

VISION 2012 SOCIETY AGM, SATURDAY JUNE 25 10:00AM, RED DEER LODGE

Do you miss the excitement of the federal campaign? Are you looking for another chance to get together with folks eager to create a better world – starting with a better province – through Green politics? Come to Vision2012's Annual General Meeting in Red Deer on June 25.

Elections will not be the exciting part of this AGM. Since our dedicated officers are willing to carry on until the new Evergreen Party is fully launched and no one stepped up to contest their positions, and since there was just one other dedicated soul nominated for a Member-at-Large position on the board, no election is needed.

The Board Officers of Vision2012 for 2011 – 12 are President Nick Burman, Vice President Larry Ashmore, Treasurer David Crowe and Secretary Madeleine Oldershaw. Members at Large are Susan Stratton, Dairine Rimmer, Danik Blanchet, and new to the Board (though not to its work as a committee member), Diann Duthie.

The excitement will be in planning for the new party.

There is work still needed to launch the party. The petition to Elections Alberta is well started, but some creative strategizing would increase the momentum needed to reach our goal of well over 7050 signatures by the end of August. We also need a process to decide on the best Leader or Interim Leader and officers, who must be named on the application to register the Evergreen Party of Alberta.

There will also be strategizing around immediate plans for the new party. We will need to find strong candidates and capable finance officers for the next provincial election, which may be less than a year away. We will need to step up our fundraising and member recruitment. We will need a process to develop and approve policy and messaging. We will need . . . you name it! You can help to shape the new party at the AGM.

The meeting will be at Red Deer Lodge (4311 49 Ave in Red Deer) from 10 am to 4 pm. There is no charge for attendance or coffee. You can buy lunch at the Lodge or bring your own. Invite friends. Even if they are not yet members and cannot vote, they can help with the exciting work of developing Alberta's new green party.