

## CBC Interview, April 29, 2005

### 52% Coalition – Candidates Forum on Women's Issues

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#### What are we?

- A non-partisan coalition of women who want (inform and educate women):
  - To put women's issues on the electoral agenda
  - To encourage women to be engaged in the political process
  - To get women out to vote

#### Who are we?

- The 52% Coalition includes a wide cross section of women including elder women, women who work in the health sector, students and educators, child care advocates, women centres activists, anti-poverty activists, and proponents of women's equality through legal work.
- Women constitute almost 52% of BC's population = 52% Coalition
- Kicked off the coalition in early November 2004, open house in April 2005, Candidates Forum on Women's Issues Tonight,
- Web site: [www.sfss.ca/52percentcoalition](http://www.sfss.ca/52percentcoalition)
  - How to register to vote, candidates forums, questions women can take to all candidates forums and ask politicians, tips for organizing

#### What Issues that are important to us?

- All issues are women's issues, however, certain issues particularly affect women i.e. MSP premiums and all other user fees, childcare

#### Candidates Forum on Women's Issues

- started out as a leadership debate (1/3 leadership)  
(Leaders debate on northern and interior issues)

##### Candidates:

- Adriane Carr, Green Party
- Jenny Kwan, NDP
- Linda Reid, Liberal Party

Friday, April 29 from 7-9:30 p.m.

VPL, Alice MacKay room (350 west Georgia)

Everyone is Welcome!

#### Canadian Election Study

- Women are less likely to vote than men
- Education, income, age also affect voter participation

#### Get Your Vote On

- Encourage young people to vote