

THANKS FROM THE HEART

Message from Candidate, **Chuck Konkel**



“Politics is largely a matter of the heart.” That quote from R.A. Butler, a prominent British Conservative politician, is both profound and true for us in Scarborough-Guildwood.

From the moment we Conservative supporters joined together for the 2008 federal election, I quickly saw how so many of you put your hearts into our political journey. You volunteered countless hours – knocking on doors, delivering flyers, making phone calls – for all the right reasons: to work toward creating a better community and a better Canada for ourselves, our families and our children.

Together, we campaigned hard, ran a strong race and grew as a community-based organization. It was a great honour to be your candidate and friend during the 2008 election. I will work to continue to be both.

In this festive and holy season, my wife Robin and daughter Laura join me in thanking all the wonderful volunteers and supporters, as well as the members of the Scarborough-Guildwood Conservative Association, who rallied to the cause during Election 2008. We wish you and your families wonderful holidays, including a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Chuck Konkel



On Oct. 14, 2008, Canadians chose a Conservative government led by Prime Minister Stephen Harper

Recent issues in Ottawa

Millions of Canadians were outraged by the attempted coup by coalition that occurred on Parliament Hill in December.

Less than two months after Canadians chose a Conservative government led by Prime Minister Stephen Harper, a small group of back-room plotters devised a coalition to literally take over our country. These weren't Parliamentarians acting in the best interests of Canada. They were a bunch of power-hungry MPs – including socialist and separatist interests – who decided to give Canadians:

- a government that no one had voted for in October, and
- a prime minister, Stephane Dion, who'd already been rejected by Canadians, and even the Liberal Party.

At a time when Canada is admired internationally for its rich resources, effective workforce and stable democracy, it's important that our elected Conservative government has the opportunity to consult key players in Canada and put long-term economic plans into action. Prime Minister Harper and his federal government team have already lowered taxes, forged new agreements with trading countries and paved the way for innovative programs, such as the Tax-Free Savings Plan for individuals and major infrastructure spending programs for Toronto, for Ontario and for other governments.

Do you want Canada run by some coalition

concocted by a power-hungry Liberal Party and the free-spending NDP, all supported by a party that wants to take Quebec out of Canada? Now is the time for strong and stable leadership. All Canadians, not a small group of ambitious, self-serving politicians, must be the ones to decide who runs this country.

Here in Scarborough-Guildwood, our Liberal MP continues to fail to serve our riding effectively. He's been a back-bencher since 1993 and is frequently missing in action. During the Parliamentary session that ended June 2008, our Liberal MP failed to raise his voice in 46% of the recorded votes. Among the issues he failed to vote on was Canada's Tackling Serious Crime Act, a law that's very important to our community.

Tell your friends, neighbours and family that it's the Conservative Party that represents the values of Canadians. Principles of fairness, thrift and equal opportunity are Conservative principles. So is knowing that the best decisions are made by tax-payers, not political tax-spenders.



Chuck Konkel makes his voice heard

OUR 5TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Paul Calandra, MP celebrates our 5th anniversary



Chuck Konkel and Roxanne James collecting toys and food

More than 100 Conservative supporters from Scarborough recently celebrated the fifth anniversary of the Conservative Party of Canada with a cake-cutting, a champagne toast and a talk by one of the GTA's newly-elected Conservatives, **Paul Calandra, MP** for Oak Ridge-Markham.

The guests, who came from all Scarborough ridings, also donated hundreds of toys and food items that were distributed for Christmas through local toy drives and food banks.

Greg Crompton, federal Conservative candidate for Scarborough Southwest, hosted the event at the Q-siss Banquet Hall. **Chuck Konkel**, our Scarborough-Guildwood candidate, and his wife, **Robin**, also attended. The celebration also attracted the federal and provincial candidates in Scarborough-Centre, **Roxanne James** and **Samy Appadurai**. The event attracted three of the Conservative Party's top volunteers in Ontario, National Councillors **Mark Dotzert**, **Kara Johnson** and **John Walsh**.

