



Ethics and Integrity Matter

Over 28 years, I worked at the Justice Department and the Privy Council Office in Ottawa, as well as the BC Ministry of Attorney General. As a public service lawyer, I advised dozens of ministers and one Prime Minister. **Never once did I have the sense that our government was corrupt.**

This week, however, the Ethics Commissioner found that Justin Trudeau broke the law, specifically section 9 of the federal Conflict of Interest Act. **The findings are very serious:** to gain political advantage, our Prime Minister personally led a systematic attempt to undermine Attorney General Jody Wilson-Raybould's independent decision-making in the criminal prosecution of SNC-Lavalin.

People across Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke are letting us know when we meet on doorsteps that these ethical failures are a serious concern. Just yesterday, voters asked our canvassing team for 10 lawn signs during a two and a half hour canvass. **People now see the Greens as an ethical alternative** to old line parties that too often put partisan self-interest first.

With less than seventy days to go before the advance polls, we must now ramp up the intensity of our campaign. As of this week, we are going to be knocking on doors seven days a week. We've knocked on over 20,000 doors so far. To win, we need to double that number and triple the number of active volunteers on our campaign.

Can you please volunteer now? We need your help as never before. Our team is very welcoming and comes from all walks of life. There is no shortage of work in our office, on our phone team, on our sign team, and on our canvassing team! To contact Emily, our volunteer coordinator, please email volunteer.ess@greenparty.ca.

Sending David to Parliament Hill

David will be celebrating his birthday soon and we'd love to have you join in the festivities!

He's not over the hill yet but how wonderful would it be **to send him to Parliament Hill** on Election Day, October 21.

To celebrate his birthday, we're inviting you to join him, his family and Elizabeth May for a **Birthday Fundraiser on Thursday, August 22 at 7:30 pm.**

Not sure about a birthday gift? Your presence at his party and financial support for his campaign would be the best birthday present!

Thank you to Jim and Penny for hosting his birthday party at their lovely home. We hope that you will bring a friend. Join us for cake and goodies. Please let us know if you plan to attend so we know how big the birthday cake needs to be. **RSVP for the full details - vote.merner@greenparty.ca.**

Can we make this birthday the most memorable for David and raise \$15,000 for his campaign to fund signs and print materials? **Whatever you contribute -- large or small -- in funds and in volunteer time will be very welcome!**

#GreenBecause - Volunteer Profile - Emily Hiser



Emily Hiser has been volunteering in our ESS campaign office this summer and will soon be heading back to UVic for her third year. She majors in Political Science and Environmental Studies.

Emily grew up in Victoria. She was first attracted to the Green Party in Grade 8 when the educational group *Dancing with the Octopus*, a non-partisan group focussed on engaging girls and women in politics, came to her school. She was assigned a group project on Elizabeth May. Elizabeth's values and the Green platform really caught Emily's interest and she decided to align herself with people who felt the way she did.

As an older teenager, Emily volunteered at various Green events and, at a conference on indigenous languages, she met Victoria Green candidate Racelle Kooy. That meeting prompted Emily to volunteer for the Green party. Since then, she's been at the ESS office volunteering as a foot canvasser, doing data entry, and helping to organize our road sign campaign.

Emily's especially happy with the Green's platform on the environment and on indigenous reconciliation. She dearly hopes that more Green MPs in Ottawa will result in Canada's international climate agreements being taken more seriously by the federal government.

Another way that Emily will be getting involved is by casting her ballot. This election marks the first time that Emily will be able to vote in a federal election! We're hoping that she votes Green!

Join our Community Leaders

**Paul Manly - Tonight Friday, August 16 at 4:45pm
and 7:30pm**



Paul Manly is our second elected Green MP. Paul is joining our team to canvass at **4:45pm** because he knows the importance of meeting and engaging with voters in getting elected and he wants to help David.

One of his experienced canvassers, Deraek Menard will be presenting on canvassing at 4pm. It's a great opportunity for new and experienced canvassers.

We will be having a **social potluck mixer at 7:30pm** with Paul. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet and Paul and ask him questions about his experience in Ottawa.

Please join us and invite your friends and family!

Frances Litman - Monday, Aug 19

Thank you to Frances Litman, 2015 Green Party candidate, for agreeing to canvass with us on Monday, August 19, starting at 5pm. Frances knows the importance of canvassing and she hopes that you can join her and David for the evening. We will be meeting at our office at 4:45pm.



Adam Olsen - Tuesday, Aug 20

Adam has regularly been coming and volunteering to help our campaign. He's coming out for a third time on Tuesday, August 20! The team will head out at 5pm and meet at our office at 4:45pm. Join the fun with Adam, a rock star canvasser!



Can't join us at 5pm? Please let us know and we'll make special arrangements for a later evening canvass at 6pm. Contact our [volunteer coordinator](#).

Volunteers Needed - Sign Team

The election will be announced soon and we need volunteers for our sign teams. The campaign has received hundreds of requests for lawn signs and we need a team to **help deliver lawn signs**. Also, we will be installing road signs all around our riding in Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke. Handy with a hammer, have a truck, you would be ideal to be part of our **road sign team**, please join us. Please contact our [volunteer coordinator](#) for details. Thank you.

Recurring Events

We have regular events happening at our office. We hope that you can join us.

Tuesdays at 10:30AM - Coffee Party with David

Tuesdays at 5:30PM - Phone Canvassing Party

Wednesdays at 11:30AM - Data Entry Party

Canvassing Training Sessions:

Friday, August 16 4:00PM

Thursday, August 22 4:00PM

Or drop by and help when you can. For more information, please send an email to volunteer.ess@greenparty.ca

Community of Green - Reserve Today!



Have you reserved your lawn sign? Let's paint the Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke riding **green** when the election is announced in September. Show your support and click below to reserve your sign today! Also, if you wish to show your financial support with a donation to help pay for these signs, whatever you can afford is greatly appreciated.

[Reserve a Sign](#)

Sincerely and gratefully,

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