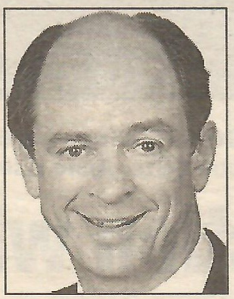
Edmonton-Glenora

Grit health critic Sapers re-elected

Edmonton-Glenora voters opted for another dose of Liberal health critic Howard Sapers.

Sapers, 38, was one of the Liberals' strongest voices in the Legislature and a persistent and vocal critic of Premier Ralph Klein's health cuts.



Kim Mackenzie

Sapers said his record on health care was the key to his success.

"Health care has been the number one issue of this campaign," he said. "I've been able to present a strong health care policy."

Sapers' win gives the Liberals a strong presence in a riding that was a Socred stronghold prior to Sapers' 1993 win.

While being one of Edmonton's more affluent ridings, Glenora lost some of its strong Conservative areas during boundary redistribution.

The Progressive Conservative candidate was Kim Mackenzie, 52, an urban planner and president of Mackenzie Associates Consulting Group Ltd.

New Democrat Arlene Young, 54, lost for the second time in a row.

"It's disappointing of course," Young said. "When you run in an election it's never a sure thing."

It's a little early to decide if she'll take another crack at it, she said.

"Four years is a long time away."

Freelance writer Jon Dykstra, 24, was the Socred candidate and supported the party's plan to provide school vouchers that would give parents the ability to shop for schools.

Natural Law party candidate Sam Thomas turned 18 just five days before the election. Election rules say candidates must be 18 or older.

Dear Ron,

Thank you very, very much for the exceptional job you did in setting up, organizing and managing our Edmonton - Glenora campaign! You brought together and directed a really excellent group of individuals, and co-ordinated their efforts extremely effectively into a first class team. I am particularly appreciative for the diligence and commitment that you brought to the campaign, and the innumerable tasks that you performed personally. It was a great experience and a real privilege to work with you, Ron. Many, many thanks.

Sam