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GREENS MAKE MASSIVE GAINS IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS
Bowen Island Elects BC's First Green Mayor;
Vancouver, Victoria Red-Green Alliances Deliver Victories

Monday, November 22nd, 1999 – VICTORIA – The Green Party of British Columbia is celebrating today the unprecedented gains the party has made at the municipal level throughout BC. Highlights of the Greens' achievements include the election of the Green Party's first city councillor in Victoria (Art Vanden Berg), the party's first Parks Commissioner in Vancouver (Roslyn Cassells) and their first mayor on Bowen Island (Lisa Barret). As well, Fred Bass, a COPE candidate in Vancouver and active member of the Green Party of BC was elected on Saturday.

"At least 43% of Victorians and 36% of Vancouverites voted for Green Party candidates on Saturday. It is now abundantly clear that Greens are seen as a competent, electable alternative throughout BC," stated a jubilant Stuart Parker (the BC Greens' leader).

The BC Green Party's provincial council will be meeting in Kelowna on December 11th to debrief from the party's municipal campaigns and set a timetable for provincial nominations. "With our current provincial poll standings showing us over with over 30% of the vote in constituencies like Vancouver-Mount Pleasant, I think we can look forward to some very healthy competition for Green nominations in the up coming provincial campaign," Parker concluded.

Due to the success of the Red-Green alliances in Vancouver and Victoria in restoring opposition voices to municipal councils, a number of BC Greens have been approached by NDP organizers about the possibility of a Red-Green alliance at the provincial level. Such alliances have brought Greens into government in France and Germany in the past two years.

Please see overleaf for a partial list of Green municipal results.

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Note: Comox Valley and Queen Charlotte results are unavailable at this time.

ELECTED GREEN PARTY CANDIDATES

<u>Name</u>	Jurisdiction	Office	Votes	Place	Percent
Lisa Barrett	Bowen Island	mayor	479	1/5	TBA
Roslyn Cassells	Vancouver	parks board	31694	7/16	33.62%
Sharon Jackson	Duncan	council	496	4/12	58.24%
Art Vanden Berg	Victoria	council	5052	7/34	42.64%

DEFEATED GREEN PARTY CANDIDATES

Name	Jurisdiction	Office	Votes	Place	Percent
Valoree Baker	Kamloops	council	2808	TBA	TBA
Bev Ballantyne	Vancouver	council	26954	15/43	28.59%
Tameen Barakat	Richmond	school board	3865	14/17	22.28%
Tea Buechner	Vancouver	school board	30840	17/19	32.49%
Lenora Burke	Victoria	council	4560	13/34	38.48%
Wally du Temple	North Saanich	council	995	8/11	48.99%
Jack Etkin	Saanich	council	2717	14/16	18.60%
Hans Grages	Vancouver	school board	28847	18/19	30.39%
Suzy Hamilton	Central Kooten	ay RD director	TBA	TBA	38.60%
Tom Hetherington	Burnaby	council	4292	18/23	20.29%
Dale Hoffman	Vancouver	parks board	30906	12/16	32.78%
Michael Horn	Vancouver	parks board	31055	10/16	32.94%
Kevan Hudson	Richmond	council	3267	19/24	17.98%
Ann Livingston	Vancouver	council	27425	14/43	29.09%
Walter Meyer zu Erpen	Victoria	council	4619	10/34	39.04%
Dave Norman	Port Moody	council .	1658	10/12	40.08%
Stephane Perron	Whistler	council	759	7/17	38.94%
Joan Russow	Oak Bay	council	1117	9/12	33.04%
Bernard Schulmann	Lillooet	council	274	5/5	57.29%
Karen Shillington	Nanaimo	council	2866	15/27	24.08%
Rhonda Smith	Golden	school board	TBA	TBA	TBA
Sid Tan	Vancouver	council	22827	19/43	24.21%
Jack Thornburgh	Port Alberni	council	TBA	TBA	TBA
Kelly White	Vancouver	school board	36344	13/19	38.29%

ELECTED GREEN PARTY PARTNERS AND ALLIES

Current Green Party members

Name	Jurisdiction	Office	Votes	Place	Percent
Dr. Fred Bass	Vancouver	council	33156	9/43	35.17%
Dr. Thomas Blom	GVRD (UEL)	director	TBA	1/3	TBA
¹ Others					
Name *	Jurisdiction	Office	Votes	Place	Percent
Al Blakey	Vancouver	school board	42254	2/19	44.52%
Rob Fleming	Victoria	council	5439	3/34	45.92%
Tim Louis	Vancouver	council	32862	10/43	34.86%
Adrienne Montani	Vancouver	school board	38584	9/19	40.65%
Denise Savoie	Victoria	council	5406	4/34	45.68%
Judy Villeneuve	Surrey	council	23249	1/22	TBA
Teunis Westbroek	Qualicum	mayor	TBA	1/TBA	TBA
Allan Wong	Vancouver	school board	42565	1/19	44.85%