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Dennis Young To File Injunction & Suing For Damages Removed Calgary Hays Soldier Starts Group Many Frustrated Members & X-Members Involved

(Calgary) After submitting his signatures, memberships, nomination fee, signing up hundreds of memberships, demon dialing the constituency, dropping two separate pieces of literature to every residence, door knocking 25% of the entire area and with a six month delay, retired soldier and successful business owner, Dennis Young has been terminated as a candidate by the Wildrose Party.

“I am devastated by this and I feel really taken advantage of. On October 3rd, I discovered via a letter by the Executive Director of the party, Shane Saskiw, I was disqualified from the nomination race in Calgary-Hays. In that letter there was no reason for the disqualification mentioned. Also, I was not advised that my candidacy for the nomination was in question, nor was I given an opportunity to defend myself personally against whatever accusations may have been brought against me. Further, I had my interview with the Local Candidate Nominating Committee roughly six months ago, submitted my paperwork and my nomination fee. If I was going to be disqualified, I would have expected to be informed of it at that time.” stated Dennis Young.

Although Dennis Young was not informed of the reasons why he was disqualified, he was able to find out the exact reason after he contacted former leadership candidate Mark Dyrholm for advice. Mr. Dyrholm contacted Danielle Smith in regards to the situation. After several phone calls by Smith, Dyrholm was told the problem related to the military career of Mr. Young.

“Specifically when I was a private soldier, I was once put into the stockade for fighting. This, however, stretches credulity as I was not charged under the Criminal Code and do not have a criminal record. In my nomination form I went above and beyond to tell the party my entire life story. I guess I should not have been so detailed. Such incidents amongst soldiers (who truly are fighting men) are foreseen in the National Defence Act, and are specifically not criminal matters. I went on to an exemplary career as a Military Policeman, which is not permitted in cases of serious mis-behaviour.” continued Young.

Dennis Young, as instructed by Shayne Saskiw sent a letter of appeal to the party on October 5th in hopes to present his case and answer any questions that the Executive Committee might have. To Mr. Young's surprise, he received a letter on October 13th indicating that he would not be granted a hearing and that the “...disqualification is final.”

“I am very surprised that as someone who has sacrificed my life for this country and

even been shot that I have not been granted even a face to face appeal. I am also surprised I was told by a candidate that the refusal was final before the Executive Committee even met. This party Executive is hand picking its candidates and not allowing the people to decide. To date this party has removed more candidates than Stelmach did under his rule. Danielle Smith would make a great Premier but until she stands up to the Executive Committee and provides a clear, transparent and democratic process then any support by the grassroots will be undermined.” continued Young.

Dennis Young has made clear that this is not the first removal of a candidate by the top down Executive at the local or provincial levels and referred to names such as Deepshikha Brar, Kevin Dick and Said Abdalbaki who was even featured in Macleans Magazine with Danielle Smith in 2009 and the mass resignation of the entire Little Bow Wildrose Constituency Association... just to name a few.

“I have been contacted by many who have grievances, not with Danielle Smith, but, with rogue local Executives and the top down Leadership Committee and Provincial Executive. I have been encouraged to lead a movement to right the wrongs of many. I never chose to be the leader of such a movement, it has just ended up this way.” continued Young.

According to Young, after a phone call on the evening of October 12th with several from throughout the province it was agreed to launch XWRP for members of the Wildrose Party and X-members alike. It is hoped that this will be a vehicle for those who wish to expose the heavy handed tactics of some in the Wildrose Party.

“We want those who have left to fight from outside and we want others to stay on the inside to try to make changes. My whole ordeal including my experience and others will be listed in detail on our Facebook group and website that will be launched.” continued Young.

Dennis Young will also be filing for an injunction when the Calgary Hays nomination is announced. Legal action against the local association and the party itself is underway.

“This behaviour is indicative of the old boys club that members of the Stelmach PC Party would practice. Someone needs to stand up to bring attention to the inner workings of this party so either sweeping change can be made or voters will be informed when going to the polls. I will be contacting all members and returning the monies to those I have signed up and informing them of what has happened. My team will also be distributing a letter to all residents and businesses of Calgary-Hays detailing this situation. People are calling me and giving their credit card information and at the moment I have no way of processing the many donations.” concluded Young.