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Our Voting System Gives Unfair Advantage! Time For Change!

Change How We Vote: Use a Preferential Ballot!

When 60% of Canadians voted against free-trade (Liberal & NDP vote) Mulroney with 40% and a preferential ballot would never have happened!

In Kildonan St. Paul's 2004 election, Joy Smith became the Member of Parliament with a mere 37% of the popular vote, beating out the nearest contender by only 298 votes! Yet the 63% majority who opposed her, were left out in the cold by the "first past the gate-post" electoral system.

A preferential ballot (ranking candidates 1, 2, 3...) eliminates the above undemocratic results entirely and on this point outperforms virtually all proportional representation schemes. And each of our political leaders, including Wheat Board directors, were elected with a preferential system. If good for them, why not for our MP's?

Top-down parties prefer proportional systems because the proportional slate reduces voter choice and gives inside advantage to party central deciding who gets elected.

Want a more democratic Canada, a more more functional House of Commons? Namely a sovereign Canada that is truly self-governed? Ask each candidate if he or she will unflinchingly work to implement a preferential ballot for the next election. And if they won't, elect someone who will.

Make electoral outcomes citizen-friendly! Demand Mandatory Disclosure Of Public Funds!

New local Election Funding monies have been centralised to the advantage of top-down big-business-friendly and grass-roots-up citizen-unfriendly party systems. Did you know all Central Party Campaigns may now receive from Canadians a 50% rebate of central election expenses plus \$1.75 per vote per year?! The Green's current internal public feud is over this money! Furthermore, each candidate with a minimum 10% vote, receives a 50% rebate.

However, most party candidates "agree" to gut local issue campaigns by folding to and assigning much of the local 50% to top-down central campaigns.

In exchange for the 2006 plum of party candidacy, will you ask each candidate how much they assigned to party central, as part of their Faustian Bargain and thereby secretly hand-cuffed their own ability to provide citizen-friendly government of, by and for the people? Will you also ask if they will work towards changing the law so every assignment is disclosed publicly, including how much, of all three monies, the top-down central party campaigns capture? And if they refuse, will you ask your candidate why they are not free to advance public disclosure of public funds?

Eduard Hiebert, An Independent Voice of Conscience

I am part of a Canadian third generation family farm. In my family I am also the eldest first generation born in Canada, Canadian. Having traveled internationally, I am deeply proud of being Canadian!

Yet from my vantage point I am deeply saddened that through all the privatisation being forced upon us by the Conservatives and Liberals, Canada at an alarming rate is becoming ever more like the countries, many of our families throughout Canada have left a short or long time ago.

It is because of what Canada has given me, that I now with a deep passion and love for Canada, come before you here today, in order to advance a path towards the common good and that this land of milk and honey continue to be a land for the common folk.

I encourage you to ask each candidate, for their understanding of the issues and their commitment to Canadian democratic self-government, please vote for the candidate most free and able to deliver. In Kildonan St. Paul, on January 23, vote Eduard Hiebert (Independent).

For more information or to help in the campaign towards a more democratic Canada, please check out Eduard Hiebert's web site at <http://www.eduardhiebert.com> or call 864-2102.

On January 23, 2006 In Kildonan St. Paul

VOTE EDUARD HIEBERT (Independent)

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