MP Paul Calandra described the political controversy in Ottawa that led to the proroguing of Parliament in late 2008. Paul said it was caused by the opposition's long-standing plans to return the Liberal Party to government by any means. He explained that the opposition parties had decided to defeat Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Government, no matter what proposals were included in the Conservative economic statement.

Paul said that since Canada supplies so many raw materials and products to countries around the world, when the global economy weakened, our economy began to suffer.

In his view, creating an effective solution to this world-wide recession requires much more than short-term, domestic measures. Paul added that our Conservative Government is taking long-term steps, such as lowering taxes, and working internationally, such as negotiating economic agreements with leaders of the world's 20 largest economies, to ensure Canadians and global customers keep buying Canadian products and services.

From his new seat in the House of Commons, Paul has seen, first-hand, that many Liberal MPs are unhappy in opposition and have little interest making Parliament work for Canadians or to effectively represent their constituents.

MP Calandra knows Scarborough very well, having worked here as a provincial government staffer years before he was elected to Ottawa in October 2008. He was pleased to see such strong support for Conservatives in Scarborough and pledged his help to keep building local momentum. Paul added that his successful campaign overcame a 7,000 vote deficit from the 2006 election. He noted that a similar vote gap now exists throughout Scarborough ridings and that Conservatives can win here next time with effective volunteers and pre-election work.

ELECTION OBSERVATIONS

Conservatives in Scarborough-Guildwood can be pleased with the gains that our candidate, Chuck Konkel, made in the October 14th federal election. Chuck, who was running in his first campaign, came a strong second in the results. Chuck increased the percentage of Conservative vote to more than 30% of the overall votes cast. In comparison, the Liberal candidate lost support and received about 4,000 fewer votes than in the 2006 election.

A notable gain for Chuck was winning the poll where the Guild Inn is located. Chuck's idea of getting federal recognition for the Guild site influenced neighbourhood voters. Watch for more news on this issue in 2009.

One cause for concern was the riding's drop in voter turnout. This time, only 54% of eligible voters cast their ballots, compared to 63% in the 2006 federal election. That means that about 5,000 fewer voters turned up in 2008.

As a Conservative supporter, you can help reverse this troubling trend. Informing people you meet about

the importance of voting and give them information about how Prime Minister Stephen Harper and our Conservative Government are taking action on important federal issues - including strengthening Canada's economy, reducing taxes, rebuilding national defence, helping families and seniors and improving immigration. It's becoming clear that the more informed that people become, the more likely they'll vote and the more likely they'll vote Conservative. So by talking Canadian politics, you're also helping build a stronger Canada.



Chuck Konkel campaigning

Hear & There...



Conservative MP Peter Kent speaks at the rally



SUNSHINE SHEENA - Of the more than 1,000 supporters who attended the Anti-Coalition Rally on December 6, our board's Membership Chair, **Sheena DeWyze**, was one of the participants who was quoted in the Toronto Sun and other newspapers across Canada. "This country is at stake," Sheena told Sun reporter Michele Mandel. "I'm just hoping cooler heads will prevail and a budget will come done that is too good to defeat." Speakers at the rally included Toronto area **Conservative MP Peter Kent**. The rally, held at Queen's Park, was a real volunteer-led, grass-roots event. It was organized by a teenage volunteer who's a Hamilton high school student. Among other Scarborough-Guildwood EDA members attending were **Jeremy Hollingsworth** and **Karma Macgregor....**

WELCOMING BENEFITS

Did you know that in 2007, Canada led by a Conservative Government welcomed a record 430,000 people from 216 countries. That’s the largest number of newcomers coming to Canada in one year in our history. It’s also 60,000 more people than four years ago, when a Liberal Government was in place. **Jason Kenney**, our new Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism, says that all Canadians benefit from this immigration because these newcomers fill large and growing labour shortages in the most dynamic areas of our economy.



