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"Alberta lacks alternate dispute resolutions that satisfy criteria for meaningful public involvement such as legitimacy of need, legitimacy of process, ability to make a deal, and consequences for failure to resolve conflicts. Years of unlimited ministerial discretion have led to the present disarray in forestry and energy policies".

Robert is a long time resident of Edmonton. He graduated from the University of Alberta with a degree in zoology. He has been associated with the Green party and the environmental community of Edmonton since 1989.

He has acquired an understanding of the perspectives of the directly affected parties relative to contentious environmental issues.

He has made submissions to public hearings, regulatory reviews and workshops at the federal provincial and municipal levels. His articles have appeared in "Environment Network News" published by the Alberta Environment Network.

*"Never doubt that change can be wrought by a handful of people.
In fact this is the only way that significant change ever occurs".*

Margaret Mead

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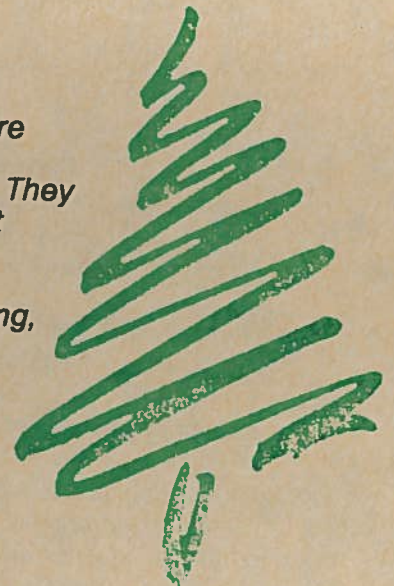
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"The environment is not just an issue but a circumstance we all share"

The Greens are about the environment. They are also about people, the economy, decision making, individual responsibility, peace, justice and equity.



A Healthy Economy Is Inseparable From A Healthy Environment

A healthy environment is a good investment. An M.I.T. Study completed in 1993 in the U.S.A. showed that the economy is most vibrant in the States where environmental rules and regulations are most stringent.

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A Healthy Environment Ensures A Healthy Population

Quality life for all and a healthy environment are two basic green principles. A healthy economy that takes care of people's needs is the outcome of a healthy environment. The Greens have the courage and the vision to change things.

Here are some policies the Greens support :

Economy

- Self sufficient regional economies centred upon local ownership and operation of businesses
- Support for small scale community based projects using appropriate technologies
- Support for re-investing a portion of profits into the local economy
- Reduction of raw materials export and increase in value-added goods production
- Price of products to include environmental, social and economic costs.
- Job creation in environmental restoration, conservation and recycling
- Support for low-cost housing alternatives

Education and Health Care

- Restructuring of the present school board structure to redirect monies saved to the classroom level
- Equal per student funding rate with extra funding for special needs
- Consolidation of delivery of all social programs in regional community centres
- Equal access to health care services for all
- Emphasis on prevention of illness and personal responsibility
- Honest presentations of treatment alternatives and consequences to patients
- Decentralized health care service with local accountability and community participation

Environment

- Reinstatement/enforcement of the regulations of the Alberta Environment Act and rejection of the more limited guidelines of the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts
- Ecological Impact Assessments Review Panels for all large projects with approval or rejection power
- Reduction of urban air pollution by encouraging public transportation and alternate energy sources
- Introduction of policies to protect animals and plants in the wild, and genetic diversity
- Initiatives to end the production of all ozone-depleting chemicals.
- Establishment of a Whistle-Blower Protection Act
- Strict regulations of all effluent producing industries and of costs of water purification
- Environmental impact charge on goods and services to fund waste elimination
- Costs of disposal, return or reuse of products to be the responsibility of producers

Wilderness is a reminder of the ongoing wonders of creation that sustains life and commands the respect of human and all living things

The Greens seek a peaceful, just and ecologically sound society where a stable economy free from boom and bust cycles, provides for the needs of everyone without undermining the integrity of the planet's ecosystems

We recognize a reverence for life in the founding peoples of the continent, a reverence we need to internalize.

Farming and Forestry

- Promotion of environmentally sound agricultural practices
- Promotion of regional food self-sufficiency
- Eventual elimination of pesticides and herbicides
- Protection of good agricultural land from urban expansion
- Establishment of economically and ecologically sustainable forestry methods
- Integration of forestry industries into local sustainable economies and prevention of export of raw resources and sell out/to by multinationals

Government

- Enactment of the Freedom of Information legislation
- Alternative ways of electing Representatives
- Right of recall of Governments and MLAs
- Independent process for defining new electoral boundaries
- Simplified and prompt accounting procedure for reporting of the provincial financial state
- Increase in the decision-making power of local governments

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