



Conservative Party of Canada – Guelph Electoral District Association

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President's Message



Hello Fellow Guelph Conservative Members and Supporters,

I want to take this opportunity to extend my greetings and heartfelt thanks to you for your continued support of the Conservative cause here in Guelph. I appreciate greatly all of your financial contributions of every size, and your willingness to volunteer and help in any capacity.

The EDA is anticipating a strong year in 2014 as we move forward to get ready for the general election in 2015. We have some great new additions to our Board of Directors and have also had many requests by people who want to become involved in our EDA and Board.



The key focus of the EDA in the coming months is to strengthen our membership and financial base ahead of our Candidate nomination process in 2014. We would appreciate any contribution you can make to help us achieve this goal. By contribution, I mean not only financial support, but volunteering and becoming engaged in the process. I attended my first convention this year in Calgary and witnessed an incredibly strong and dynamic Conservative Party membership. It was very exciting to see and I'm inviting you to "have your say" right here in Guelph by becoming an active part of our local riding association!

We've received great support from the Conservative Party this past year as we welcomed 7 MP's and Cabinet Ministers to Guelph for various events. I've been assured that this support will continue in the coming months as we build a stronger EDA and work hard to send a Conservative MP from Guelph to Ottawa in 2015. Be sure to stay "connected" by visiting our website (www.guelphcp.ca) to keep informed of the Guelph Conservative EDA's various events and activities.

At this time I would like to extend to you and your loved ones, a Joyous and Blessed Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year.



*At the CPC Convention in Calgary -
Steve Vos with Diane Finley, Federal Minister of Public
Works and Government Services*

Steve Vos

President, Guelph Conservative EDA



HARPER GOVERNMENT GOALS: THE OCTOBER 16, 2013 THRONE SPEECH

BALANCED BUDGET - "Enshrine in law" a return to balanced budgets in times of economic crisis.

LEANER, MORE EFFICIENT PUBLIC SERVICE - Review disability and sick-day entitlements; increase performance accountability.

MAJOR TRADE DEAL – Complete negotiations on the EU free trade agreement.

CONSUMER SAVINGS - Reduce cell phone roaming fees within Canada; unbundle TV cable packages.

GET TOUGHER ON CRIME – Introduce new legislation to address cyber bullying and invasion of privacy, intimidation and personal abuse; end automatic early release for serious repeat violent offenders.

IMPROVE FOOD AND DRUG SAFETY - Strengthen food inspection systems; close loopholes allowing for the "feeding of addiction under the guise of treatment."

HERITAGE – Hold numerous events to honour Canada's 150th anniversary in 2017.

INCREASE MILITARY BENEFITS - More support for homeless veterans; programs to place veterans in good jobs.

ENHANCE NORTHERN SOVEREIGNTY – Extend the Dempster Highway to the Arctic Ocean.

SENATE REFORM – Make changes to the Senate after receiving advice from the Supreme Court.

Harper is getting the big issues right

(excerpts from an op-ed by Terrence Corcoran, Financial Post, October 17, 2013)

On numerous fronts — from energy to climate and taxes — the Harper agenda remains strong.

The Tory fiscal record, at 30% of GDP, remains the best of the G7 by a long shot.

On the Canada-EU trade deal, Canada appears to have scored a major coup. Mr. Harper got to Europe before the Americans, and he has a deal in hand.

Another Harper agenda highlight is taxes. Corporate tax rates have been cut from 22% in 2006 to 15% today, a bold and principled conservative policy move that sets Canada apart. Mr. Harper has distinguished the Tories from the corporate-bashing Justin Trudeau and Tom Mulcair.

This government has steadfastly avoided massive and risky policy moves. The Throne Speech did not announce any blockbuster state interventions.

Mr. Harper recently told a New York audience that Canada would not take no for an answer on the Keystone XL pipeline.

His comment is a declaration of quiet and firm determination to keep up the push for Keystone.

As Canadian conservative governments go, Harper's has done much right, including not doing the big things the opposition parties would do.

