATES</b>
<b>EDMONTON-WHITEMUD</b>	STEPHEN MANDEL (I), HEALTH MINISTER	CHAD PETERS, TRADESMAN	DR. BOB TURNER, RETIRED PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE & ONCOLOGY AT U OF A
<b>FORT MCMURRAY-CONKLIN</b>	DON SCOTT (I), ADVANCED EDUCATION MINISTER	<b>BRIAN JEAN, PARTY LEADER FORMER FEDERAL MP, LAWYER</b>	ARIANA MANCINI, FRENCH IMMERSION TEACHER
<b>FORT MCMURRAY- WOOD BUFFALO</b>	MIKE ALLEN (I), MUSIC STORE OWNER	TANY YAO, INVESTOR, FORMER FIREMAN	STEVEN DROVER, SUNCOR WORKER, SHOP STEWARD, SCHOOL BRD TRUSTEE
<b>FORT SASKATCHEWAN- VEGREVILLE</b>	JACQUIE FENSKE (I), SCHOOL TEACHER	JOE GOSSELIN, WOODWORKING CO. OWNER	JESSICA LITTLEWOOD, OFFICE WORKER
<b>GRANDE PRAIRIE-SMOKY</b>	EVERETT MCDONALD (I), ASSOC. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE	TODD LOEWEN, OUTFITTER	TODD RUSSELL, FIREFIGHTER & IAFF LOCAL 2770 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER
<b>GRANDE PRAIRIE-WAPITI</b>	WAYNE DRYSDALE (I), TRANSPORTATION MINISTER	LAILA GOODRIDGE, FEDERAL MINISTERIAL AIDE.	MARY DAHR, HOSPITAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGIST
<b>HIGHWOOD</b>	CARRIE FISCHER, OKOTOKS TOWN COUNCILOR	WAYNE ANDERSON (RN), IT MANAGEMENT	LESLIE MAHONEY, UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE PSYCHOLOGY STUDENT
<b>INNISFAIL-SYLVAN LAKE</b>	KERRY TOWLE (I) (FC)M, REALTOR	DONALD MACINTYRE, ALTERNATIVE TECH. INSTRUCTOR AT NAIT	PATRICIA NORMAN, WORKS WITH MENTALLY HANDICAPPED
<b>LAC LA BICHE-ST. PAUL-TWO HILLS</b>	DARRELL YOUNGHANS, FARMER, ST. PAUL SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN	DAVE HANSON, OILFIELD CONSULTANT	CATHERINE HARDER, SINGER
<b>LACOMBE-PONOKA</b>	PETER DEWIT, AGRI-BUSINESS CONSULTANT	RON ORR, JOURNEYMAN CARPENTER	DOUG HART, RETIRED NURSE
<b>LEDUC-BEAUMONT</b>	GEORGE ROGERS (I), LEDUC MAYOR	SHARON SMITH, FAMILY RESOURCE LIAISON	SHAYE ANDERSON, TELUS WORKER, UNION SHOP STEWARD
<b>LESSER SLAVE LAKE</b>	PEARL CALAHASEN (I), FORMER ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS MINISTER, COLLEGE INSTRUCTOR	DARRYL BOISSON, OILFIELD CONSTRUCTION CO. OWNER	DANIELLE LARIVEE, REGISTERED NURSE, PRESIDENT OF UNA LOCAL
<b>LETHBRIDGE-EAST</b>	TAMMY PERLICH, LAWYER	KENT PRESTAGE (R), ACCOUNTANT IN BROADCASTING	MARIA FITZPATRICK, RETIRED CORRECTIONS WORKER
<b>LETHBRIDGE-WEST</b>	GREG WEADICK, CITY COUNCILLOR, BUSINESS CONSULTANT	RON BAIN, RETIRED BUSINESS OWNER	SHANNON PHILLIPS, ASSISTANT TO AFL PRESIDENT GIL MCGOWAN
<b>LITTLE BOW</b>	IAN DONOVAN (I) (FC), GRAIN FARMER, VULCAN COUNTY COUNCILOR	DAVE SCHNEIDER, FARMER, FORMER REEVE OF VULCAN COUNTY	BEV MUENDEL-ATHERSTONE (R), RETIRED TEACHER
<b>LIVINGSTONE-MACLEOD</b>	EVAN BERGER (P), FARMER, FORMER MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE	PAT STIER (I), FARMER, RURAL LAND PLANNING CONSULTANT	AILEEN BURKE, TERRITORY MANAGER WITH SHOPPERS HOME HEALTH
