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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

– Margaret Mead

The Ottawa West-Nepean NDP (OWN NDP) is always looking for people who want to help make progressive change happen. Our executive meets at least once a month and new members are always welcome. Please contact us via info@ownndp.ca. And like our FaceBook page!

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**OWN
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Annual
General
Meeting**

*Thursday Sept. 27
@ 7 pm
@ Maki House,
19 Leeming Dr.
(off Crystal Beach Dr.
& Carling Ave.)*



**Best result
ever for NDP in
Ottawa West—
Nepean!**

The race for MPP here in Ottawa West—Nepean in the provincial election of June 7, was not only our best in recent history, but ended up being one of the closest in the province. Our NDP candidate, **Chandra Pasma**, was leading for much of the evening ahead of PC candidate Jeremy Roberts, with Liberal incumbent Bob Chiarelli well behind the frontrunners. While it was clear that Chandra won E-Day results, the Roberts campaign edged us on the Advance Poll vote (which were tabulated late in the count). This enabled the PC candidate to leap past us and gain a 175 vote advantage as the last of the poll results came in - a very close margin as over 50,000 people voted in Ottawa West-Nepean, but not close enough for an official recount.

Chandra was aided by a strong campaign, led by Alex Cullen with the help of some great volunteers. We more than doubled our share of the vote compared to the previous 2014 provincial election. We had 500 Chandra Pasma lawn signs and 300 Chandra Pasma large signs out in the riding, as well as Andrea Horwath signs that provincial office provided in the last week of our campaign. The riding was covered twice with postal walks, getting our literature into the mailboxes of most of the voters in the riding. And Chandra was extremely effective at the community candidate meetings and in the media.

Chandra was also able to attract many well-known people to canvass with her, including MPs Tom Mulcair, Guy Caron, Charlie Angus, Ruth Ellen Brosseau and Sheila Malcolmson. Canvassing is an important part of any election and Chandra was able to cover much of the riding (over 10,000 doors!) during the four week campaign.

Provincially the NDP under Andrea Horwath doubled our seats to form the Official Opposition. We are glad that our neighbour Joel Harden in Ottawa—Centre will be providing an NDP voice for Ottawa in Queen's Park, after an absence of over two decades. He will be part of Andrea Horwath's official opposition, with the task of holding Doug Ford's PCs to account over the next four years.

Well done Chandra!

NDP Calls on Government to Cancel Expansion of Trans Mountain Pipeline

OTTAWA – On September 4, 2018, federal NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh called on the Liberal government to cancel the expansion of the Trans Mountain pipeline project, overhaul the review process for energy projects, and invest in clean energy jobs for the future.

“Communities across Canada are feeling the impact of climate change, with unprecedented flooding and extreme heat conditions contributing to forest fires,” said Singh. “We can’t ignore the facts. This is the new normal: the days will only get hotter, and the weather more extreme.”

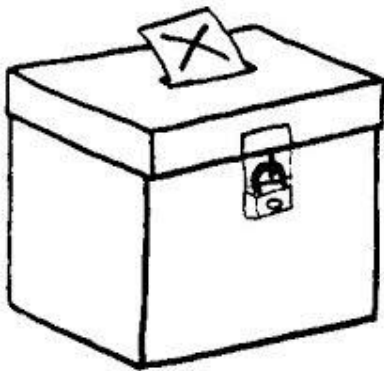
Singh said the government must abandon plans for the expansion of the Trans Mountain pipeline.

“Instead, let's invest in bold renewable energy projects that would help, rather than hinder, efforts to meet our climate change targets, and create jobs for today’s workers and future generations,” he said.

“The Liberals' approach to reviewing energy projects like the Trans Mountain expansion has been to adopt the Harper process, the process they promised to change. We need to overhaul that process to ensure that all environmental impacts are considered and that First Nations are fully consulted,” he said.

“The only difference between the Conservative and the Liberal approach is \$4.5 billion the Liberals used to buy a pipeline no one else wanted,” said Singh. “That decision didn’t help workers, it didn’t help the environment, and it didn’t help Canada’s finances. It only helped the shareholders of Kinder Morgan.”

The October 2019 Federal Election is coming, and we are getting ready!



The Ottawa West-Nepean NDP are beginning to prepare for next October 2019’s federal election – a Candidate Search Committee and an Election Planning Committee will be established following our AGM. But we need help – volunteers to go canvassing, make phone calls, do data input, put up signs, stuff envelopes, and more!

The NDP provides training for many of these functions, through webinars and workshops. If you are interested in learning more, or just helping out where you can, please drop us a line at info@ownndp.ca.

October 22 is municipal election day!

Residents of Ottawa will be electing a Mayor, a City Councillor for their ward, and a school board trustee for their school board on Monday October 22. Polls open at 10 a.m., close at 8 p.m. To find out if you are on the voters list, or where you should vote, please go to www.ottawa.ca/vote