

Jackie Lovely wins Camrose UCP ticket



TOP: Incumbent MLA Jackie Lovely (centre) seen with Kevin Smook, his wife Sheila, and their respective campaign teams after the win on Saturday, Aug. 6. **RIGHT:** Smook congratulates Lovely after her win.



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Incumbent MLA Jackie Lovely will be the face of UCP in the upcoming elections, a decision made by members over three days of voting, Aug. 4-6. Lovely beat Tofield resident Kevin Smook to stay in the race and will be running as the UCP candidate in Camrose constituency.

"I'd like to thank

Kevin Smook and his campaign team for engaging in the political process," Lovely said. "Our work helped to create more interest and participation in the provincial leadership election; and campaigning allowed me to have more conversation and interaction with our constituents. Some residents had issues that needed my assistance and I was very happy my office could help!"

Smook said, "The nomination election didn't turn out the way we had hoped but I'm proud of the efforts of our campaign team, and appreciative of the support we received in my bid for the UCP Camrose candidacy. We put forth some good platform ideas, some which were new and others which built off of UCP programs already in place."

Smook added that he

met "some great people throughout the riding on this journey" and "attracted many new members to the party during the campaign."

"I congratulated Jackie Lovely in person on Saturday night. Going forward, we need to work together as a constituency to unite conservatives in order to be in a position to win the 2023 election. Thank you to our campaign team, donors,

and supporters and thank you to everyone who took the time to come out and vote and be part of the democratic process."

One of the main platforms that Lovely was working on, nurse practitioners, has made her the lead on the issue with Health Minister Jason Copping agreeing that she will be taking the reins in working with the nurse practitioners. "I see working

with these professionals as an opportunity for us to improve the quality and availability of healthcare in our constituency and the province," she said. "Some individuals were having difficulty getting a new doctor as a couple left recently, so a new doctor has been hired in Camrose and if anyone is in need of a doctor they will need to

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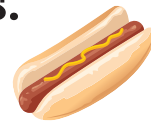
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