<b>MEDICINE HAT</b>	BLAKE PEDERSEN (I) (FC), OIL & GAS SUPPLY BUSINESS OWNER	VAL OLSON, BROADCASTER	MICHAEL WANNER, PROFESSIONAL MEDIATOR
<b>OLDS-DIDSBURY-THREE HILLS</b>	WADE BEARCHHELL, GOLF PRO, OLDS TOWN COUNCILOR	NATHAN COOPER, CARSTAIRS COUNCILOR, FORMER WR STAFFER	GLENN NORMAN, FARMER & DIRECTOR OF ALBERTA SURFACE RIGHTS GROUP
<b>PEACE RIVER</b>	FRANK OBERLE (I), ENERGY MINISTER	NATHAN STEINKE, FORMER POLITICAL STAFFER	DEBBIE JABBOUR, PSYCHOLOGIST
<b>RED DEER-NORTH</b>	CHRISTINE MOORE, RED DEER COUNTY COUNCILLOR	BUCK BUCHANAN, RED DEER COUNCILLOR, FAILED PC NOMINEE	KIM SCHREINER, SENIORS' CARE WORKER
<b>RED DEER-SOUTH</b>	DARCY MYKYTYSHYN, BUSINESS DEAN, RED DEER COLLEGE	NORMAN WIEBE, FINANCIAL ADVISOR	BARB MILLER, SAFEWAY WORKER; PREZ DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL
<b>RIMBEY-ROCKY MTN. HOUSE-SUNDRE</b>	TAMMY COTE, ATB MANAGER	JASON NIXON, ATHABASCA U. STUDENT UNION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	HANNAH SCHLAMP, U OF A POLI-SCI & SPANISH STUDENT
<b>SHERWOOD PARK</b>	CATHY OLESEN (I), ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING BUREAUCRAT, STRATHCONA MAYOR	LINDA OSINCHUK, NURSE, FORMER STRATHCONA MAYOR	ANNIE MCKITRICK, COMMUNITY ACTIVIST, RETIRED TEACHER
<b>SPRUCE GROVE-ST. ALBERT</b>	RUS MATICHUK, BUSINESS CONSULTANT	JAYE WALTER, CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER	TREVOR HORNE, POLI-SCI STUDENT AT GRANT MCEWAN UNIVERSITY
<b>ST. ALBERT</b>	STEPHEN KHAN (I), SERVICE ALBERTA MINISTER	SHELLY BIERMANSKI, SALES REP, MERCEDES BENZ	MARIE RENAUD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LOSECA FOUNDATION (PDD SUPPORT)
<b>STONY PLAIN</b>	KEN LEMKE (I), STONY PLAIN MAYOR	KATHY RONDEAU, LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT ANALYST	ERIN BABCOCK, LPN ROYAL ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL
<b>STRATHCONA-SHERWOOD PARK</b>	DAVE QUEST (I), CAR SALESMAN	ROB JOHNSON, FARMER	ESTEFANIA CORTES-VARGAS, SOCIAL WORK STUDENT GRANT MACEWAN U
<b>STRATHMORE-BROOKS</b>	MOLLY DOUGLASS, COUNTY OF NEWELL REEVE	DEREK FILDEBRANDT, FORMER DIRECTOR. CDN TAXPAYERS FED.	LYNN MACWILLIAM, BASSANO TOWN COUNCILOR
<b>VERMILION-LLOYDMINSTER</b>	DR. RICHARD STARKE (I), VETERINARIAN	DANNY HOZAK (R), FARMER	SABA MOSSAGIZI, CHARITY WORKER, UFCW 401 REPRESENTATIVE
<b>WEST YELLOWHEAD</b>	ROBIN CAMPBELL (I), FINANCE MINISTER	STUART TAYLOR, HINTON TOWN COUNCILLOR, FORESTER	ERIC ROSENDAHL, PULP MILL WORKER, PRES. HINTON FISH & GAME ASSOC.
<b>WETASKIWIN-CAMROSE</b>	VERLYN OLSON (I), AGRICULTURE & JUSTICE MINISTER	BILL ROCK, PLUMBING & HEATING CO. OWNER, DEP. MAYOR FAIRVIEW	BRUCE HINKLEY, RETIRED TEACHER
<b>WHITECOURT-STE. ANNE</b>	GEORGE VANDERBURG (I), GOV'T WHIP	JOHN BOS, CATTLE RANCHER	ONEIL CARLIER, REPRESENTATIVE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE ALLIANCE OF CANADA

