



## Fair Vote Canada, NCR Chapter

### Newsletter Edition #28 - May 2024

## Inspiring change together

### Volunteering opportunity for high school teachers

Few have more at stake in the future of our democracy than our country's youth. Helping high school teachers inform and inspire young voters has the potential to greatly change Canada's politics and governance for the better. We're working on a new initiative to create and promote online teaching resources on democracy and electoral systems. Anyone interested in joining this project should contact our executive committee member Stephen Fanjoy. Please contact him [using this form](#).

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### New federal party

The [Canadian Future](#) is a new federal party, and they are currently [welcoming feedback on their proposed policies](#). This may be a good opportunity to get a citizens' assembly on electoral reform on their radar.

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### Webinar recording

If you missed the webinar with Dennis Pilon last month, titled, "Dennis Pilon on electoral reform: lessons learned and reasons for hope," you can still catch the [recording](#). Dennis Pilon is a professor at York University and one of Canada's leading experts on electoral reform.

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### Inspiration from PR countries

Though there is no shortage of examples of the strong policies implemented by PR countries, The Guardian recently published [an article](#) highlighting Sweden's success in transitioning to electric vehicles, and how PR might have a role to play in it.

Anita, along with FVC board member Gisela Ruckert, also wrote [an article](#) for The Monitor making a similar connection, but this time with Finland and the success of its Housing First approach.

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## Updates from MDN

Mouvement Démocratie Nouvelle recently presented a [brief to the Directeur général des élections du Québec](#), arguing that electoral reform should be included in its [review of the province's election laws](#).

MDN Vice President Guillaume Daigneault recently wrote two op-eds, one in [Le Devoir](#), and another in [La Presse](#), pointing out the senselessness in amending the provincial ridings when the true problem is the electoral system.

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## FVC volunteers on CBC radio segment

On May 2nd, listeners were invited to call in during a segment called "[Is the House of Commons broken?](#)" NCR chapter President can be heard starting at 10:10 and FVC volunteer Sheila Gervais can be heard at 44:05. They both make excellent points about the roles FPTP plays in our current state of political dysfunction.

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## 2024 Sharon Reeves Outstanding Volunteer Award

It's important to express our gratitude towards the countless wonderful volunteers that make up FVC. In an effort to do so, every year a volunteer is chosen to receive the Sharon Reeves Outstanding Volunteer Award. You can nominate a volunteer by filling out [this form](#). You can learn more about Sharon Reeves [here](#).

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## Upcoming Vote16 Ottawa Summit

On May 29th, Unlock Democracy is hosting a summit on the lowering of the voting age. The event is multi-partisan and co-hosted by seven supportive MPs and Senators. It will be an interesting opportunity to meet other like-minded individuals who care about voting rights. You can learn more about the summit [here](#).

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## Other PR News

The Ontario NDP is [calling for input](#) on what its priorities should be this year. This might be another good time to mention the importance of electoral reform.

Take this quick [one-question survey run by Unpublished](#) to voice your support of electoral reform!

FVC recently wrote a blog post titled "[If the election were held today with proportional representation](#)" that you may be interested in reading.

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## CHAPTER RESOURCES

- Toronto's latest [newsletter](#)
- [Chapter resources](#) and other documents
- [PR messaging guide](#)
- [Citizens' assembly guide](#)
- [Guide for self-starters](#)
- [Election result spreadsheets](#)

### Supporting our chapter

It is now possible to support the FVC NCR chapter directly with an e-transfer into our account with Alterna Savings!

e-Transfers sent to [fvcncrtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:fvcncrtreasurer@gmail.com) are automatically deposited to the FAIR VOTE CANADA, NCR CHAPTER account at Alterna Savings. No password or code should be required.

We thank you very much for your generosity!

**NEXT NCR CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:  
TUESDAY JUNE 11TH AT 6:30PM, ONLINE**

**[ZOOM LINK](#)**

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Pour un mode de scrutin qui élit pour qui nous votons*

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