

Calling all candidates...its election time!

Leader's Message



Please visit our revamped website to view our Party's Platform.

<https://albertaadvantageparty.ca/>

The Provincial election is May 29, 2023. The polls indicate a tight race between the NDP and UCP. There are varying opinions regarding Danielle Smith and once again, the two main parties will run their campaigns on negative fears.

The Advantage Party is different. Our Object (reason for existing) is to elect MLA's who will implement a Platform that the members want. Our members have articulated clearly what kind of Alberta they want to live in.

I plan to run in the Parkland – Lac St. Anne Constituency and was door knocking in Onoway until the winter weather set in. **If you would like to help with the Parkland – Lac St. Anne campaign, it would be appreciated.**

As Carol, our President has indicated, if you would like to run as a candidate, please step up now. May 29 can seem like a long way off, but it will come quickly.

There is no greater invasion of privacy than digital ID. Digital ID is a monitoring system. Ten years ago it worked for authorities to claim that our concerns were “conspiracy theories”, but that doesn't work anymore. Albertans have woken up to the reality that outside globalist forces want what we in Alberta have. Danielle Smith claims that she will not implement Digital ID but her government has merely changed the language. She believes that digital ID is the way of the future and unfortunately, she is neck deep in engagement with proved globalists.

At our November 2022 AGM, Advantage Party members strongly rejected the implementation of mandatory digital ID and that is one of our key Platforms in the upcoming election.

Landowners were rudely awakened in February 2023 with the awareness that our municipalities have been secretly working to restrict our ability to use our land as we see fit and to give away our unique historical property rights to foreign interests. **This all came to light when Thorhild County refused to grant a lawful propane tank permit to a couple in Thorhild County.** The landowner, Ms. Theissen states that she searched through the Thorhild County Land Use Bylaws and the **proposed** Land Use Bylaws and discovered that the proposed changes significantly restricted owner's use of their land. She and others lobbied the Thorhild County Mayor and Councilors (who were unaware of the proposed changes) and the proposed changes were voted down. This has caused a viral awakening in Alberta.

We now know that our Alberta municipalities have quietly and secretly been working with international interests to open Alberta land to global interests through organizations such as Green Space Alliance, Smart Cities Alliance and Global Edmonton, which is an international globalist corporation that wants to turn the greater Edmonton area into a global hub for AI, Green projects and whatever this foreign company wants.

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Now that Albertans have suddenly become aware, the municipalities appear to be cloistering to protect themselves, and are using the age-old talking point of warning landowners not to listen to “conspiracy theories”. This has all been done “under the cover of covid” and with the wide-open welcome by the UCP government.

The Advantage Party members matter. Our membership consists of the most aware and astute people in Alberta. Thank you for your involvement in these historically significant times.

Marilyn Burns

Advantage Party of Alberta Leader

President's Message



If you have ever thought about what you would do if you had the chance to run the government, here is your opportunity.

We are looking for people who want to make a difference. Who believe we can make a difference if given the chance. People who want to work with the people of Alberta to pave a better path forward for the Province and her people. If you are interested in being an MLA, willing to do the work of an MLA for the people you represent and not just a headache for another candidate we need you.

Advantage Party of Alberta believes that the People of Alberta have the best wisdom when it comes to governing themselves and their own needs. Those needs are not uniform across counties or electoral districts. What is important to someone in Le Crete, Alberta may not be important to someone in Princess, Alberta. Our members need to be responsive to the people they represent first and foremost. They are the voice of the people who elected them.

In our constitution, our constituencies have the power. Candidate selection within a constituency is done within the Constituency Association. A committee made up of 75% Constituency board and 25% Executive Committee members is given the task of choosing the candidate for a constituency. The person wishing to be the nominee meets with the committee, fills out an application then the committee votes on acceptance. If there is no Constituency Association where a nominee wishes to run, we have two procedures: 1. The person wishing to run can set up a Constituency Association in their chosen riding. The person can complete an application form and a committee of three will meet with the candidate.

