

Our Candidate, Nettie Wiebe wants to hear from you...

Dear Friends,

I'm glad to pack away the parkas and mittens. And I'm looking forward to warm weather, planting, outdoor cooking and opening up the windows when I'm doing housework.

There's a dire need for light and some fresh air in the tightly sealed chambers of government. Although they campaigned on transparency, accountability and honesty, the Harper Conservatives run the most secretive, centrally controlled government that Canada has ever had.

All the "messaging" from Conservative MPs and Ministers is scripted by the Prime Minister's Office. Any MP who fails or refuses to adhere to these dictates is demoted or dismissed. Recall MP Bill Casey who was booted out of caucus for refusing to sanction Harper's broken promise on equalization to Nova Scotia. Even directors of independent public bodies such as the Nuclear Safety Commission chairperson, Linda Keene and Canadian Wheat Board CEO Adrian Measner have been fired for carrying out their mandates instead of caving to the Conservatives' agenda.

Harper's secrecy and control has gone from the ruthless to the absurd. Environment Canada scientists across the country are now under orders not to answer any questions. All responses will be handled through Ottawa. Publicly funded research information, be it on water quality or migratory birds or melting Arctic ice, can only be released if it fits with the government's message.

So far only the weather service is exempted from this order. But given his lack of concern about the environment and his denial of climate change, Harper may soon find that weather reports and storm warnings are "off-message" and have to be quashed!

I think that kind of control and secrecy are a danger to all of us. I'm a New Democratic candidate because the NDP is an open, broadly based, democratic, grass-roots people's party. We value and respect a wide variety of voices. We encourage participation and leadership.

Opening up government and making it fair is up to all of us. I invite you to pitch in!

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Nettie

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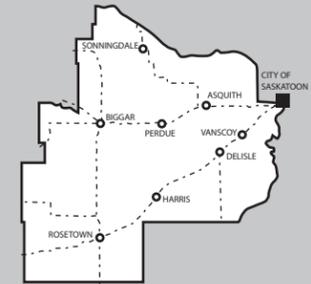


Station 20 West

On April 5, 2008 Nettie walked with more than 2000 others to show her support for the Station 20 West initiative. This was the biggest demonstration seen in the streets of Saskatoon in decades. People of all ages and walks of life joined to demand that the Brad Wall conservatives re-instate the \$8 million investment in Station 20 West.

Station 20 West was envisioned to be a place where health care, healthy food, community services and much more would be delivered, improving the well-being of individuals and families in the core neighbourhoods of Saskatoon. While Wall's conservatives have abandoned the project, community members are taking action to make Station 20 West a reality.

For more information visit:
www.station20west.org



SASKATOON ROSETOWN BIGGAR NDP 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Saskatoon Rosetown Biggar New Democratic Party Federal Riding Association will be held:

Date: May 27, 2008
Place: Mayfair United Church
902 33rd Street West
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Time: Registration: 6:30 p.m.
Call to Order: 7:30 p.m.

All members in good standing of the New Democratic Party residing within the riding of Saskatoon Rosetown Biggar shall be eligible to attend and vote at the Annual Meeting. Anyone on the active membership list can renew at the door. New memberships will be accepted up until May 15th, 2008.

The business of the meeting will be:

- To receive and pass reports from some of the Executive Officers and from Nettie Wiebe, our nominated candidate.
- To select members to serve on the Riding Association Executive until our next annual meeting.
- To elect two representatives and two alternates to the Saskatchewan Council of Federal Ridings.
- To pass resolutions to be forwarded to the next Convention of the New Democratic Party of Canada.
- To elect delegates to represent Saskatoon Rosetown Biggar at the next federal convention.

The Riding Association, the Executive and your candidate need and welcome your participation and support. Please join us at this important event in the lead up to a very crucial election for Saskatoon Rosetown Biggar.

Coffee and refreshments will be served at the end of the evening.

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Jack Layton in Saskatoon

7 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, 2008



Location: St. George's Parish Hall
1236 20th Street West
(The corner of 20th St and Avenue M)

Jack will participate in a public forum with local groups that are seeking solutions to the housing crisis here in Saskatoon and area. He is also on a tour introducing his latest book, "Homelessness: The Making and Unmaking of a Crisis." Saskatoon and area NDP Candidates will be in attendance. All are invited to attend and contribute to the discussion on this issue.

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A delayed election call has given us more time to prepare for the next federal election. And we are using that time well.

Our candidate, Nettie Wiebe, has been meeting with, and listening to, lots of people. She's also consulting with community organizations and working on policy issues. Teams of riding executive members and supporters worked with her to make person to person contact with voters in the communities of Vanscoy, Asquith, Rosetown, and Perdue during the winter months.

The booming economy, which is changing the outlook for families and communities in all parts of the riding, is a mixed blessing. Improved job prospects, better grain prices and people moving in are the positive sides of this. But living costs have shot up and there is a growing shortage of housing. Decent housing is necessary for good health, well-being, family stability and community security.

The NDP is the only party that is actively working on solutions to the increasingly urgent problem facing the many people whose wages and incomes are not keeping pace with rapidly rising housing costs. Our leader Jack Layton



Photo at Right:
Wendy Tran of the Vault Family Restaurant with Nettie in Asquith

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has a long history of advocacy on the issues of housing and homelessness. He's literally "written the book" on it, as they say. (See housing forum announcement on page 1 in this issue)

The Harper government shows little interest in ensuring that economic growth benefits those who built this country (seniors), those who keep it going (working families) and those who represent it's future (youth and children). Instead of investing in people, their February budget gave six dollars away in corporate tax benefits for every dollar in new spending. This unfair Harper agenda results in the government taking in 12% more of its revenue from personal taxes while getting 14% less from profitable corporations.

The next election will be about fairness. Economic growth must open the way for all individuals, families and communities to live in a cleaner, safer environment, enjoying better services and greater opportunities.

Our candidate, Nettie Wiebe, is practical, effective and determined when it comes to standing up for the people of this riding and this province.

Take this excellent opportunity to make sure that we send a New Democrat to Ottawa from here. Join our dedicated Saskatoon Rosetown Biggar NDP team by giving your time, ideas, money and energy.

Federal Tax Credits

- 75% of the first \$400
- 50% of the next \$350
- 33% of the next \$350

These tax credits are direct deductions on your payable tax at the end of the year.

How We Use Your Money

Your on-going commitment of funds will help with these expenses:

- Pre-Election Pamphlets
- Pre-Election Newspaper Ads
- Campaign Office Rental
- Phone Bank
- Office Equipment
- Campaign Signs
- Candidate Advertising

BUILDING OUR FUTURE
HERE IN SASKATOON ROSETOWN BIGGAR
WITH A STRONG NDP RIDING ASSOCIATION

BUILDING OUR FUTURE

With member participation

- Attend our Annual General Meeting.
- Contact Nettie or the executive at any time.
- Bring your issue forward.
- Volunteer for election or pre-election tasks.
- Democracy happens all year long.

BUILDING OUR FUTURE

With financial resources

- Join a growing list of members making monthly contributions directly to the riding association.
- \$30 per month will cost you only 25 cents per day with the 75% tax credit.
- Fill out enclosed PAC form and take advantage of generous tax credits while adding greatly to our ability to elect an MP.
- Pick an amount that is right for you.

This spring we encourage making a monthly commitment to build the future of the NDP in Saskatoon Rosetown Biggar. **Please fill out and return the enclosed contribution form.**

