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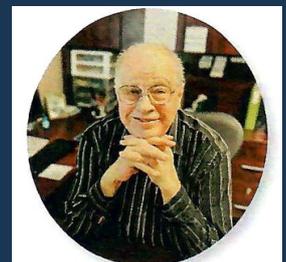
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MEET OUR NEW W.S.C.A. 2025-2026 BOARD

## A PERSONAL NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Our board of directors is pleased to present to you the first edition of our Winnipeg South Conservative Association (WSCA) quarterly newsletter. We hope you enjoy it. Your comments are always welcome.



I was only 21 years old when I experienced my first political action. Truly a novice, not knowing a lot about the political process. I was young, excited, and eager to work. My wife and I lived in North Kildonan, which at the time was part of the Selkirk riding. Our Conservative candidate was up against the incumbent Member of Parliament, who was favoured to win. Election Day was frantic with the usual activities, and this was the era before computers, cellphones, and other modern devices. As a result, election results were painfully slow to arrive, and our riding was especially on edge as it appeared we were neck-and-neck with the incumbent. Around midnight, it was determined that we had lost the election by a mere 23 votes. More frustrating was that we later learned that at least 44 identified supporters did not vote on e-day.

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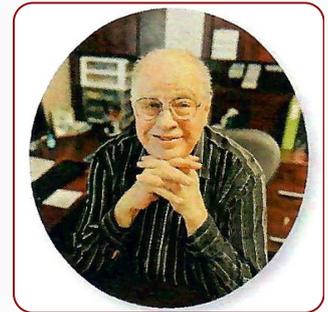


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Compare that scenario to the recent 2025 election, where our Conservative candidate lost by nearly 10,000 votes, despite the fact our campaign team installed over 1000 lawn signs, 75 huge billboard signs, and knocked on countless numbers of doors. People were clearly excited about the Conservative “common sense government” approach, and yet we fell short. We were not even close; a vote differential of 10,000 is very hard to overcome. Except, there were over 30,000 registered voters who opted not to vote. We need to change that. It’s hard to know whether it hurts more to lose by 23 votes or 10,000 votes – but either way still a loss. Both evidence of hard work, the good work to be done.



Ron Friesen,  
President, WSCA



Our board is committed to finding the right path to victory when we are called to action once again. This path exists, but it involves hard work, good work, and many volunteers.

This newsletter is the first of four publications that we will issue this year. You should receive your copy quarterly. Our aim in publishing these newsletters is based on the belief and hope that they will help provide information and an invitation to residents to join our movement.

We welcome your time, money, new ideas, and commitment.

#### How you can help

- Reach out to us at any time, volunteer.
- Be sure to attend our events and fundraisers.
- Save the date: **April 9<sup>th</sup> 2026, is our 2nd Annual ‘Pastry & Politics’ Gala...**
- In 2024, this event became our largest fundraiser ever. We raised over \$21,000 in revenue. I am confident we can break that record in 2026 – You play a key role in that. Can we count on your support?

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### FEATURED

## DOBBIE: Pierre Poilievre: The man for these times

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Dorothy Dobbie

He says it like he sees it. He does not equivocate or obfuscate. He generally knows more about a topic than his questioner. He listens carefully, does not interrupt and often asks for clarification. Where another might stumble, looking for a way out of saying Yes, or No, he answers. One syllable. Tough on journalists but glacially clear.

That is Pierre Poilievre. It throws reporters off. He is misunderstood by some who interpret his manner as acerbic or harsh. But it is just who this slightly nerdish guy is. A square. A straight-ahead-Fred. But also, a marshmallow inside who has to maintain that austere exterior for the sake of equilibrium.

You don't have to look far to see the real guy beneath the veneer: his tenderness toward his wife and his kids, his gentle-handed touch with elderly and vulnerable people, his impassioned speech defending Israelis after October 7. His caucus sees this, feels this, understands him, or at least the vast majority do.

This is the Pierre that members of the Conservative party see, and that a new generation of young men find so comforting. He acts like a man, but his warmth is palpable. And he has a beautiful, sincere smile that accompanies a very good sense of humour.

