

Cambridge Electoral District Association

Message from Gary Goodyear

Not a bad budget if you can wait 5 or 10 years!

After reviewing this week's Liberal budget, the first question that comes to mind is: What do you get when you cross a Conservative with a Liberal?

Of course the answer is: Creative Solutions but a Dithering Delivery.

When we demanded tax cuts for middle and low income families during the election they said we were being fiscally reckless. When we demanded increases in Defence spending, the Liberals called us irresponsible, some said we wanted "toys for generals".

"What a difference a morning hanging makes", as they say in the Western Movies.

The threat that the opposition might bring the Government down held this typically "tax and spend group" to the fire. Conservative ideas can be seen throughout this budget, but one thing is missing:

Delivery.

The key criticism I have is that it is spread out over too many years and most of the spending is all back-ended. The programs go out beyond the mandate of this government which makes actual delivery unlikely, and the entire credibility of this budget suspect.

The other concern I have is that much of this money has already been announced many times before, which makes it appear like an election budget: big numbers with no expectation of delivery.

Again this year we see massive surpluses. In fact if you factor in the new deal the Conservative Party won for Newfoundland and Labrador, plus the cash in foundations, the real surplus is well over 15 billion dollars! Gouging taxpayers is no reason to boast.

But are Canadians ready to go to the polls over this?

Clearly this government has enough money to have done much more for our seniors, our Veterans, our students, our parents and families, our Military, the environment and so on.

With all its misleading figures, re-promised money, and its hidden surpluses, it is not

BAD enough to go to the polls.

Rather than blindly oppose and bring down the government, I believe the Opposition has an opportunity to provide the leadership so lacking on the side of the government.

There may be tons of your money in Ottawa, but it's going to take leadership and implementation skills to fix our Country's woes. More than forty billion dollars and six months after the touted Health Accord to fix us for a generation, waiting times and our doctor shortage have not changed.

I believe the Conservatives are acting responsibly. There are elements of the budget that we support and elements that we oppose. As we did last fall, we will work to defeat specific line items in the budget that we oppose.

We have the power to establish when the next election will be held. We will force an election only when it is in the interests of the country.



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President's Message

As our Party and Association begin its second year, I anticipate it will be another busy and exciting time.

On January 8th the Association hosted a Regional Joint Policy Meeting (RJPM) with five Electoral District Associations (EDA) participating. Through the outstanding work of our Policy Committee and the strong support and participation of the Board, Cambridge-North Dumfries was able to present several amendments on policy issues that were relevant and timely and yet still reflected our conservative values and principles. Four amendments from our RJPM will be considered at the CPC National Policy Convention.

At our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Delegate Selection Meeting (DSM) on January 31st the Association again elected the maximum number to serve on your Board. Furthermore, our EDA will send a full slate of delegates to attend the National Policy Convention taking place in Montreal from March 17-19. Congratulations and thank you to all Board members and delegates who were elected and willing to serve the Association. I would also like to thank the 100 plus

members who took the time to support the EDA by attending our AGM/DSM.

The Montreal Convention will be an important event as our Party debates and votes on policy and constitutional amendments, has a leadership review vote and elects the officers to the National Council.

The Cambridge-North Dumfries delegates are working hard on the campaign of our 1st Vice-President Peter Tudisco, who is running for one of the four Ontario positions on the National Council. If elected, I know Peter will use his strong leadership abilities and extensive experience to represent our region at the National Council table.

As we move forward our goals are to focus on fundraising, maintaining a strong and active membership, and preparing for the next election. Re-electing Gary Goodyear will ensure Cambridge-North Dumfries continues to have strong representation in Ottawa.

I encourage members to participate in the Easter Ham Fundraiser and if they have not already done so to renew their membership. I would like to take this opportunity to thank

the members and supporters who participated in the 2004 Christmas Turkey Fundraiser and direct mail fundraising campaign.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Larry Hardman
President

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1st Vice President's Message

Dear Fellow Conservatives

It has certainly been a busy time for our federal party, having held our Policy Meeting, AGM and Delegate selection meetings for our upcoming convention in March. As well as getting organized and attending as many functions as possible, as I prepare for the elections, being held at the Montreal convention, to be one of the four Councillors representing Ontario on National Council.

Just this past weekend, at the Provincial Parties AGM in Ottawa I held a hospitality suite and had the opportunity to meet a number of our Ontario MP's and Federal Conservatives while in Ottawa. The mood of our Provincial Party is nothing short of exhilarating, with over 1000 people at the Saturday night dinner, in attendance to hear John Tory. We all wish John well on March 17th the date of the by-election, which will allow John Tory to sit in the legislature.

As the mood of the Ontario Conservative party is positive, we must bring this same enthusiasm to the March convention in Montreal. Stephen Harper addressed the delegates at a reception held

on the Hill, with a large number of MP's attending. His speech, reached out to all like minded conservatives and re-enforced that **WE** are the party of conviction, both financially and socially to lead this county. Liberal waste and mismanagement of Mr. Dithers (Paul Martin) and the disarray of the Liberal Caucus on a number of fronts will resonate with Canadians. We have a great opportunity to show everyone coming out of the Montreal Convention that we are a solid alternative to form government.

I would like to express my congratulations to all the delegates selected to go to Montreal. You are a dedicated bunch, which makes this EDA one of the best in Canada. I will see you later this month and will work hard to get elected to National council. We need a strong executive to lead this party into the next election. I would also like to take this opportunity to all of you who have called and emailed your support and that have extended a helping hand.

Lets Win!

Peter Tudisco
1st VP

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