



# Cambridge Conservative Voice Newsletter

Cambridge Electoral District Association

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## Message from Gary Goodyear, Member of Parliament

Dear Friends and Supporters:

As we roll out our agenda over the next few months, Canadians will see that Canada's New Government represents a fundamental break with the kind of government they've known for most of the last half century. They will recognize that they have clear choices to make on the most important issues facing our country.

**A clear choice** to make between decisive action that is building a stronger economy, a cleaner government and a record of results, versus going back to drift, scandal and empty rhetoric.

**A clear choice** between a foreign policy that actively stands up for our national interests and values, versus a "soft power" approach that relegates Canada to the sidelines of the international arena.

**A clear choice** between a country where Ottawa practices open federalism, where the roles and responsibilities of the various levels of government are logically defined and respectfully applied, versus

where Ottawa and the provinces are constantly at loggerheads over questions of money and power.

**A clear choice** between a country where individuals are free to make the best of their choices and the most of their opportunities, versus a country where the State presumes to know best how to spend your money and raise your family.

**A clear choice** between a country that values safe streets and safe communities, versus a country where the streets are ruled by guns, gangs and drugs.

**And a clear choice** between a country that takes practical, realistic action to protect the environment, versus a country that sets unrealistic targets and then does absolutely nothing to achieve them.

As these choices become ever clearer to Canadians, I believe they will choose to continue building a stronger, safer and better Canada for all of us. Your help over the years has put Canada back on track. Your commitment and efforts, both by volunteering and through financial donations has been the primary factor in this great nation being saved from oblivion by those who only care about themselves and their party's position of power.

Never forget the famous words: "We have to get back to power as quickly as possible". Those words are not from someone who cares for his country, they are from someone who is the head of a small group of people who need simply to be in power, for power sake.

Thank you all very much for your continued support.

### Editor's Note:

As the new Chairman of the Communications Committee, the production of this newsletter falls under my purview.

First, I would like to express profound gratitude to Jennifer Perlock for her superb production of the last seven editions of this newsletter. It will be a hard act to follow. Thank you, Jen!

Second, if you have any submissions for the newsletter or general comments, please e-mail me at [rsieminski@rogers.com](mailto:rsieminski@rogers.com)

Rich Sieminski, editor



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## President's Message

Dear Conservative Friends:

2006 was a very busy year for our Association, but 2007 is shaping up to be even more exciting.

Our Conservative government is doing a great job and Prime Minister Stephen Harper is showing outstanding leadership. Despite this fact, the Liberal leader, Stephane Dion, wants his party to "get back to power as quickly as possible". Nevertheless, our Conservative government intends to continue to govern in spite of obstructionist moves by the opposition parties, who may force an election.

Therefore, we must be ready for an election which could be called at any time. It is very important that we re-elect Gary Goodyear as our Member of Parliament and as part of a Conservative majority government. I know Gary will continue to be a hard worker and a very effective M.P. for the citizens of Cambridge and North Dumfries.

As part of the process of preparing for the next federal election campaign (whenever it may come), I along with several other local volunteers were able to attend a Political

Training Conference in Toronto in March. Several more supporters from our Association were able to attend the Saturday night rally featuring Prime Minister Harper. This well-organized, well-attended and informative training weekend showed how committed our party and volunteers are to working hard to maintain the trust of the voters in the next federal election.

As part of this process, we continue to work on the Association's ongoing goals, which are to increase the number of members, volunteers and supporters; to continue to improve our infrastructure and local organization; and to build a "war chest".

If you have not already done so, I would encourage you to renew your membership. A strong and active membership is a sign of a strong and active Association. In addition, in order to vote at an Annual General Meeting and/or a Delegate Selection Meeting you must have a current membership.

Moreover, if you are interested in volunteering for the next election campaign and/or you would like to get more involved at the Association level by helping out at one of

our events or to serve on a committee, please get in touch with us.

