



Election 2015
Candidates – Lakeland Electoral District
Biographical Information from Party's or Candidate's Websites
In alphabetical order of candidate

Robert McFadzean – Libertarian Party

Robert McFadzean is excited to be a candidate for liberty. He believes that our system of government regulation and taxation makes life difficult for everyone especially those with lesser means, and that in a free society people have the right to direct their lives and use their possessions as they choose while respecting the same rights for everybody else.

Robert believes that government should be an organization set up by the people to serve them, and further, since individuals do not have the authority to regulate and tax others, they cannot authorize the government to do so either. Robert's vision of a legitimate government would respect everybody's choices just like we respect our neighbour's choices.

Robert is especially concerned about an insidious and major form of stealth taxation known as inflation via government fiat currency, and government-controlled central banking. He invites you to join us in working for a better system of government that protects Canadians in living their lives as they choose rather than regulating them, and that protects private property rather than taxing away a large portion of it.

Robert McFadzean has a life philosophy based on the Christian religion which includes the political philosophy of liberty. He is married, has seven children and many grandchildren. Robert has a Masters of Agriculture in agricultural economics from the University of Alberta. Robert was born and raised in Alberta. He has lived in Alberta most of his life except some years in Norway.

Robert is retired from working as an instructor at Lakeland College where he taught economics, accounting, and financial management in the agriculture department. Robert is a cub leader, sings in a local choir, is treasurer for the local music festival, and actively participates in a local church. He does a lot of reading, some family history, some computer programming, and some puttering with yard and building projects. Robert also enjoys mountain hiking and cross country skiing with his wife and family.

Danielle Montgomery - Green Party

Danielle lives near Tawatinaw Valley.

She is employed by Night Wind Treatment Centre and spends her time caring for animals for use in Animal Assisted Therapy at the group home. Danielle is also involved in planning and implementing a sustainable permaculture farm that will provide good quality, clean, local foods to the community and to youth at the healing centres.

Danielle is a part of an exciting Legacy Food Forest Project that will produce food for many generations.

Danielle is passionate about sustainability. She believes in nurturing local roots, and investing in people at a local level first.

Danielle believes in the importance of transitioning to a low carbon economy. She is an advocate for investments into renewable energy with a view to promoting more sustainable economic activities.

Danielle believes in accountability, transparency, and more direct forms of democracy that nurture the values of Canadian citizens. She believes that we can create a healthy abundant future for Canada by making smart, sustainable investments today.

Garry Parenteau – Liberal Party

An active member of his local community, Garry Parenteau is a public administrator, and advocate for Aboriginal rights. He believes Lakeland should have a strong voice in Ottawa and is eager to bring real, positive change to his community.

Highly involved with Alberta's Métis community, Garry has an extensive background in public administration and a long history of serving his community. Since 1986, he has filled many positions, including the Chairperson of the Fishing Lake Métis Settlement, the Vice-President of the Métis Settlements General Council, and the representative of the Métis Settlements General Council to the federal government in Ottawa. Additionally, Garry was the Vice President of Finance for the Liberal Party of Canada's Aboriginal Peoples Commission from 2000 to 2003.

Garry has studied local government administration at the University of Alberta and Aboriginal governance courses at the Banff School of Management. He currently lives on the Fishing Lake Metis Settlement and serves as the Settlement's Oil & Gas Director.

Shannon Stubbs – Conservative

Shannon Stubbs was nominated as the Conservative Party of Canada candidate for the new federal Electoral District of Lakeland on December 18, 2014. Shannon has lived in Lakeland most of her life. Raised on a farm near Chipman, Shannon and her husband Shayne reside on the family farm near Two Hills. Shannon has a diverse professional background spanning the private, not for profit, political and public sectors, at both federal and provincial jurisdictions.

As a Senior Consultant with Hill + Knowlton Canada in Edmonton, Shannon advocated for clients across the health and pharmaceutical, oil and gas, not for profit and charity, and education sectors on a wide range of government and public relations initiatives. Prior to joining H&K, Shannon worked in government and community relations in the Edmonton office of SAIT Polytechnic, contributing to successful advocacy efforts for expansion funding, and promoting investment and public-private partnerships in skilled trades education, apprenticeship and training. Shannon previously worked for several years in the Alberta Government public service in both the Departments of Energy and Economic Development. In the Oil Sands Business Unit, Shannon provided policy development, research and communications support, led the organization of a series of public-private workshops on transportation infrastructure, labour needs, royalties and taxation, First Nations relations, and environmental stewardship in Alberta's oil sands regions, and value added and hydrocarbon upgrading development, and participated in cross departmental committees. She then joined the International Offices and Trade Division in Alberta Economic Development to co-lead an international marketing and advocacy project for Alberta's oil sands and heavy oil technology, supply and service businesses, helping to create the first Alberta's Oil Sands and Heavy Oil Guidebook and Directory. That project received a Premier's Award of Excellence.

Shannon also has significant experience in federal and provincial politics, having worked in senior roles for MPs and MLAs. While completing a Combined Honours B.A. in Political Science and English at the University of Alberta, Shannon interned in then federal Opposition Leader Preston Manning's Ottawa Office in research and communications. She focused on intergovernmental, equalization, democratic reform and First Nations issues. Shannon participated in the organizing committee for Alberta's 1998 Senate elections and co-MCed the Senate nominee election day in Red Deer. Shannon then worked in the constituency office of former Beaver River and Edmonton North MP, Deborah Grey. She assisted constituents to navigate a wide array of federal government programs and to resolve issues and concerns with the Canada Revenue Agency, Citizenship and Immigration, Employment Insurance, CPP and student loans, Aboriginal Affairs, and other areas.

Shannon has been a lifelong community volunteer, and active in 4-H, Christmas Hamper drives, the Alberta Homeless Count, therapeutic riding for people with disabilities, various equestrian events and many political campaigns. She enjoys horses, reading, creative writing, camping and spending time with family and friends.

Duane Zaraska – New Democratic Party

Duane is an experienced community leader who is ready to be a strong voice for Lakeland's priorities in Parliament. With Tom Mulcair's NDP team, he will work to grow the middle class and build a brighter future. Duane has first-hand experience fostering economic growth while protecting our environment. He is a regional vice-president with the Métis Nation of Alberta, serving on its regional and provincial councils and as VP of the

Major Projects Group. He was recently appointed to the Aboriginal Planning and Advisory Committee, which provides recommendations to the Alberta Environmental Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Agency. In the community, Duane and his partner Colleen oversee Elk Point Elementary School's cafeteria program. He has also volunteered with the Beaver River Watershed Alliance and the Lakeland Industry and Community Association. Duane has deep roots in the Lakeland area. His mother's family has lived here for generations and are proudly Métis. And his father's family emigrated here from Ukraine in the early 1900s. Duane was born in Edmonton and moved to Lakeland as a young boy, developing a deep love for the area. He lived in Edmonton again in his early adult years and returned home in 2005.

Over the years, Duane has worked as a youth worker, plumber, bus driver, chauffeur, cook and delivery driver— jobs connecting with people. He lives with his partner Colleen in Elk Point and is the proud father of two daughters and grandfather of two.