



Conservative Party of Canada – Guelph Electoral District Association

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President's Message

Hello Fellow Guelph Conservative Members and Supporters,

It's been almost 2 years since the historic election of our "Strong, Conservative, Majority Government", and 7 years since the Party came to power as a minority government. **Under the principled and intelligent leadership of Stephen Harper, Canada has become the strongest nation in the G7. Guelph has also benefited immensely from the sound economic policies of our Conservative Government.** Our businesses are doing well, our unemployment rate is among the lowest in the country, and we are on the cutting edge of water conservation technologies critical to agricultural, industrial and household consumption.

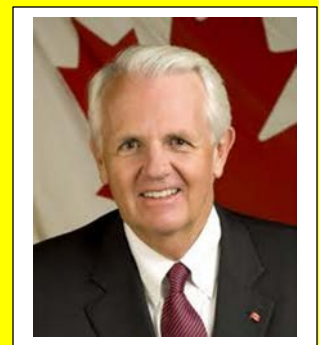
However, it could be so much better!! Guelph's current Liberal MP, Frank Valeriote, is irrelevant in Parliament. Having a Conservative MP in Ottawa would allow Guelph to dialogue directly with the Feds about industry and trade, making it easier to promote the great innovations that are happening here. The good news is that Ottawa is once again paying attention to Guelph. We had a great event on January 25th with Peter Kent (MP-Thornhill), Federal Minister of the Environment. **We have another great event lined up for Saturday, April 27th with special guest, John Carmichael (MP - Don Valley West).** Mr. Carmichael lost in the 2008 federal election by over 25,000 votes, but won in 2011 by 200 votes. He can help us figure out what it will take to get Guelph a solid Conservative seat in Parliament. **I strongly encourage every Party member and conservative-minded person in Guelph to attend "WINNING GUELPH!" and get on board the train that is going to unseat Frank Valeriote in 2015!**

Steve Vos
President, Guelph Conservative EDA

ANNOUNCING AN IMPORTANT LUNCHEON PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON:

"WINNING GUELPH!"

When: Saturday, April 27th, 2013 from 12:00 - 2:00 pm
Where: Guelph Golf and Curling Club, 133 Woodlawn Rd East
Fee: members - \$25; non-members - \$40; students - \$20
RSVPs are required for all attendees. Please go to www.guelphcp.ca
or call 519-763-4384.



SPECIAL GUEST: The Honourable John Carmichael, MP Don Valley West - winner of an "unwinnable riding" in the 2011 election. Come and have a light lunch, listen to how he won, and then let's discuss how to apply his experience to Guelph!

Guelph EDA's Jan 25th Reception for Peter Kent

The Guelph EDA hosted a reception for The Honourable Peter Kent, MP Thornhill and Federal Minister of the Environment, at Cutten Fields on January 25, 2013. Almost 50 Guelph Conservatives were there to welcome him to Guelph. Unfortunately, he was initially greeted by environmental protesters who tried to block the entrance to Cutten Fields. However, they were dispersed by the police and were gone by the time the event started.

Minister Kent said people told him he was very brave to enter the lion's den of protesters, Liberals, and unfriendly media in Guelph. His response to that was that there will always be bullies trying to influence what we say and do, and the way to handle bullies is to fight back.



Regarding the environment, Minister Kent talked about the myths about nuclear waste that are perpetuated by certain groups. He was adamant that the Harper government wants to protect Canada's pristine environment, but does not want to halt industrial growth in the process. He stressed the importance of finding a balance.

Importantly, Minister Kent assured the audience that Ottawa supports the Guelph riding and considers it winnable.

The Minister was open and friendly and tried to talk to everyone in attendance. He addressed questions from the audience after his speech and also joined in a toast to Sir John A. MacDonald and Robbie Burns.

The CPC National Convention is in Calgary June 27-29, 2013

All Conservative Party members are invited to attend. Come and join our Guelph EDA delegates and hundreds of fellow Conservatives for this important event.

John Walsh, President of the Conservative Party of Canada, says: "Please join us in Calgary to set policy, learn the latest news from the Party, elect members for our governing National Council and make new Conservative friends. Help us to make this the best Convention yet!"

The Party has set up a special website providing the convention schedule and information on hotels, registration, and much more - www.cpcconvention.ca/.

Note: there is an Early Bird rate for registering on or before April 12th!

Website Update

We are pleased to announce another major update to our website. In Fall 2012, we added the ability to accept credit card donations. Now we can also accept RSVPs to our events on our website!

We've made a few other changes as well. If you haven't visited our website recently, please take a look - www.guelphcpc.ca.

Please Donate

It's a new year and a new opportunity to help the Guelph EDA gear up for the 2015 election! Remember - political donations are given generous tax credits. For example, if you donate \$400 in 2013, you'll get a \$300 credit toward your 2013 taxes. Therefore, your \$400 donation only costs you \$100! Send a cheque payable to "Conservative Fund Guelph" in whatever amount you wish to: CPC - Guelph EDA, P.O. Box 21029, Guelph, ON N1G 4T3. You can also use our website! www.guelphcpc.ca.