

## Guelph EDA - Recent Activities

**March 2010** - University of Guelph Campus Conservatives - guest speaker: the Honorable Peter Van Loan, Minister of International Trade

**June 2010** - Annual General EDA Meeting - Evergreen Centre

**August 2010** - Annual Summer EDA BBQ - Riverside Park - guest speaker: the Honorable Jason Kenney, Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism

**September 2010** - EDA Policy Discussion Meeting - Evergreen Centre

**October 2010** - Evening in Venice Ball - Fundraiser held in Kitchener to support both the K-W and Guelph Conservative Party EDA's.

### Upcoming EDA Activities

#### The Annual Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner

**Thursday, January 13, 2011**

**Guelph Banquet Hall  
Cocktails at 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner service at 6:30 p.m.  
Guest Speaker: TIM HUDAK**

**RSVP by January 5, 2011  
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## Conservative Party of Canada – Guelph Electoral District Association

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### CHRISTMAS IS COMING. IT'S TURKEY DRIVE TIME!



Support your local Federal Conservative Party association and Marty Burke, Guelph's Conservative Party candidate! Make a \$125 donation to the riding association and get either a 10 lb fresh or frozen turkey OR a cooked, boneless half ham. It can be delivered to your home or, if you prefer, to Sister Christine at Guelph's Welcome In Drop In Centre. Either way, you'll get a \$100 political donation tax receipt that will reduce your 2010 taxes by \$75. Details are provided on the flyer enclosed with this newsletter.

### How You Can Help Win Guelph in the next election!

**VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED** - As soon as the writ for the next election is dropped, we will need lots of volunteers. Please sign up on the EDA website at [www.guelphcp.ca](http://www.guelphcp.ca) now or when the writ drops to get your name on our list. We'll find a place for you to help!

**DONATE TO MARTY'S CAMPAIGN** - Campaigns are costly. A candidate needs signs, a campaign office, and material to hand out at doors. Please donate whatever you can - \$25, \$35, \$50, \$100 or more - and a tax receipt will be mailed to you promptly.

To donate to Marty's campaign, make your cheque payable to Conservative Fund Guelph and mail it to: Conservative Party of Canada, Guelph Electoral District, Post Office Box 21029, Guelph, ON. N1G 4T3.

*The Guelph EDA  
Board of  
Directors meets  
the second  
Wednesday of  
every month.*

*The EDA's  
website is:  
[www.guelphcp.ca](http://www.guelphcp.ca)*



### TIM HUDAK - GUEST SPEAKER AT THE 2011 SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD DINNER

The leader of the Ontario PC Party, the Honorable Tim Hudak (MPP - Niagara West-Glanbrook), stands for putting families first, getting government focused on the services Ontario needs, and making private-sector job creation a priority. Come hear about his plan to get Ontario moving forward so it can once again be the economic powerhouse of Canada. Event details on page 4.

On Friday, October 15, 2010, the Travelling Flags tribute came to the Royal Canadian Legion Hall in Guelph. This is a uniquely Canadian way to remember the Canadian Forces members who have died in Afghanistan. Flags are sent from city to city, and local veterans and citizens can show their support for Canada's military by signing them. The flags will be donated to the Canadian War Museum when they complete their journey.

*Pictured - Canadian Forces veterans Marty Burke (left) and Roy Wakefield (centre) sign a flag as Matt Sheehy (right) looks on.*

## MARTY THANKS OUR TROOPS



## An Invitation to meet Marty

I'd really like to meet as many people in this riding as possible before the next election. If you have an event you'd like me to attend, even if it's just coffee with a group of your friends, please let me know. I'll be there if my work schedule (I'm an Air Canada pilot) allows me to. The best way to reach me is by email at [marty@martyburke.ca](mailto:marty@martyburke.ca).

## Where you can get information about Marty and the Guelph Conservative Party/EDA

Find out more about Marty at his website, [www.martyburke.ca](http://www.martyburke.ca). It includes his biography, YouTube videos and a picture gallery, opinion pieces he has written, and his answers to frequently-asked questions. It also has a link to the Guelph Conservative Party's website, [www.guelphcp.ca](http://www.guelphcp.ca), where you can find a summary of key Conservative principles as well as recent national and local news items on Conservative Government and Party activities.

## STIMULUS PROGRAM WINS PRAISE FROM AUDITOR GENERAL

Excerpts from the National Post - October 27, 2010

The Harper government has done a good job of designing an economic stimulus program that quickly pumped billions of dollars into the economy to create jobs, Auditor General Sheila Fraser has concluded. Fraser offered solid praise for the spending program – known as the Economic Action Plan – which was the centrepiece of the 2009 budget and was created to stem the effects of the recession.

The government allocated \$47-billion to fund job-creation schemes over two years.

After conducting an audit of 11 projects in the program, Fraser concluded that the government adequately handled the “risks” of designing such a massive spending program and that the funds went to applicants that met eligibility criteria.

The Economic Action Plan was a “huge undertaking,” said Fraser, with more than 35 “federal entities” delivering about 90 separate programs. “We audited the Plan as it was being delivered,” wrote Fraser, and noted that it imposed a “significant increase in workload” on federal departments.

Among her findings:

- Departments streamlined programs so that funds could be allocated quickly. What normally took six months to design, review and approve programs was reduced to two months.
- All the audited projects met the eligibility criteria, although some started late and it's not clear they will be completed on time.
- Senior management implemented controls to manage the “significant risk” associated with delivering the action plan within a short time frame.

Fraser hasn't had her last say on the matter. Her agency is conducting a second audit of the program – to focus on whether the job-creation projects were completed as intended – and will issue a report in the fall of 2011.

