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RE: Liberal Leadership Leadership Candidate Questionnaire

Dear Martin,

Please find my answers to your survey below.

QUESTION 1: Do you support the continued sale of our public lands? Would you support legislation that severely restricts the sale of any public lands in the future?

ANSWER: This is a question that needs to be analyzed on a case by case basis. I would not oppose the sale of any public lands in the future, that would be irresponsible.

QUESTION 2: Do you support the elimination of the long gun registry?

ANSWER: Absolutely! I thought not only was it a massive waste of money, but, an serious enfringement on property rights.

QUESTION 3. Would you support legislation that would eliminate game farming to better protect wildlife resources and their habitats from diseases such as chronic wasting disease? What action would you take to make the necessary changes?

ANSWER: I need to know more about this. I hope your organization would be willing to educate me on this and help me make a sincere decision. I do not want to just give an answer that I think you would desire. I would rather learn the facts and decide my position at that time.

QUESTION 4: Do you support further restrictions on the use of fresh water by petro-chemical energy as needed to ensure in stream flows for natural resources? What action would you take to make the necessary changes?

ANSWER: Yes I would. I know by talking to many in the Oil & gas sector that there are new technologies emerging and I know the industry feels as I do.

I am aware that in oil and gas production, water is used in the following ways: In oil sands mining, we use heated water to separate the sticky bitumen from sand. Mining operations also create tailings ponds. In oil sands in situ operations, we generate steam to heat the bitumen underground allowing it to flow to the surface. In older, conventional oil fields we pump water down the well to force the oil out of the cracks and

holes so it can be pumped to the surface. In certain types of natural gas deposits we use water to push the gas out of tight or sandy areas.

However, I am aware that the oil and gas industry has made significant progress in reducing our use of fresh water through alternatives and innovative practices such as:

- **Reusing and Recycling** - The industry is a leader in developing recycling techniques and reusing water. Almost all of the water used in conventional oil recovery is recycled, which reduces the demand on water supplies. Oil sands projects in northern Alberta continually recycle about 90 per cent of the water they use. It takes an average of two to three barrels of water to produce one barrel of bitumen from a mine, and almost all the water involved in that process is reused/recycled.
- **Using Undrinkable Water** - Across the entire industry, we also focus on using brackish water (deep groundwater that is not suitable for drinking or agriculture) as an alternative to fresh water. Devon Canada Corporation's Jackfish project is one oil sands project that uses only brackish water to create the steam needed to separate oil from sand.
- **Finding Other Alternatives** - In several places in Western Canada, companies are using carbon dioxide (CO₂) instead of water to enhance recovery of oil from older wells. EnCana Corporation is using this technology in its Weyburn project. In the oil sands, Petrobank Energy and Resources Ltd. is using a process that uses combustion instead of steam to liquefy the sticky bitumen deep underground, allowing it to be pumped to the surface.

I would continue and even promote tax breaks for further efforts in this area.

QUESTION 5: Do you feel more money should go to the Sustainable Resource Development (SRD) budget or funds be re-assigned to SRD to enhance and improve management of our wildlife and fish resources?

ANSWER: I would like to conduct a complete organizational review of the SRD before committing either way on this question.

QUESTION 6: Do you believe hunting is a necessary tool to manage wildlife populations?

ANSWER: Yes I do.

QUESTION 7: Should Alberta re-instate the grizzly bear hunting season in areas where populations warrant as there is general agreement that regulated hunting does not have a detrimental effect on overall bear numbers?

ANSWER: Yes.

QUESTION 8: In the wake of the Interim Métis Harvesting Agreement and the charges laid against several individuals do you support a provincial agreement that extends Métis hunting and fishing rights?

ANSWER: I would need to review this agreement and the allegations mentioned in this question. However, I do know as do most Canadians that Aboriginal issues and agreements are the jurisdiction of the federal government. Having said that, I would prefer to deal with the Aboriginal community from a provincial perspective and will work with Ottawa toward that goal.

QUESTION 9: Are you aware of current OHV management process, and how do you feel it is succeeding?

ANSWER: No, I am not familiar with that acronym, thus I can't comment.

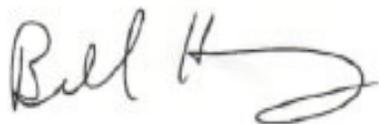
QUESTION 10: Recent attempts to draft management plans for Wildland Parks (e.g.: Caribou Mountain) have precluded input from the hunting, trapping and motorized recreation sectors aimed at maintaining reasonable levels of these traditional activities. Do you agree the development of any new protected areas (e.g.: Andy Russell Wildland Park) should be suspended until these issues have been resolved?

ANSWER: Any legislation that does not include stakeholders such as the hunting, trapping and fishing community etc... will be inadequate legislation. Thus, Yes I do agree that the development of any new protected areas should be suspended until issue have been resolved.

I noticed your document sent to me stated that there were 11 questions. However, upon reflection I found there were questions 1 – 4, no 5 and then went from 6 – 11. Thus, I re-numbered them from 1 – 10.

If you have any need of clarification on my answers please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Harvey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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