Furthermore, you can help out our Association financially by participating in our Spring Ham Fundraiser, in which for a \$100 donation you will receive a \$25 Zehrs gift certificate and an income tax receipt for \$75 or you can make a straight donation which is entirely eligible for an income tax receipt. Please note all the funds sent to our Association stay in Cambridge and North Dumfries to help get Gary re-elected. However, due to the new Federal Accountability Act we can no longer accept corporate donations.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to our policy submission process. From the input we received, our Association's Policy Committee was able to submit (for consideration at the next National Policy Convention), policy resolutions to further lower income taxes, bring more ministerial accountability and get tougher on crime.

I wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate our Association's 2nd vice-president and 2005-06 Campaign Manager, Peter Tudisco, for winning the



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Cambridge Chamber of Commerce Bell Business award in the Personal Business Achievement category. Well done, Peter; another example of a Conservative giving back and contributing to his community.

In order to save money, we are distributing by email as many copies of this newsletter as possible. Moreover, if you are receiving this newsletter by regular mail and would like to receive it by email to reduce our costs, please let us know.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of Gary and the Association.

Kindest regards,

Larry Hardman

## Memberships

We would like to remind everyone that all one-year memberships expired on December 31. If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2007 please find attached a form to do so.

If you would like to inquire about your membership please contact our Inreach Committee by email at [CambridgeCPC@rogers.com](mailto:CambridgeCPC@rogers.com) or by fax at 519-622-9589.

Thanks so much.  
Jennifer Perlock  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

## Communications

Late last year, our Board set up a new committee structure for the EDA, to ensure that we would be well-prepared regardless of when an election would be called. I volunteered to be chairman of the Communications committee and thus would like to give you an overview of what this committee is all about and what it hopes to accomplish.

Communications, at its most effective, is a two-way process ... unless one is blessed with teenagers. Not only must messages be sent out, but they must be easily received and understood. Thus our Communications committee has two mandates: primarily to get the Conservative message out to both our members and the general public; and secondarily, to receive communication from those same two segments.

Getting out the message will occupy most of this committee's time. The main vehicles for doing this will be this newsletter, our EDA website ([www.conservativecambridge.com](http://www.conservativecambridge.com)),

a writing group and a phoning committee.

Our website is currently being maintained by David Estabrooks, and if you have any website suggestions or submissions, please contact him at 621-3703 or at [davides@rogers.com](mailto:davides@rogers.com).

A very useful group we would like to set up right now is a telephoning committee, whose main task would be to inform our membership of upcoming events. This would operate as a multi-level tree structure, with one person calling 5-10 others and each of those calling another 5-10 and so on. Of course, once established, this committee would really come into its own if an election were to be called; phone communications is extremely important during an election campaign as many of you know from our past campaigns. If you are at ease with talking on the phone (and I know that you're out there – I see cell phones growing out of ears everywhere!) then again, please let me know.

As far as receiving communications is concerned, the website will be our main vehicle for that, as well as our email address of [CambridgePCP@rogers.com](mailto:CambridgePCP@rogers.com). Please feel free at any time to send us a note. Praise for your



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hard-working Board members is always appreciated, but if constructive criticism is warranted, then we welcome that also.

So there you have it – an ambitious agenda which will require a lot of volunteers. However, I have faith that our members will step forward and pitch in. We need to undo the decades of Liberal mismanagement of this country. We need to convince enough people of the value of Conservatism that we get a majority in the next election. We need to stem the tide of socialist indoctrination which we are getting from academia and the media and we must restore Canada to the proud and self sufficient country which it once was. Thank you for wading through this piece and I look forward to good Communications in the future!

Richard M. Sieminski  
Communications Chairman

## Donations

Please note that **100%** of all donations made directly to the Cambridge Electoral District Association (EDA) benefits Gary Goodyear's re-election campaign and supports your Cambridge EDA. Please make cheques payable to ***Conservative Fund Canada***.

Meanwhile, Cambridge only receives 10% if donations are made directly to National HQ. If you receive a telephone solicitation, feel free to ask the caller who benefits from the donation and make an informed decision.