

Guelph EDA - Recent Activities

January 13, 2011 – 10th Annual Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner – guest speaker: Tim Hudak, Leader of the Ontario PC Party.

April 2, 2011 – Grand opening of Marty Burke’s Campaign Office. Over 200 attendees, plus guest MP’s Rob Nicholson, Gary Schellenberger, and Michael Chong.

April 4, 2011 – Stephen Harper rally at the Delta Hotel Ballroom. Over 500 attendees!

April 9, 2011 – Campaign Volunteer Appreciation event with special guest Stockwell Day. Over 100 attendees!

April 27, 2011 – Fundraising Luncheon at Cutten Fields – guest speaker: Bill Davis, Premier of Ontario from 1971-1985. Over 60 attendees!

May 2, 2011 – Over 100 volunteers helped get out the Conservative vote.

June 9-11, 2011 - National Conservative Convention in Ottawa – 3000 attendees, including a contingent from Guelph.

June 18, 2011 – Guelph EDA’s Annual General Meeting at the Evergreen Centre.

Guelph EDA - Upcoming Activities

**August 21, 2011 –
Guelph EDA’s
Annual Summer BBQ!**

**Time: 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Location: Riverside Park, Big
Picnic Shelter
Guest Speaker:
Gail Shea, MP Egmont, PEI;
Minister of National Revenue**

**A celebration of the May 2nd
victory for all Canadians – a
stable Conservative majority
government in Ottawa!**

Help Greg Schirk become Guelph’s next MPP!



Greg Schirk became Guelph’s PC candidate for the October 6th provincial election at the July 18, 2011 nomination meeting held in the Delta Hotel Ballroom. Greg is a local businessman with a quick smile and strong convictions. He is a fiscal conservative who wants to ensure that Queen’s Park stays focussed on eliminating its annual deficit and retiring its ¼ trillion dollar debt.

Donate, volunteer, put up a lawn sign, vote – support Greg however you can. Queen’s Park needs strong legislators with solid business experience and a clear understanding of finances to turn Ontario back into a “have” province. And Guelph needs strong Progressive Conservative representation in the Government of Ontario again.



**Conservative Party of Canada –
Guelph Electoral District Association**

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

*The EDA’s website is:
www.guelphcp.ca*

Guelph Election Results – The Good News!

Although we didn’t win the riding of Guelph in the May 2nd national election, we made significant gains in terms of votes. Here are the results we’ve achieved since the Conservative Party was formed in 2003 and over the four federal elections that have been held since then, in 2004, 2006, 2008 and 2011.

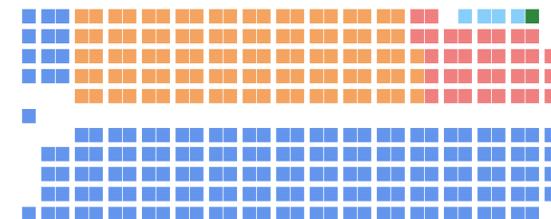
| Year | Conservative Votes* | % Total Votes cast in Guelph* |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2004 | 13,721 | 26.11% |
| 2006 | 18,342 | 29.76% |
| 2008 | 17,186 | 29.18% |
| 2011 | 19,252 | 32.65% |

* Source: Official Results, Elections Canada

In 2011, we received over 2000 more votes than we did in the previous election, which means the Conservative Party in Guelph has a terrific foundation for the next federal election in 2015!

Guelph Election Results – The Bad News!

When Frank Valeriote was re-elected, Guelph became a big loser. Guelph is now one of only 34 ridings represented by the remains of the Liberal Party. The Harper Government supported Guelph when it was a minority government and will continue to give it support now that it has a majority. But Guelph’s voice will be very small. In fact, it will be heard only rarely, and from a far back corner of Parliament. Do you know where Frank sits during Question Period?



This is the seating plan for the 41st Parliament. Frank sits in the top right corner, just in front of the lone Green party seat held by Elizabeth May.



Marty Burke and the EDA's Board of Directors want to express their sincerest appreciation for the efforts of the over 100 volunteers who worked on Marty's campaign. They put up signs (and put them back up when needed). They manned the campaign office and handled innumerable phone calls and in-person requests for information. They inputted data into computer databases. They went door-to-door canvassing. They worked at all of the campaign events – cooking, decorating, and cleaning up. They worked on Election Day, helping to get Conservative voters to the polls and “scrutinizing” at polls across Guelph. And, most importantly, they helped make the campaign fun and exciting!

THANK YOU ALL!



**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH
AT THE JUNE 2011 NATIONAL CONVENTION IN OTTAWA
CELEBRATING THE MAY 2ND CONSERVATIVE VICTORY**

Here's a reminder of the key points and upcoming plans that Stephen Harper talked about in his speech to the convention delegates:

- We are driven by a moral obligation, not merely to do well, not only to do wisely, but to do what we have promised -- to act on the strong and clear mandate we received from the people of Canada.
- Within 100 sitting days of this majority Parliament, as promised, we shall combine our outstanding criminal justice bills -- measures the opposition has been blocking in some cases for years. We will put them into comprehensive legislation and we will pass them!
- We will bring in legislation this fall to finally scrap the costly and inefficient long-gun registry.
- We shall continue our long-term program to re-equip the Canadian Armed Forces with the tools they need. There will be new fighter jets when the current ones reach the end of their useful life later this decade. There will be new ships for the navy and for the coast guard, through our National Shipbuilding Strategy. And we shall continue to invest in the army.
- We Conservatives will give the men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces the equipment they need, and the respect they deserve! But re-equipping the military is just the tip of the iceberg. When it comes to making Canada a meaningful contributor in the world, we also have a purpose. And that purpose is no longer just to go along and get along with everyone else's agenda. We will take strong, principled positions in our dealings with other nations whether popular or not.
- As we have been reminded again in recent weeks, the global economy remains fragile. Our budget is our unshakeable commitment to focus on jobs and growth by keeping taxes down, by funding priorities, by eliminating fat, and by moving gradually but inexorably to eliminate the deficit!
- We will implement our other measures. On the environment and conservation. On the Wheat Board. On Senate reform, and on Commons representation. And, yes, on getting rid of that extravagant per-vote taxpayer subsidy for political parties!
- Our party's great purpose is nothing less than to prepare our nation to shoulder a bigger load, in a world that will require it of us. We campaigned on the new Canadian reality of this great country rising. It is a country founded on great principles. A courageous warrior, a compassionate neighbour, a confident partner. Under a strong, stable, national, majority Conservative government, Canada - the best country in the world!