

**LaSalle–Émard–Verdun
September 16 Federal By-Election**

LASALLE-ÉMARD-VERDUN BY-ELECTION

RENEW THE POLITICAL PROCESS

- **NO TO CARTEL PARTY GOVERNMENT!**
- **FUND THE PROCESS, NOT POLITICAL PARTIES!**
- **YES TO AN INFORMED VOTE!**

VOTE NORMAND CHOUINARD
VOTE MARXIST-LENINIST!

 

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Marxist-Leninist Party Presents Normand Chouinard for Election on a Platform of Democratic Renewal

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Campaign of Normand Chouinard
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The Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada is presenting truck driver Normand Chouinard for election in the federal by-election on September 16 in LaSalle–Émard–Verdun. Normand is presenting a platform for the renewal of the electoral process. He is part of the Longest Ballot Project drawing particular attention to the need to end the first-past-the-post method of counting votes which brings cartel party governments to power and disempowers citizens.

Aside from the candidates of the cartel parties, many people are presenting themselves for election to underscore the need for electoral reform. Most of them are running as independents and some are representing small parties. A vote for any one of them is a vote which says *No!* to the first-past-the-post electoral system which brings a cartel party candidate to power. It gives the constituents of LaSalle–Émard–Verdun a way to make their opposition known to an electoral system which does not represent them.

We call on electors in LaSalle–Émard–Verdun to vote for Normand Chouinard for democratic renewal.

***On September 16, Vote for Democratic Renewal!
Vote Normand CHOUINARD — Marxist-Leninist!***

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Marxist-Leninist Party Platform for Political Renewal

No to Cartel Party Government!

Normand Chouinard, the candidate of the Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada in the September 16 by-election in LaSalle–Émard–Verdun, is advocating for the renewal of the electoral process so that citizens, not cartel parties, are empowered. Under the first-past-the-post method of counting votes the members of a political party chose the person to be the leader of their party and that person becomes the leader of the country. Even party members do not control their leaders, let alone the citizens of the country.

The electoral process permitting this state of affairs which spawns corruption should be ended in favour of a system where citizens govern the society on a mass democratic basis directly themselves.

Those who form the Parliament should chose the Prime Minister and Ministers whose work they should assign according to the expressed wishes of the citizens. So too, citizens chosen and elected by constituents should chose the Head of State who should represent the Legislative Assembly comprised of citizens. The Head of State should not be chosen by a Prime Minister to represent the King of England to make sure the state is kept out of the hands of the people, beyond their control.

Fund the Process, Not the Parties!

Normand advocates for the use of federal funds to fund the electoral process, not political parties. Political parties should be financed by their members only and money should play no role in getting them elected.

The use of federal funds to fund political parties does not enhance democracy. It perpetuates positions of power and privilege and a ruling caste whose aim is to keep the people out of power. These parties when brought to power comprise a cartel of those who make a career of wielding positions of power and privilege. They form governments which serve narrow private interests while the problems the people want dealt with are ignored. Politics are reduced to personal attacks, diversion and disinformation.

For an Informed Vote!

Normand also advocates for a modern electoral process which guarantees the right of voters to information about what the candidates stand for so that they can cast an informed vote.

Citizens must be able to cast an informed vote as a right. They must be able to participate in meetings which are held so that they can themselves set the agenda that those who govern must follow. The agenda the electors want must be decided by the electors themselves, not media, pundits and polls in the service of private interests.

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