



BRAD TROST

SASKATOON - HUMBOLDT



Newsletter

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Free Speech and Human Rights Commissions

At the Conservative Party of Canada's policy convention in Winnipeg in November, every Conservative Member of Parliament voted to repeal section 13 of the Canadian Human Rights Act. Virtually unanimous support from delegates for motion P-203 shows that our Party believes in the right of free speech in Canada.

Last June, I wrote an extended newspaper column on freedom of speech. Free speech advocate Ezra Levant said that my column was "by far the strongest criticism of the HRCs that I have heard from anyone in Parliament to date." Here are some excerpts from my column:

Over the past few months, I have been following reports about Canada's federal and provincial human rights commissions and the suppression of free speech. The most troubling stories concern the manner in which human rights commission staff conduct investigations and run their "hearings."

The fact that the RCMP and the Privacy Commissioner have each launched investigations into the Canadian Human Rights Commission (CHRC) should be a real eye-opener for Canadians.

I am a believer in inalienable human rights. I believe that inalienable rights like freedom of speech and freedom of religion, along with the rule of law, are fundamental to western democracies.

I believe that Canada's Human Rights Commissions, originally established to protect those seeking housing or employment from discrimination, have morphed into kangaroo courts that selectively oppress Canadians who hold small "c" conservative political or religious views.

As a Member of Parliament and a citizen of this great country, I am deeply concerned about the erosion of our fundamental rights by these quasi-judicial human rights commissions.

I am not sure if all of Canada's human rights commissions should be scrapped, or if a major overhaul of the system, including legislative review would suffice. I am certain, however, that our collection of human rights commissions have very little to do with human rights.

"It is very well researched and thoughtfully considered...I was beaming when I read it. [Trost] gets it. Nobody supports these kangaroo courts except for people who have a vested interest in them -- the human rights industry."

—Ezra Levant

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In the Community

Where were the Meet and Greets?

- January 13: Humboldt Constituency Office
- January 14: Watson Meat Processors Ltd (Watson Fine Foods)
- January 14: Shirley's Place, Quill Lake
- January 14: Chan's Diner, Naicam
- January 15: Sig's Place, Vonda
- January 15: Bruno Café
- January 15: Apple Wood Restaurant, Cudworth
- January 16: Crossroads Restaurant, Wakaw
- January 16: Bellevue Centre le Rendezvous
- January 16: The Riverview Café, St. Louis
- January 17: Saskatoon Constituency Office



Brad's Open House at the Humboldt Mall on January 13th was busy throughout the day. Over 50 constituents dropped by to talk to Brad about issues of importance to them. This was just one of the Meet and Greets that Brad held in 10 towns throughout the riding during the week of January 13-17th.

Quick Facts for Conservatives

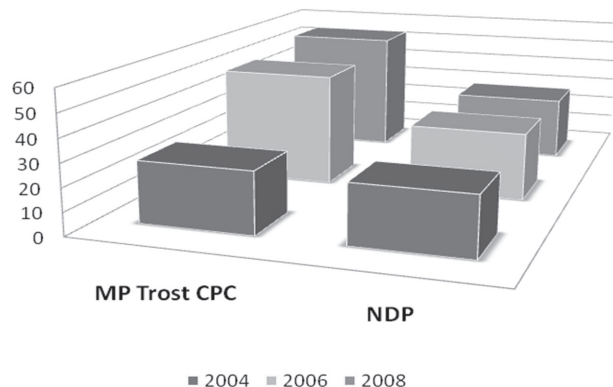
During the last general election on October 14th, Brad Trost won re-election as your Member of Parliament by obtaining 53.8 per cent of the vote. By comparison, the NDP came in a distant second with less than 28 per cent of the vote.

In 2006, Brad almost got the majority of the popular vote, receiving 49.1 per cent of the vote in the 39th General Election. The NDP again received less than one-third of the votes cast, with 29.5 per cent.

When Brad first ran to represent

the people of Saskatoon-Humboldt during the 38th General Election on June 28, 2004, he won with 26.7 per cent—the second smallest percentage of the vote (or plurality) earned by any victorious candidate in any federal election since Confederation.

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