

Responsible Electricity Transmission for Albertans (RETA) Hires Wildrose Candidate Garnett Genuis as New Executive Director

News Release

(Sherwood Park) January 11, 2012. RETA announced today that they have hired Garnett Genuis as their new Executive Director.

“I am thrilled with the opportunity this new position will provide for me to advocate on behalf of the people of Sherwood Park and all Albertans,” Genuis said. “I have worked closely with RETA in the past to fight the unnecessary and dangerous power line overbuild planned by the current Alberta government. This is a great opportunity to work more closely with the RETA team as we continue the fight.”

Bruce Johnson, President of RETA, sees a lot of value in bringing Garnett on board. “Garnett has a lot of experience working in government and doing advocacy work, so I know he’ll do a great job. The Wildrose Party has been our biggest ally in the power line fight, and this really cements the relationship we have with them.”

RETA board member John Kristensen agreed. “We’ve seen a lot of game playing and flip-flopping by local PCs who say one thing in public and another behind closed doors. We’ve tried to work with them in the past, but we haven’t gotten anywhere. People like Garnett Genuis, Paul Hinman, Joe Anglin, and Danielle Smith have been fighting with us from the beginning. We’ve now been able to hire someone who is extremely capable, who understands the power line issue very well, and has a track record of fighting along side us.”

Garnett Genuis has just completed a Masters Degree at the London School of Economics. He has also held a number of different positions on Parliament Hill, including one in the Prime Minister’s Office. Genuis currently coordinates a political training program through the Canadian Centre for Policy Studies.

RETA is preparing to step up their efforts in the weeks ahead to defeat the Heartland Transmission Project once and for all.

“In my position as RETA’s Executive Director, and as a Wildrose candidate, I’ll be working to engage Albertans in a conversation about the need for a new premier and a new government,” Garnett said. “There was a lot of optimism when Alison Redford initially took over, but people have quickly realized that she is just as willing to cow-tow to the special interests in the electricity industry. I applaud RETA for trying to work within the PC Party to bring change, but now that strategy has run its course.”

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