



I began to be environmentally aware in 1970 when for a Grade 13 Biology project, I did a presentation on the carbon cycle. It was easy to convince my mother to get on board with some green actions. She grew up during the Great Depression, so reducing and reusing were as natural to her as breathing. Adding recycling – even though in those days it meant taking newspapers, bottles and tins to a depot – was an easy sell. I have never looked back.

I have been a member of the Green Party of Canada since 2013 which was an act of pure altruism because I was teaching overseas at the time and was not allowed to vote. I have subscribed to the Sunday newsletter for years, signed numerous petitions and shared GPC articles and actions on social media. Last fall, thankfully retired, I was able to work for the SGI campaign office making scores of calls encouraging former supporters to once again take a lawn sign. On election day, I was a scrutineer. Since then, I worked with the Members for Growth and Renewal, first doing research into how other countries' Greens grew their bases and then making hundreds of calls to validate survey responses.

I hope that my interpersonal and technical skills will be of use to our EDA. I am particularly interested in maintaining connections with our supporters *between* election periods so that they don't only hear from us when we need their votes. I would be honoured to help strengthen the EDA and support Elizabeth in any way I can.

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