

Hello All

My name is Beverly Bowden and I am running for the position of Co-Chair of the NDP People Living with Disabilities Caucus. (PLWD)

I was born in Vancouver and have lived in Beautiful BC all of my life. I have been a CCF/NDP member since the late 1960's getting involved in politics in Merritt BC. In this town I met with like people and I asked what I could do. This started my volunteer journey in Politics.

I have worked on many campaigns with include Kamloops, Merritt, Burnaby, New Westminster Federally and Provincial. Being a single Mom I raised 2 boys and eventually moved back to the lower mainland in 1990 and ended up in Surrey in 2005. I got involved with the NDP in my area and was lucky to campaign for the election of Mr. Garry Begg. When he was elected I became a member of his executive and then became his PLWD Representative since inception in 2015. Throughout these years with the guidance and knowledge of Elaine Willis I have listened and learned and enjoyed participation on the PLWD Caucus. During this time, I volunteered to become a member of our Resolution sub-committee and when we were given the ability to receive donations to the PLWD I volunteered to become treasurer of the PLWD Caucus. Now the criteria for these donations were discussed and voted on by the executive of the PLWD.

Using this money to help finance candidates living with disabilities to come MLA's in Victoria as these people have lived experiences and understand the issues facing people living with disabilities.

I am committed to attending the Provincial Council Meetings as this is a requirement of the position as PLWD Co-Chair. I believe in the PLWD Caucus and want the NDP PLWD Caucus to stay committed and healthy. As a member since inception I understand what is needed and all the members of the PLWD Caucus need to work together. So, I am asking for your vote so that the PLWD Caucus remains helpful to the NDP.