There is no time limit as a member of the party to become a candidate for the party. I was called a few days ago to dispel a rumor that to be a candidate you needed to be a member for 18 months. This is NOT TRUE. The only time anyone needs to comply with the 18-month rule is if you are planning to run for leadership. The reason for the 18-month rule is for the members to get to know you as a party member and participant and for you to get to know them and how the party is organized.

We believe in the power of the people to know what is best for them. We want people who want to work with the public to accomplish the goals.

If you are interested in becoming a candidate, please reach out to myself, our leader Marilyn Burns or to our Vice – President Kelly Zeleny to get the process started.

Carol Nordlund-Kinsey

Advantage Party of Alberta President

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VP Membership Message



Thank-you for your continued support through membership and donation.

The success of our party depends on the support and input from all of you! Through this party, I have had the opportunity to meet many amazing people. What humbles me is the intelligence, skill and ability of the many individuals that work “behind the scenes” to get party business done. Special thanks to the members of the Executive Committee for their continued efforts.

The money from memberships and donations is used for Advantage Party work across Alberta. From flyers to the website and operating expenses, this money is essential to our existence. Many people don't realize that selling memberships is a requirement by Elections Alberta for the accountability and validity of a political party.

Buy a membership and you have the opportunity to be a vital part of policy creation for this party. If you feel inspired to share your ideas for change, please contact us. We are here working for political change and every Albertan has the opportunity to make that happen.

Kelly Zeleny

Advantage Party of Alberta VP Membership

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LEADING ALBERTA FORWARD

Vendetta: The Story of Mojo's
by C. Nordlund-Kinsey

Vendetta – that is the only word that can describe the concerted effort of Parkland County against the Oshvalda's and Mojo's Garden Center and Diner.

Mr. John Oshvalda was an employee of Parkland County between 1998 and February 2013, in the Public Works department. His job involved a lot of manual labour. In 2012, he became ill with Gillian - Barre Syndrome and was forced to leave his employment. That is when the thoughts of being self-employed blossomed. The idea of a greenhouse had been a dream for he and his wife, Monica for a long time. They had the land. It was only a matter of getting the greenhouses set up.

Mr. and Mrs. Oshvalda approached the County of Parkland with their idea. Parkland's Planning and Development Services were excited to help the Oshvalda's dream become a reality. Vicky Beck, who worked in the Planning and Development department took a particular interest in helping the Oshvaldas. She helped them get their first Development Permit in 2012 for two greenhouses and a second Development Permit in 2013 that added on their diner. In 2017, she helped and encouraged them to apply for a Cottage Industry Development Permit within the County. This new Permit would gain them more flexibility and ability to grow. She and other Parkland County Planning and Development employees were with them through the whole process.

Mojo's Garden Center had become a reality in 2013. Two greenhouses were open for business. In 2015 the Parkland County fire inspector gave approval for the diner to open, and the business was expanded to Mojo's Garden Centre and Diner. The Oshvaldas had larger plans built into the 2013 Development Permit and the 2017 Cottage Industry Development Permit. As their fledgling business began to thrive, they planned to add a bigger steel building to house a larger diner and entertainment venue. Every additional step under the umbrella of the Development Permits required Safety Codes permits. Safety Codes permits were requested and received from the County. As the work was done and inspected the Safety Codes permits were signed off on by the County.

Alberta Health Services came yearly to inspect the Diner and found minimal issues. The Oshvaldas were encouraged by AHS and the County to use their own grown produce in their meals and other items for sale.

By December 2020, the Oshvaldas were awarded the 'Rural Business of the Year' award from the Alberta Government. Shane Getson, the MLA for Lac Ste. Anne/Parkland was so excited about the Oshvalda's business ventures he invited then Premier Kenney to see Mojo's Garden Center and Diner.

When Covid happened and the Alberta Government installed harsh directives to all the businesses in the province, the Oshvaldas did their best to comply. They took all sensible actions they could. They removed half their chairs to reduce seating from twenty-five to twelve in the diner. They put distancing and directional marking on the floor. They set up tables on a covered patio and in the open outside. They offered curbside pick-up and delivery. Social distancing instructions were posted inside and outside the diner. They had hand sanitizer, masks, and gloves available for the public. The employees were required to wear masks whenever any customers were at the diner. Mrs. Oshvalda could not wear a mask, but she wore a shield. In the greenhouses, someone stood at the doors to limit the number of people who could go inside. The employees wore masks whenever a customer arrived. Closing completely was not an option. Closing completely would have left the Oshvaldas and their employees destitute.