IN THE WIND

Scarborough-Guildwood is the planned site for a test by Toronto Hydro to determine if a 25-kilometer strip of area just offshore of the Guild Inn parkland can support a “wind farm” including up to **600 wind turbines**. In November, a four-hour public meeting was held about the first phase of this project. More than 1,000 people attended and voiced strongly conflicting views. Some people – especially those representing environment groups – spoke in favour of such a green energy source. Others questioned if the seasonal and intermittent power generated by such a project justified its multi-billion dollar price-tag and the disruption to the environmentally-sensitive Scarborough Bluffs. **The provincial government will make the final decision about this project**, in consultation with **the City of Toronto and the federal government**. The Toronto councillor for the Guildwood area, **Paul Ainslie**, has raised concerns about this **project’s viability** and suitability. He can be reached by e-mail at: councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca.



Prime Minister Harper speaking to convention delegates in Winnipeg

At the recent Policy Convention in Winnipeg, amid the debate and discussions with Conservatives from across Canada, one event stood out for me. It was Prime Minister Stephen Harper’s rousing keynote address, when he declared “the Conservative Party is Canada’s party”.

Our Prime Minister explained to the more than 1,000 convention delegates that Conservative values mirror the values of all Canadians: the love of country, a commitment to community, a devotion to family, respect for peace, order, and the law, and rewarding hard work.

Prime Minister Harper said that no political party can match the Conservative’s record of bringing Canadians together and standing up for our country’s interests. He pointed out that Conservatives founded Canada in a way that creates strong federal and provincial levels of government. By taking this approach in 1867, Conservatives united Canada and created “one of the most durable political arrangements in the world today,” our Prime Minister said. He noted how Conservatives “put the interests of hardworking Canadians first” by:

- lowering taxes and paying down the national debt,
- strengthening our financial system,
- enhancing child care by supporting families, not replacing them
- restoring transfer payments and fixing fiscal imbalances with provincial jurisdictions
- rebalancing the scales of the criminal justice system in favour of victims and law-abiding citizens
- focusing spending on priorities
- rebuilding Canadian Forces, and
- reviving Canada’s reputation as a country that believes in freedom and democracy, and has ability to act and defend those values on the world stage.

Among the historic “firsts” achieved in Canada by Conservatives, Prime Minister Harper reminded his supporters that the first Chinese Canadian MP, the first Black Canadian MP, the first Japanese Canadian MP, the first Muslim Canadian MP and the first Hindu Canadian MP were all Conservatives. He also noted that Conservative governments appointed the first female cabinet minister and first Aboriginal Senator, as well as created Canada’s first bill of rights to protect all Canadians.

“Whether at home or abroad, whether it’s easy or hard, we will not hesitate to do what’s best for Canada,” said Prime Minister Harper. “We must work hard to keep Canadians’ trust and earn it again. We must listen to all voices, whether they supported us or not.... Conservatives have never been afraid of tough times. And, as we have done time and time again in our history, we will answer our country’s call. And with your help, Canada will emerge stronger than ever before.”

John Mason, *President*
Scarborough-Guildwood Association

THE TORY ADVANTAGE

Prime Minister Harper recently said “the greatest strength” of the Conservative Party is its volunteer members. “No Party’s members are more motivated. No Party’s members are more dedicated. No Party’s members are better prepared or better-suited to stand up for Canada’s interests,” our Prime Minister told delegates at the 2008 Conservative Convention.

Local Conservative volunteers helping candidate Chuck Konkel



Two Ways You Can Support Scarborough-Guildwood Conservatives

1) Donate to your local Conservative Association

Yes! I want to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Scarborough-Guildwood Riding Association for:

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$400 Other amount _____

To donate by personal credit card, please phone **416-283-5858** leave your name and phone number and you'll be contacted by a local volunteer.

Or write your personal cheque for the above amount made payable to: **Conservative Fund of Canada- Scarborough-Guildwood**, then follow the instructions below.

2) Become a Member of the Conservative Party of Canada

Yes! I want to begin/renew my membership in the Conservative Party of Canada

1 year \$10 2 years \$20 3 years \$30 5 years \$35
(a 30% savings!)

Please enclose your personal cheque for the above amount payable to: **Conservative Fund of Canada, Scarborough-Guildwood** then follow the instructions below.

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- I am a Canadian Citizen or a Permanent Resident of Canada
- I actively support the founding principles of the Conservative Party of Canada
- I am at least 14 years of age.


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