

Quick summary: Joe Anglin is to George Read as Elizabeth May is to Jim Harris

Posted by: [Feynman & Coulter's Love Child](#) | April 01, 2009 at 05:50 PM

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That's crystal-clear, then. Thanks.

Posted by: [Werner Patels](#) | April 01, 2009 at 09:11 PM

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Having met, talked and worked with all four leaders, F&C's analogy is a little off-base.

George was a good theoretical politician... he knew what what needed to be done but his weakness was showing true leadership qualities in order to implement those theories. Joe, on the other hand, has the leadership skills but is lacking the *patience to implement those same theories properly.*

The risk of deregistration comes from the Read administration not properly registering the party AND not properly doing the finances. It's not a case of illegal actions but rather ineptitude. Further, due to the strife between the Read and Anglin camps, the finances haven't been turned over (why DL Erickson left the Greens) so that a proper filing can happen.

With the series of townhalls going on around the province and Anglin holding several MLAs to task for Bill 19, I would hate to see the Greens also lose a voice in Alberta.

Posted by: [Mark Taylor](#) | April 02, 2009 at 08:54 AM

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Mark Taylor's posting is false. I am the former CFO of the party. We have done a lot of research into these claims and have found this: A) A society is necessary only for the formation of the party and until the funds it holds are exhausted. B) The Alberta Greens was founded with a society named GAIA. As it never held any funds, it's need to exist ceased when the party was registered in 1990. C) Elections Alberta has confirmed that this is a common misunderstanding, but a party can be a standalone entity.

The finances were always filed on March 31st. As the former CFO I am very proud of how well organized the finances were. I handed over financial information on December 20th 2008. It has been claimed by the new executive that I failed to provide certain information required to file their finances. However; A) They have never requested specific information from me, except for access information for one rather peripheral website which I neglected to provide; B) My lawyer can confirm that a large box of documents plus many electronic files were turned over; C) I wrote to the new President (Connie Jensen) offering to provide any missing documents if they could identify and to make myself available for consulting if they needed my expertise to file.

My conclusion is that the failure to file is massive incompetence on the part of the new executive. I helped found this party over 20 years and to see it destroyed in a few months nauseates me.

For Mark Taylor to accuse us of "ineptitude" after 20 years of successful filing is really quite incredible and disappointing. I'm afraid that supporters of the clique that crashed the party are deluded by the rhetoric coming from the new executive. It's their deeds that count, not their words.

Posted by: [David Crowe](#) | April 02, 2009 at 01:33 PM

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Mark Taylor has it completely wrong.

Under George Read the Alberta Greens was properly registered and the finances were properly done. Just ask Elections Alberta and they will tell you.

For nearly twenty years the previous executives of the Alberta Greens have managed to comply perfectly with all the requirements of Elections Alberta. Under George Read as Leader the party grew enormously. Now, six months after the Anglin group took over the executive, it is suddenly threatened with de-registration. Six months should be long enough to figure out how to run a party. It appears that it is also long enough to destroy one.

Posted by: [Madeleine Oldershaw](#) | April 02, 2009 at 03:24 PM

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