In May 2021, Ms. Ravinder Thind, an AHS health inspector delivered two tickets to Mr. Oshvalda. When she arrived, two police officers accompanied her. These tickets were subsequently dropped. The police accompanied every subsequent visit Ms. Thind had.

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Ms. Thind tried to close the Diner permanently over this time. In early June 2021 she made a list of items A to Z for MoJo's to fix. When the Oshvaldas fixed this list, she gave them another verbal list and then a second verbal list. Her last list written on a napkin. The lists were petty, with items such as having loose threads on their washcloths. By June 25, the Oshvaldas had fixed everything that AHS wanted.

Then Parkland County climbed into bed with AHS and couldn't get out. Karen Kormos, a Planning and Development Manager at Parkland County stepped in. She took over the Oshvalda's file and demanded that no employee for Parkland County respond to the Oshvaldas and that all communications with the Oshvaldas be directed through her. Ms. Kormos colluded with AHS to put MoJo's and the Oshvaldas out of business at any cost.

Documents received under FOIP (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy) reveal a memos and emails sent from the County's Chief Fire Marshall Sean Cunningham asking for a 'strategy meeting' with Community Peace Officers regarding MoJo's. AHS and Mr. Cunningham planned for Parkland County to do a Safety Codes inspection. The foregone conclusion wasn't to do the inspection and shut down MoJo's if necessary. It was SHUT THEM DOWN. Full stop. The Safety Codes inspection happened on June 23, 2023, and on June 25, 2021, AHS's Program Manager, Phillip Callbeck sent an email wanting to know how soon Safety Codes Orders and MoJo's shut down could be accomplished.

AHS also contacted Alberta Agriculture falsifying a claim that the Oshvaldas were using their own farm eggs in their meal preparation. Alberta Agriculture telephoned John who informed them this was false.

When Mr. and Mrs. Oshvalda could not be cowed into submission by AHS the pressure intensified with Parkland County. They have been issued Stop Order after Stop Order. With Ms. Kormos taking charge of their file, they were not granted needed Safety Codes Permits to complete work already planned, and they couldn't apply for Permits for any future plans.

At first, Parkland County claimed the Oshvaldas had no Permits, then backtracked to admit that the Oshvaldas did have their Development Permits but hadn't gotten the proper Safety Codes Permits. The business was a work in progress and the Oshvaldas had gotten Safety Codes permits as they went along. When the Oshvalda's lawyer made a FOIP request for documentation, she received well over 800 pages of relevant material.

Revealed in those documents Mr. and Mrs. Oshvalda had done work according to the Development Permits. Now the County is demanding that the Oshvaldas get a new Development Permit to include personal buildings on their property using Engineer and Architect experts, permits that will, by all evidence, not be granted and in all effect putting the final nail in MoJo's coffin. Also revealed in the FOIP documents was a determined effort to harass and intimidate the Oshvaldas by having law enforcement park across the road from the Mojos property, monitoring and taking pictures of the activity on the property and reporting back to Ms. Kormos and Parkland County. Through all the abuse of power and process the Oshvaldas continued to pay their taxes in good faith. Emails between Parkland County employees show a cavalier and callous attitude toward the Oshvaldas and MoJo's, including an email where Ms. Kormos states that a case against the Oshvaldas will be expensive but the cost will just be added to their taxes, the intent being that the Oshvaldas will pay one way or another.

Ms. Kormos' signature is on various permits AND the current Stop Order. There is now a Stop Order to demolish and raze the whole property to the ground with her signature on it. Ms. Kormos has committed a gross abuse of power. She enlisted others within the County Office to collude in this abuse. One witness referred to the actions of AHS and Parkland County as a 'Sting Operation' The effect was if the County couldn't kill MoJo's with paperwork, they would kill them financially and reputationally.

This matter is now before an Appeal Board. The Oshvaldas will determine their next steps after the results of the Appeal Board findings.

One final thought. If this can happen to them, what makes you think you're safe from the same treatment?