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MELINDA HOLLIS, PSYCHOTHERAPIST, HOLISTIC COUNSELLOR	-----	-----		PC: 49%; WR: 40%; NDP: 8%; LIB: 3%	WR
ROBIN LE FEVRE, LAWYER, NON-PROFIT AGENCY DIRECTOR	-----	-----		PC: 49%; WR: 43%; NDP: 5%; LIB: 3%	PC
PETER SCHNIEDER	DEREK CHRISTENSON, EMPLOYMENT FACILITATOR (PDD)	ALLISON ANDERSON,		PC: 49%; WR: 34%; NDP: 9%; LIB: 5%	PC
KEVIN MCLEAN, GRANDE PRAIRIE COUNCILLOR	-----	-----		PC: 46%; WR: 41%; NDP: 6%; LIB: 5%	WR
-----	RORY TARANT, GRANDE PRAIRIE CITY COUNCILLOR	ALLISON ANDERSON, SOCIAL WORKER		PC: 52%; WR: 35%; NDP: 9%; LIB: 3%	PC
-----	JOEL WINDSOR, MUSIC TEACHER	MARTIN BLAKE, GEOLOGICAL CONSULTANT	JEREMY FRASER (IND)	<b>WR: 53%</b> ; PC: 43%; LIB: 3%; NDP: 2%	WR
-----	DANIELLE KLOOSTER, ENTREPRENEUR CONSULTANT	-----		WR: 46%; PC: 40%; AP: 5%; NDP: 5%; LIB: 4%	PC
-----	-----	BRIAN DEHEER, MUSICIAN, GM OF PORTAGE COLLEGE S.U.		WR: 47%; PC: 42%; NDP: 6%; LIB: 6%	WR
-----	TONY JEGLUM, FARMER	-----		WR: 44%; PC: 36%; NDP: 10%; AP: 5%; LIB: 5%	WR
-----	BERT HOOGEWOONINK, DIRECTOR SP. PROJECTS NAIT	JOSH DROZDA, FILMMAKER, DESIGNER		PC: 51%; WR: 32%; NDP: 9%; LIB: 4%; AP: 3%	PC
-----	-----	-----		PC: 48%; WR: 39%; NDP: 6%; LIB: 3%; IND: 3%	WR
BILL WEST, PEACE OFFICER	-----	-----		PC: 41%; WR: 32%; LIB: 15%; NDP: 13%	NDP
SHEILA PYNE	-----	-----		PC: 36%; NDP: 30%; WR: 27%; LIB: 6%; AP: 2%	NDP
HELEN MCMENAMIN, AGRICULTURAL WRITER	-----	-----	CALEB VAN DER WEIDE (SOCRED)	WR: 54%; PC: 36%; NDP: 6%; LIB: 4%	PC
ALIDA HESS	-----	-----		WR: 48%; PC: 41%; NDP: 5%; LIB: 3%	PC
-----	JIM BLACK, RETIRED TEACHER	-----	DAVID PHILLIPS (IND.)	WR: 44%; PC: 39%; NDP: 8%; LIB: 8%	WR
-----	JIM ADAMCHICK, COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKER	-----		WR: 57%; PC: 37%; NDP: 3%; LIB: 3%	WR
-----	SHERRY HILTON, MGR. RIVER CITY CINEMA	-----		PC: 56%; WR: 28%; NDP: 9%; LIB: 7%	PC
MICHAEL DAWE, SUMMER VILLAGE MAYOR	KRYSTAL KROMM, ENTREPRENEUR, CITY FIRST AID	-----		PC: 39%; WR: 34%; LIB: 18%; NDP: 7%; AP: 4%	PC
DEBORAH CHECKLE, MUSIC TEACHER AND DOG BREEDER	SERGE GINGRAS, RED DEER COLLEGE INSTRUCTOR	BEN DUBOIS, COMPUTING SCIENCE GRAD	PATTI ARGENT (IND.) WILLIAM BERRY (IND.)	PC: 44%; WR: 35%; NDP: 11%; LIB: 7%; AP: 4%	PC
-----	-----	-----	JOE ANGLIN (IND.) (FORMER WILDROSER)	WR: 51%; PC: 41%; NDP: 5%; LIB: 3%	PC
-----	-----	-----		PC: 46%; WR: 31%; LIB: 10%; NDP: 6%; IND: 6%	PC
REG LUKASIK, RETIRED PROFESSOR	GARY HANNA, SCIENCE TEACHER	BRENDON GREENE, MUSIC TEACHER, MUSICIAN		PC: 55%; WR: 27%; LIB: 9%; NDP: 9%	WR
BILL ALTON, RETIRED CARPENTER & UNION ORGANIZER	TREVOR LOVE, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT	-----		PC: 54%; WR: 21%; LIB: 10%; NDP: 9%; AP: 6%	PC
MIKE HANLON, RETIRED POLICE OFFICER & TRAINER	SANDY SIMMIE, RETIRED ENTREPRENEUR	MATT BURNETT, RED SEAL CERTIFICATED PLUMBER		PC: 46%; WR: 37%; NDP: 8%; LIB: 7%	WR
-----	LYNNE KAISER, SECRETARY	-----		PC: 51%; WR: 34%; NDP: 9%; LIB: 7%	WR
ALI ABDULBAKI	EINAR DAVIDSON, STRATEGIC PLANNING CONSULTANT	MIKE WORTHINGTON, ENGINEER AND CONSULTANT	GLEN DUNDAS (ALTA. FIRST)	WR: 56%; PC: 39%; NDP: 3%; LIB: 2%	WR
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solicitor general. Agriculture Minister **Verlyn Olson**, who was justice minister prior to Redford's appointment of Denis, resumed his former portfolio on an interim basis.

