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P.E.I. MMP referendum, Movement-party self-interest vs Parliamentary party service: Progressive Canadian Nanaimo-Ladysmith candidate Brian Marlatt

For Immediate Release: Nanaimo-Ladysmith, April 23, 2019 – Progressive Canadian candidate in the Nanaimo-Ladysmith by-election, May 6, 2019, Brian Marlatt this evening congratulates P.E.I. voters on their victory for Canada’s electoral system, constitutional architecture, and Westminster parliamentary democracy by ensuring First-Past-the-Post will remain how Islanders elect riding representatives to the provincial legislature.

“P.E.I. voters, like a clear majority of BC voters in 2018 and voters in Nanaimo-Ladysmith’s two provincial ridings, have chosen fair democratic riding elections, using FPTP, over province-wide party voting, party proportional representation. Movement-party partisans and movement activists may be disappointed by results which require that they do the hard work of persuading voters about the rightness of their cause and listening to voters like parliamentary parties, historically Liberals and Progressive Conservatives and today Progressive Canadians. But the constitutional architecture of Canada’s Westminster parliamentary democracy, by holding elections in each riding federally and provincially to elect MP s and MLAs, MNAs and MPPs, serves us best because riding elected representatives can reflect diversity of view and interest from wherever they live even within parties,” Marlatt said, “Parliament and our provincial legislatures are where Canadians express themselves equally by place and population in our democracy. Parliament must be the people’s house, not just where parties and politicians and movements play politics.”

Brian Marlatt took action on these views last year when presenting a [brief on behalf of the PC Party to the Commons Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs \(PROC\)](#) concerning

[Bill C-76, The Elections Modernization Act](#)

, which received royal assent December 13, 2018.

Marlatt believes the Nanaimo-Ladysmith by-election and the 2019 General Election are important moments to raise concern that movement-parties are putting movement activism ahead of democracy, putting our institutions at risk.

“Parliament is the Queen, Senate, and riding-elected Commons, but Jagmeet Singh of the NDP continues to call for abolition of all three. Elizabeth May of the Greens continues to push PR in contempt of democracy just as she committed contempt of court for a photo-op. The CPC continues to be the Reform Party neo-conservative “conservative movement” still guilty of calling to elect senators to represent provinces against Canada, put party first via Harper’s fixed date elections. Meanwhile the people’s business remains undone.

My candidacy in Nanaimo-Ladysmith, the Progressive Canadian party, is about righting these wrongs. P.E.I. and B.C. voters show us just how important this is.”

Brian Marlatt is the Progressive Canadian candidate in the Nanaimo-Ladysmith by-election, May 6, 2019.

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