

Elections -- Sask -- New Green Alliance-
1999

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Dedicated to protecting the environment and addressing the unequal distribution of wealth and the rapid erosion of this country's social programs.

Our Platform

Our Constitution

We invite you to join us in building a compassionate society and a sustainable economy.

Our convention, held on the 27th and 28th of March, was a success. We passed our constitution, nominated candidates for the upcoming election and engaged in lively discussion on policy.

These are the candidates we are running in the upcoming election:

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Victor Lau - Regina Dewdney - 761-0037

Peter Borch - Regina South - Home
565-4602 Cell 537-4042

Jim Elliott - Regina Victoria

Barb Markewich - Regina Centre -

691-0561

Maisie Shiell - Saskatoon Idylwyld,

Sandy Ervin - Saskatoon Eastview -
343-9140 - Platform

Neil Sinclair - Saskatoon Riversdale

Dave Greenfield - Saskatoon Meewasin

Patrick Smith - Saskatoon Nutana -
956-7322

Lynn Oliphant - Saskatoon Fairview

Dan Fraose - Redberry Lake

Ron Schriml - Humboldt

Garth Herman - Indian Head-Milestone-
584-9032 - Platform

Sigfredo Gonzalez - Estevan - 634-0064

The New Green Alliance is allied with
the Green Party of Canada and the
Green Movement Internationally.

Our guiding principles are:

ECOLOGY

EQUALITY

NONVIOLENCE

GRASSROOTS DEMOCRACY

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NEW GREEN ALLIANCE PLATFORM

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1. New Energy Policy. The New Green Alliance will place primary emphasis on energy conservation and the development of wind, solar & other renewable energy sources.
2. Northern Development Policy. The New Green Alliance will create a special task force to establish a participatory process for developing a sustainable development policy for Northern Saskatchewan. Uranium mining will be phased out. The goal of a new policy is to cease treating the unique ecosystem of the North and the communities living there as commodities for the use of Southern Saskatchewan.
3. A Progressive Taxation System. The New Green Alliance will introduce a progressive tax system based on ability to pay. Royalties on the extraction of natural resources will be raised to at least the levels they were in 1982.
4. Agriculture and Food. The New Green Alliance will support family farms, co-operative farms, community-shared agriculture, producer cooperatives and producer-controlled marketing boards. We will introduce legislation to ban corporate farming. Government support will be shifted from corporate farming to an ecological, sustainable and organic agriculture. The government will give support to the formation of an alternative food processing and distribution system in Saskatchewan.
5. Reduce Poverty. The New Green Alliance will immediately introduce a 33 per cent increase in social assistance rates and raise the minimum wage to \$8 per hour and index it to the cost of living. We will provide free publicly funded childcare and increase the number of spaces in day care centres to at least the Canadian average. The New Green Alliance will support affordable, quality housing through rent controls and inspection systems, social housing, home ownership and encourage cooperative housing.
6. Supporting Families. The New Green Alliance will pass pay equity legislation, most available hours legislation and ensure that all part-time workers receive pro-rated benefits. We will provide one year paid parental leave and bring midwifery under medicare. We express our profound respect for people raising children and ensure that they will not be discriminated or disadvantaged.
7. Workers Rights. The New Green Alliance will pass anti-scab legislation, undertake a major overhaul of the Workers Compensation Board and improve the Trade Union and Labour Standards Acts. We will legislate a shorter work week with no loss in pay.
8. Aboriginal Rights. The New Green Alliance will immediately begin a dialogue with existing Aboriginal and Metis organizations in order to explore and address the issues associate with inherent First Nations and Metis rights including rights to land and resources. We will increase funding to Aboriginal institutions. Where environmental concerns have conflict with inherent rights, the environment should be more important.
9. Crown Corporations. The New Green Alliance strongly supports

the role of Crown Corporations where appropriate in the development of Saskatchewan. We strongly oppose the private control of natural resources. We will introduce legislation to make Crown Corporations democratic and responsive to public policy.

10. Health Policy. The New Green Alliance will create a democratic participatory process for community evaluation of health policy. We will support the introduction of more community health centres, pharmacare, alternative medicine, dental care and home care. We will support preventative health care, including social, economic and environmental factors. We support the strengthening of the Canada Health Act, the foundation of medicare.

11. Electoral Reform. The New Green Alliance will introduce a system of proportional representation. We will pass legislation to limit contributions to political parties to individuals. Contributions will be limited to the average biweekly provincial wage (\$).

12. Fair Trade. The New Green Alliance strongly opposes the Multilateral Agreement on Investment and other corporate free trade agreements. We support the democratic principles of fair trade adopted at the People's Summit of the Americas in Santiago, Chile, in April 1998.

13. Nuclear Policy. The New Green Alliance opposes the location of any uses nuclear fuel waste dump in Saskatchewan. We also oppose any plans to build a nuclear power generator in Saskatchewan. The mining of uranium will be quickly phased out. An inquiry shall be launched into where our uranium has gone since 1952. Assistance programs will be created to help victims of Saskatchewan's uranium in foreign countries.

14. Education. The New Green Alliance will restore adequate public funding to Saskatchewan's universities. The corporate sector's (exemplified by the biotechnology and mining industries) growing stranglehold on universities must be eliminated. For all academically qualified residents, student tuition fees will be rapidly reduced and eventually eliminated for four years of education. All qualified citizens of Saskatchewan are entitled to free higher education as they are to health care and secondary education. If properly conceived, a university education can reinforce social justice, preventative health and environmental quality.

15. Gambling. The New Green Alliance opposes government-sponsored gambling as socially destructive and as a regressive form of taxation. A province-wide plebiscite will allow the people to decide if they wish to continue this policy. Should the people choose to eliminate VLTs and casinos, First Nations governments will be compensated through other revenues.