"My wife and I have had difficulties in our marriage over the last several months," Jono explained in a brief statement. Because the matter was now before the courts, the conflict required him to withdraw. He will continue to campaign for his Calgary-Acadia riding, however, and those helping him with the campaign think he may benefit from the sympathy vote.

Palmer's launch of what appears to be some kind of divorce/restraint action in the middle of the campaign (a Calgary judge has imposed a publication ban) suggests a certain vindictiveness attends this case.

Breanna has been attempting to solicit court costs through a crowd-sourcing site this week, and, at this writing, had secured US\$50 towards a target of \$35,000. Perhaps she should work on her pitch. Under the site heading "The Story," she has simply written "Hi, My name is **Breanna Palmer**. I need to raise a significant amount of money."

Meanwhile on Thursday, Denis was photographed leaving court with another woman on his arm: his mom.

**Still on the subject of romantic discord, restraining orders, and Jonathan Denis:** there's an update on the curious **Jamie Lall** case.

As previously reported (*Insight*, Apr. 17), Lall, 30, a bright, brown, and bonny second-generation Sikh with lots of Tory friends, is the charity worker who was disqualified at the last minute from the Chestermere-Rocky View nomination race, receiving the news in a text from party executive assistant **Kelley Charlebois**.

Charlebois and Prentice insisted that he had been disqualified for cause, but Lall told us and other media that he had done nothing wrong, and that the disqualification was done simply to make sure that **Bruce McAllister**—the ex-Roser floor-crosser—did not befall the same fate at nomination as had three other ex-Rosers on March 28, including former leader **Danielle Smith**.

