

Alberta Liberal leader Kevin Taft weighs in on housing

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University of Alberta students and staff shared their discontent over searching for affordable housing during a public forum with provincial Liberal party leader Kevin Taft in SUB on Monday.

Many attending said they had a difficult time finding accommodations for the school year at a reasonable price, with some speaking out against the Progressive Conservatives' handling of the current situation.

The forum was the first in a six-part series that brings figures from the provincial and federal Liberal parties together to discuss current issues in the province. The University of Alberta Students' Liberal Association (UASLA) plans to bring other notable provincial and federal Liberals to speak to University students on campus.

"The major goal is to [fight] apathy, to get people to talk about politics, and to get people involved in the process," said UASLA President Avi Nanda, noting that the big-name speakers are

able to get students to come out and think about major issues.

Taft said that it's important for him to talk with youth when he has the chance because young people have the lowest voter turnout rate.

"That's a problem for someone like me, who's trying to push forward issues around postsecondary education," he said.

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He also noted that the forum gave him a chance to listen to students on whether or not the party's policies are in favour with young people.

"It's invaluable. [They] raised lots of concerns and lots of thoughts around housing. You learn that you're on target or off target."

Sharing in the discontent over the

provincial government's position on housing was Glen Donlevy, an Education instructor currently on sabbatical. He questioned the Alberta government's position that rent controls don't work, saying that he recalls rent controls being effective last time they were put in place during the 1970s.

"I seem to remember lots of affordable housing built during [that] boom, even though there were rent controls under the Lougheed government," Donlevy said. "To let the free market dictate the situation, in this kind of economy, is too costly to people."

Taft also used the opportunity to pitch his party's platform in dealing with the province's affordable housing issue. Key proposals include restricting rent increases to 10 per cent annually, and making it easier for cities to ease zoning restrictions when renting out secondary suites.

"There are ways of managing rent controls," he said. "Most of the time, the market does work in creating affordable housing, but sometimes, it gets out of balance."

New network to be more reliable

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The new wi-fi network will be known as University Wireless Service (UWS), but aside from the name change and increased reliability and coverage, the new service won't differ greatly from the current access points on campus. Students will still need to authenticate through a secure script using their CCID to access the network and stay logged in during the duration of their usage.

The system will also support newer wireless protocols, including the stan-

dard 802.11g protocol, which will be significantly faster than the current 802.11b networks in place around campus. Measures are also being taken to allow the system to be upgraded to the even faster 802.11n protocol once it becomes standardized.

Sorenson added that Academic Information and Communications Technologies (AICT) are on schedule for the rollout, and he hopes that about half of the work will be completed in the next eight to twelve months.

Students' Union Vice-President (Academic) Bobby Samuel feels that the upgrade is greatly needed and a long time coming for students.

"Wireless is a great service to provide to students as they become more technologically savvy," Samuel said. "A lot of students are coming to campus with laptops, and I think that by our campus investing in these things ... we're ensuring that undergraduates are getting the tools required to have a great undergraduate experience."



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