Is he perfect? Of course, not. However, as politics goes, and even though he has many years in office, he is still young.

The adrenaline rush at 40-something is much stronger than it becomes later, when responses can be more measured.

As for the cadence in his comments that so annoys some, I understand it. I love language that sings, that rhymes, that alliterates. I can't help it, and I doubt Pierre can either, although he is trying – the slogans that come so easily to him have been capped. I don't have any way of knowing this, but I bet he can reel off nursery rhymes and Dr. Seuss verses to his two little guys with joy and delight.

Everyone has weaknesses, and if you are a leader, what would be a minor flaw in someone else becomes a major black mark. Because Pierre listens, some people might think he can be "easily influenced" and perhaps it appears so. But that also means that he can take advice. Does he always choose the best advisors? Those choices, too, come with age and experience. Some of that learning will be bitter.

Pierre is analytical. He thinks things through and comes up with answers quickly. Because that is the way his brain works, he takes it for granted that this is also the way the brains of others work. It is not. Most people need a little more time and explanation than he does.

Some criticize Pierre because he has had little private sector working life experience. True.

His job experience is low, but while others were flipping hamburgers, he was already in business, helping found 3D Contact Inc., a research and communications firm that he and a partner kept going for a decade while Pierre was in Parliament, learning the ways of governance. They dissolved the company in 2013 when his partner was also elected, but in Alberta.



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### DOBBIE Con't...

Compare that the former Prime Minister Jean Chretien who was elected at 29 and served a total of 38 years, first from 1963 to 1986 with a 2-year break and then another 15 years from 1988 to 2003. He had no private sector experience but is considered to have been a pretty good prime minister, from when he took on the job in 1993. Like Pierre, he could be tough, but also like Pierre, he had a sense of humour which sustained him. By the time he became PM, he was 59 years old. Pierre is only 46, but both of them had those long years of studying and learning the ways of Ottawa, how to get things done in that atmosphere, and how to respond to the needs of the electorate and the times.

Neither man is or was a villain or a saint. They are both men of character and neither have been harmed by their lack of "real life experience".

Putting that aside, what kind of prime minister will Pierre Poilievre be? Are his values and convictions rooted in the "far right"? Or even Reform policy? And just what does the term "far right" mean today? I put the question to the Facebook world and here is the list I received in return:

"Anti-immigration, anti-climate change, anti-healthcare, anti-science, anti-education, anti DEI, Pro discrimination (religion, race economic status) pro-right Christian nationalism." Quite a list, eh? It illustrates what a shift the country has taken over the past ten years when being far right would have had quite a different profile – where has anti-abortion, anti-feminist, anti-gay pro death penalty gone?

However, both lists are completely inaccurate when applied to Pierre Poilievre or the Conservative Party. Some of the issues listed are, however, worthy of debate: pausing immigration to clean up the mess and return to merit-based recruitment; healthy debate on climate change and how it should be treated; fixing healthcare by allowing more competition; healthy debate on how education should be about teaching kids how to think not what to think; and instead of DEI, which ultimately separates and therefore excludes people, Conservatives believe that we are all just people with different talents as befits a harmonious human jigsaw puzzle. Try to fit a piece in the wrong place and you have chaos. But every piece has a place that contributes to the whole. As for religion, sex, who you love, your body and what you do with it – that's all your own business. It's called freedom – another concept now associated with the "far right".

There go those danged labels again, labels that divide us, cause misunderstanding instead of appreciation for differences that make the jigsaw perfect.

And for those of you saying, there she goes again, spouting her biased anti-Liberal ideas, I apply the same thinking to Mr. Carney. I am sure he is doing what he believes is the right thing. I believe he is mistaken and, so far, I have not been proven wrong. But I am open to conversion. Meanwhile, our parliamentary system is based on the ability to oppose the party in power. Pierre and I are just doing our jobs. Remember, I was the one who fought the Reform Party because I felt they went too far. This is 30-plus years later. Pierre is his own man, a man for the second quarter of the 2000s – and I like it! - Dorothy Dobbie, C.M.

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