

# SANDEEP TIMES

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## An Outstanding Success!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Fundraising Dinner Tuesday, October 2, 2007.

With over 160 people in attendance, it was one of the largest grossing single-constituency fundraisers in the Alberta Liberal's history!

A warm thank you to Gerard Kennedy for a wonderful address.

Gerard Kennedy joined Sandeep and his youth team for a photo after the successful fundraising dinner.



## Election Readiness Starts Now Ready, Set, Go!

By Team Deep

One of the closest guarded secrets in Alberta is the date for the next election. Only the Premier knows for sure when the writ will be dropped, but the Alberta Liberals and Team Deep aren't sitting back and waiting. They're getting ready to run...and win!

There are several components to a successful campaign. The most crucial, of course, is getting a great candidate. And we've got one! Sandeep is dedicated to making Alberta a better place for everyone. He's committed to ensuring that Edmonton Manning constituents are well

represented in the Alberta legislature. His background as a successful lawyer guarantees that he'll be an outstanding advocate. And his community service in areas of affordable housing means that he understands how an economic boom can still be a bust for many people living in Edmonton Manning.

In addition to our great candidate, a winning campaign needs a group of committed volunteers. And we've got many of those as well...but there's always room for more volunteers who can give a little of their time and talent to helping out with the

many tasks that come along with campaigning. For more information on volunteering, see the back page of this newsletter.

Finally, a successful campaign can't run on goodwill, it needs money. Team Deep has already had a great deal of fundraising success, but more still needs to be done. Individuals and businesses can make donations to the Constituency Association (see pg 3 for details). All donations are eligible for a tax credit. If you would like to have something more substantial, "Go Deep" t-shirts are available for purchase, \$20/t-shirt or 2 for \$30.

## Oil and Gas Royalties The Alberta Liberal Way

An Alberta Liberal government would increase the government's total take from oil and gas royalties to the level recommended by the royalty review panel. In 2006, this would have raised an extra \$2 billion for Albertans, the owners of the resource. Premier Stelmach's plan will fall half a billion dollars short of this goal every year.

We would work out the details of implementation with all stakeholders, especially industry, treating conventional gas, conventional oil and oilsands sectors separately. Each industry is different; for example, the current downturn in the natural gas sector must be considered when implementing any new royalty regime.

An Alberta Liberal government would offer a limited period of transition to new royalty rates. Alberta Liberals would implement changes to oilsands royalties by June 2008, with the remaining changes implemented by December of the same year.

What would an Alberta Liberal government do with the extra royalties? We'd save 30% of all resource revenues to build up the Heritage Fund, pay for infrastructure and create an endowment for post-secondary education. In 20 years, the Alberta government could earn more from investments than from oil and gas royalties; this is our chance to build a source of sustainable revenue that won't dry up when the oil and gas is gone.



### Happy Diwali (Festival of Light)!

Sandeep, joined by campaign team members and his wife, attended a Diwali fundraiser for fellow Alberta Liberal Aman Gill.



An Alberta Liberal government would clean up the mess in the Department of Energy by immediately implementing the accountability measures recommended by the Royalty Review Panel and the Auditor General. Their reports indicate that a minimum of one billion dollars a year for the past seven years could have been collected in royalties – but that the government failed to do so. That's a loss of \$114,000 per hour for every hour of the last seven years. The government must be held accountable for this gross mismanagement. Furthermore, the Premier must release the government's internal studies on royalties completed since 2000, and explain why those studies were ignored.

## Upcoming Event Hitting the Pavement

### By Team Deep

Even if "old man winter" is making his way to Alberta, Team Deep is going to be hitting the pavement in Edmonton Manning this Saturday, November 24, 2007.

A group of more than 40 committed volunteers are donating 2 hours of their time to drop brochures to every

**"Under the leadership of Kevin Taft, Alberta Liberals have the courage to address the various issues facing our province.**

**We have the confidence to say that we will not leave anyone behind; that we will not break faith with the values that built the province and we will keep the promise to our children and our grandchildren of a better Alberta.**

**We will manage the economy and make sure that all Albertans enjoy the benefits of our good fortune.**

**After 36 years, it's time for change. And I'm ready. Now."**

**~Sandeep Dhir**

An Alberta Liberal government would upgrade as much bitumen to oil as we can in Alberta without unduly harming the environment. When our environmental capacity is reached, we would work with other provinces to upgrade the excess within Canada, discouraging the export of raw bitumen for upgrading in other countries. Why ship it to other countries when we can work with our neighbours to keep the economic benefits of refining within Western Canada?

Finally, an Alberta Liberal government would ensure that our royalty system supports the protection of our air, land and water, and encourages healthy, long-term prosperity for Alberta, including value-added economic benefits that diversify and stabilize our economy.

household in the riding. We still need a few more people to commit 2 hours to make sure every door receives Sandeep's new brochure. If you'd like to volunteer and get a little hot chocolate and exercise, don't hesitate to contact us at [volunteer@sandeepdhir.ca](mailto:volunteer@sandeepdhir.ca) or just drop in on Saturday, 10am, Bannerman Community League, 14034 – 23 Street.

**This Time, Go Deep!**

## Get Involved Volunteer!

No campaign can run without dedicated volunteers.

If you can't make it for the literature drop on November 24, we still need your help in the New Year as an election looms. There will be lots to do as we open Sandeep's campaign office and start spreading the word in earnest in January.

To volunteer, contact Team Deep at [volunteer@sandeepdhir.ca](mailto:volunteer@sandeepdhir.ca) and our Volunteer Co-Chairs Tony or Gillian will get you hooked up!

## Donate This Time, Go Deep!

Support the Edmonton Manning Alberta Liberal Constituency and Sandeep by donating now!

Sandeep needs your financial support to build a strong financial base in Edmonton Manning. Your contribution will help to lay this. A contribution of \$1000 represents a cost of only \$450 after the tax credit is taken into account – and a donation of \$500 costs only \$200. Your commitment is important and the timing is critical.

Please make your cheques payable to: Alberta Liberal Party Re: Edmonton Manning and send them care of Wayne Sosnowski, CFO at 29 Alton Drive Leduc, Alberta T9E 5K1



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# Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

*Everyone will be taking a much deserved rest over December.*

*Look for the January Sandeep Times!*