"Jamie knows why he was disqualified," a Tory operative told us when we related Lall's explanation. "Ask him."

So we phoned him again but got the same answer.

Then, as if to back up Lall's pose as a victim of Machiavelian politics, several more Chestermere constituency members quit last week to protest Tory HQ's highhandedness.

Denis enters the picture in the form of text messages, released this week, that he'd sent to his young friend Lall in March after Lall had asked why the party was using a private investigator to vet his nomination.

"They're trying to dq [disqualify] you," Denis texted him. As for Charlebois' assertion that all candidates were vetted by Pls, Denis wrote, "BS.BS.BS... Buddy you are being set up. They're playing you for a dumb kid." Denis recommended he retain a lawyer and said he could find him a good one who would work pro bono.

Prior to these texts being revealed, Prentice and Charlebois had been tight-lipped on the matter, insisting simply that Lall had been disqualified for good reason. With this dirty laundry now being aired, the reason finally came out: a restraining order filed by a former girlfriend in December of 2007.

"He is extremely verbally abusive towards me and my family..." read the girl's application, obtained by the *Calgary Herald*. "the respondent has threatened me and my family and has shown to be aggressive and short-tempered. He is incredibly unstable and I am scared because I have no idea what he wants or will do next."

Lall says that was a long time ago, they were young, the girl embellished the application, and that they were now close friends. He claims he disclosed the order during the party's vetting order this year.

Charlebois, however, says Lall did not reveal the existence of the restraining order, and this lie of omission sealed his fate.

"We had a half-hour long conversation." Charlebois told the paper. "As part of that conversation, I expressed to him my extreme disappointment he had not come clean about this."

Lall is now running as an independent in the riding. Good luck with that.

## Talk ... ... in the Corridors

### Xiao faces turbulence...

● Edmonton-McClung MLA **David Xiao**, 53, who tried to run for the federal Conservatives last year, but was rejected by the party's nomination committee, returned to his provincial constituency association in a foul mood. There was a temper tantrum, and subsequent resignations, including that of the interim president **Amanda Nielson**, 28, who competed with Xiao for the McClung nomination and lost narrowly.

Replacement president **Graham Fletcher** was also forced to quit a couple of weeks back after making some impolitic statements about Islam and Sharia law. Now we hear that more members of the executive have left to join Nielson to work for NDP candidate **Lorne Dach**, an elderly realtor who has run unsuccessfully several times.

While Dach is no doubt hoping to ride **Rachel Notley's** wave into office, we have our doubts about McClungers—a largely affluent, professional & entrepreneurial group—being willing to drink the orange Kool Aid.

If Xiao is as unpopular in the riding as some anecdotal door-knocking stories suggest, we suspect that Wildrosier **Steve Thompson**, 52, a businessman who has been campaigning hard for months, is the more likely replacement.

### Pint-sized politico...

● Farmer **Danny Hozak**, 62, the Wildrosier trying for a second time to knock off Tory incumbent and veterinarian **Dr. Richard Starke** in the riding of Vermilion-Lloydminster, has a pretty

good campaign going: lots of volunteers, all of the signs from the 2012 election, the endorsements of former treasurer **Lloyd Snelgrove** and local federal MP **Leon Benoit**, and about \$30K in the war chest.

This time around he also has a secret weapon in the form of his 5-year-old grandson **Tyler Pierce**, a politically precocious lad who, unnerved by his grandfather's tales of a gov't that "wants to take away all your money" wanted to help out.

So Danny printed up some cards like the one shown here, which Tyler carries in his shirt pocket and proudly hands out to his fellow Grade 1 students and teachers. Danny says the kids take them home and several parents have phoned wanting to get involved in the campaign.



## The week ahead ...

**MAY 1 & 2**—Final two days of advance polling between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. To find the location of your advance polling station and the election-day polling station go to: <http://wtv.elections.ab.ca/wtWhereDoIVote.cfm>

**MAY 1 & 2** Election day. Polls open at 9 A.M. (a pain for those of us who like to vote before going to work; perhaps their TWFs were sent packing), they close at 8 p.m. Click on the link above to find out where.