

CASA members demand answers Reform MP Deborah Gray visits local riding

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 FitzPatrick said he and former UNB SU President Kelly Lamrock were in Ottawa together that weekend.
 "It was deposited into Kelly Lamrock's bank account by Kelly Lamrock."
 "I endorsed the cheque and gave it to Kelly because I didn't have my bank card with me," said FitzPatrick.
 "Kelly countersigned the cheque and deposited it through his Toronto

Dominion bank account and withdrew against the cheque through an ATM machine," he said.
 For his part, Lamrock confirms he was with FitzPatrick in Ottawa October 5.
 "Pat was in Ottawa on legitimate CASA business and the money was for gas expenses," Lamrock recalls.
 As to who is a signatory on the CASA Ottawa bank account, Lamrock said, "It is not a situation I can speak to as far as the legitimate

signatories."
 "Pat did ask me several times during the course of our friendship if I would get paycheques cashed or something," Lamrock continued.
 "My personal account will let me put cheques through," he said. "I cannot verify that that is the cheque but would I have done it for him for other cheques he received? Sure!" Lamrock concluded.
 Meanwhile, Hough is challenging FitzPatrick to cough up receipts for monies that remain unaccounted for.
 "Hey, if he has got the receipts, let's go, cough it up," said Hough. "If he can prove this without a benefit of a doubt this whole thing finishes."
 But FitzPatrick said he will not give the receipts to Hough because this is now a legal issue beyond the civil courts.
 Asked if he would furnish the receipts to *The Brunswickan*, FitzPatrick said, "absolutely not," citing his current legal circumstances.

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 "Can you possibly come from a more Canadian sounding riding than Beaver River?"
 Deborah Grey chuckles. This "proud, passionate Canadian" who just happens to be the first Reform MP ever elected, was visiting our riding last Wednesday, October 2. She was here as deputy leader of the party to speak at the local Reform party meeting. Prior to her speech I was lucky enough to have dinner with her.

was received here, since it was mainly a party of western Canada. She said she felt the West and the East had a lot in common, "both are on the fringes, feeling isolated while the Federal government concentrates on Ontario and Quebec." In fact this is partly what drew her to the party. She felt that the leadership offered by the traditional federal parties was lacking and she was looking for a party with integrity. She was as surprised as anyone when she found herself elected in 1989 but off she went to Ottawa. "Working hard, learning" what loneliness really was "she" brought personal credibility to Reform" and was re-elected in 1993. Today there are 52 Reform MPs, 6 of whom are women.

At the public meeting, when asked about Aboriginal Rights she said "the Reform party would abolish the Department of Indian Affairs; that Treaties should be settled immediately" and would entertain the idea of self-government "if it were clearly defined so we know exactly what it means". She said she knew native people who felt that if there was self-government "it would be like letting the local chiefs be Hitler".
 About Aboriginal Unity she said the Reform Party believes "there are ten kids in this family, not two. There should be no special status for any one of them that's not offered to them all". She said "sat side by side Lucien Bouchard" in the legislature and that he is "brilliant". "Lucien is a more masterful strategist than our prime minister. He's not going to lose the next referendum."

I found her to be warm, down to earth lady with an appealing sense of humour. Despite the fact that she had just flown in from Ottawa only hours before, suffering from a cold, she was full of energy and looking forward to her whirlwind tour of the Maritimes. This was her second trip to the area in two years. She told me that she was here to "give a state of the Union address".
 I wonder how the Reform party

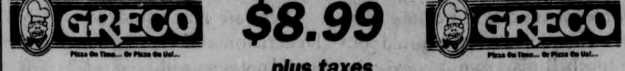
As an MP she make \$64,000 per year. She lives modestly, boarding with a cousin in Ottawa and has her home in Northeastern Alberta where she and her husband, Lou live. It's just eight miles down the road from Heinzburg (a town of 52 people)...If I'm ever out that way I'm invited to come by.
 Before politics she was an English teacher at a First Nations school. She has strong feelings about the possibility of a harmonized tax on books calling it "dreadful" saying, "books should not be taxed". She was also a foster mother to several teenage native girls.

Deb Grey is able to make jokes about herself, saying "parliament is far too serious and stuffy. We all have to lighten up and laugh at ourselves." She told us about the fun she had making the TV show, "This Hour Has Twenty-Two Minutes" where she appeared with Halifax Liberal MP, Mary Clancy, Alexa McDonagh and Marc Delahunty.
 I really enjoyed meeting Deborah. She's genuine, committed to family values and not at all the Brunhilda she's made out to be.



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