

## Craig Munroe- LPCBC Presidential Candidate



I am running for re-election as President of the Liberal Party of Canada in British Columbia and I ask for your support.

I have been honoured to have been able to serve as LPCBC President this last term. It has been filled with many challenges and also with many successes. Our party had just been through two leadership races in a short period of time when I took office. We were experiencing the fissures that inevitably result from these processes, and our focus had been on these races, rather than on building our ridings and encouraging individual leadership among our membership. Little did I know that we would soon be entering into yet another election and then another leadership race with all the same distractions and tensions!

My goal for the last term has been to stabilize our party structures and return relevance to our party's institutions. This included increasing the level of respect for and interaction with the Electoral District Associations, as well as increasing the effectiveness of the LPCBC office. It also included a commitment to following our constitution and the rules that are established from time to time. I have also attempted to strengthen British Columbia's role in the national party by playing a positive but forceful role on the National Executive (now Board of Directors).

I am pleased that, working together, we have achieved many of these goals. I have enjoyed the regular informal conference calls with the EDA presidents, and I was very pleased to have successfully lobbied to have our National Biennial Convention in Vancouver last April. I am also impressed with the improvements made by the LPCBC staff given their very limited resources. Having said that, we have not achieved all of our goals and work remains to be done.

Essentially, my last term was about strengthening our foundations and providing a platform for growth. My next term, should you entrust me with your support, will be to engage in that growth. This will include establishing an intelligent and proactive approach to riding development, taking into account the specific challenges that face the EDA's in our province's regions. We also need to put in place better systems for volunteer engagement and to improve the ability of the various layers of our party to interact, from individual member, through to EDA, PTA, Commission, MP, candidate, the national Board of Directors, and the Leader's Office. We have come some way in breaking down the silos, but much work is yet to be done.

I look forward to discussing these ideas (and many more) with you in the weeks to come and at our Convention in Whistler. All the best!

Craig