
Sandra Finley New Leader of the Green Party of Saskatchewan

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Sandra Finley of Saskatoon was elected the new leader of the Green Party of Saskatchewan at a general meeting held on the weekend of October 14. Finley is a well known community and environmental activist. She is replacing John Kern, who was forced to resign as leader for personal reasons. She will serve as leader until the annual general meeting in March 2007.

The Green Party will have a candidate in the Martensville bye-election, which is expected to be called sometime in February 2007. Finley is working with members in the riding to find a candidate and an election team. Currently Finley is travelling to five different rural areas to meet members and help select candidates for the next provincial election, expected either in June or October 2007. The party plans to run a full slate of candidates in the next election.

At the October meeting of the GPS the members heard the report from the platform committee and chose eight issues which would form the core of the election campaign. The full platform will be adopted at the annual general meeting of the party next March. This short platform will be the basis for the campaign in Martensville.

Green Party of Saskatchewan
2007 Election Platform Highlights

- * A New Energy Policy - Gaining control of our oil and gas reserves, oppose nuclear power and uranium refining, phase out electrical power from burning coal.
- * Climate Change - Support for Kyoto Protocol through energy conservation, demand management, wind, solar, biomass, geothermal, and small hydro.
- * Agriculture and Food - Support for ecological agriculture, marketing boards, co-ops, food security, and local processing and distribution. We will end subsidies to corporate agribusiness and support a move to organic agriculture.
- * Electoral Reform - Introduce proportional representation, limit campaign contributions to individuals, and limit size of individual contributions.
- * Taxation for Social Justice - Re-introduce a progressive tax system based on ability to pay, increase resource royalties, restore grants to municipalities, reduce property taxes, and move to eliminate user fees for public services.
- * A New and Different Health Policy - A policy based on prevention of illness, support for the five principles of Medicare, and the right of all to healthy food, clean water, clean air, good housing and a just standard of living.
- * A New Approach to Resource Development - Emphasis on local and Canadian ownership and control, sustainable development, sharing with Aboriginal communities, and ending subsidies to large transnational corporations.
- * Education Policy - Restore provincial funding to school districts, support and fund pre-school programs, restore funding to post- secondary institutions, and reduce tuition for higher education to levels of the past, the lowest in Canada.

See the complete platform and policies of the Green Party of Saskatchewan:

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