



## ACTION ON THE ECONOMY

At a sell-out luncheon with more than 800 business people from across the GTA, Prime Minister Stephen Harper came to Toronto to outline how the federal Conservative Government is taking quick action to stimulate Canada's economy and to safeguard the jobs, savings and retirement security of Canadians.

"I say to you, as businesspeople, as community-builders, as citizens, if there ever was a time to put away that legendary Canadian modesty, it is now," said Mr. Harper. "Notwithstanding all the troubles around us, Canada has real advantages, real assets, and we should not hesitate to remind investors, partners and leaders around the world of the comparative strengths of our country."

"While our government has had to make significant changes in our economic plans to address the immediate challenges of the global recession, we have not changed our focus on longer-term economic objectives," he said, adding that taking immediate action required two bold steps:

- 1. Creating a comprehensive economic plan to combat the effects of the world downturn of Canada; and**
- 2. Cutting bureaucratic red tape across the country.**

The federal government's five-point plan calls for investing about \$40 billion during the next two years to help people and stimulate businesses by:

- Making a permanent cut in personal income tax, which helps workers and all taxpayers
- Launching programs that encourage buying and renovating homes, which supports the housing sector.
- Improving roads, highways, bridges and public transit, which are major job-creating construction projects.
- Announcing specific tax measures and investments, which aid businesses and communities.
- Improving access to financing, which helps individuals and businesses.

Mr. Harper explained that Ottawa is able to make such investments because of Canada's strong financial position, thanks to our solid banking system, modern workforce, economic diversity and the Conservative Government's past actions to pay down the national debt.

Our Prime Minister told the appreciative crowd that no federal government has ever moved so quickly on the economy. "We are making most of the stimulus funding available," Mr Harper said, "[at] the start of the fiscal year, and the rest available within five months, rather than waiting four to 10 months, as is usually the case."

The Prime Minister noted that despite the need for immediate action, Opposition parties "are choosing to play political games" that will hurt Canadians. "The separatist Bloc

Quebecois and socialist NDP have no political interest in seeing Canada's economic recovery succeed, and are trying to block Canada's Economic Action Plan at every turn," said Mr. Harper. "Now they risk being joined by the Liberals."

Mr. Harper pointed out that after the Conservative Government has cut so much bureaucratic red tape, the Opposition will hurt the country if they keep delaying federal programs by adding a new layer of Parliamentary red tape.

He asked people to tell the Opposition parties to stop playing political games so all parts of the Canada's Economic Action Plan can get implemented effectively. "Canadians are a strong, compassionate and adaptive people," said the Prime Minister. "We have faced down hardship before, and we will again. But neither recession, nor war, nor natural disaster have ever seriously impaired the destiny of this great land. We are positioned to emerge from this global recession in a stronger position in the world than we have ever been. And I am confident that we will."

## Conservative UTSC - YOUTH'S CORNER



**CAMPUS CONSERVATIVES:** Members of the Conservative Student Association at University of Toronto's Scarborough Campus celebrate their successful debate at the recent mock parliament for students. Check out the great big "C" symbol they're all making. Association President Robert Onley started the group earlier this year and it's quickly become the most active political student club on the Scarborough campus. The association members are getting involved in activities of Conservative riding associations throughout Scarborough.

# Local Conservatives want a stronger voice for Scarborough



Scarborough-Guildwood Conservative Riding Association, Board of Directors at the AGM. **Standing**, from left: Kevin McNiff, Kirk Jensen, Ravethy Saminathan, Leon Saul, Janet Browes, Scott Alderson, Mark Luchetta, Frederic Nzeyimana, William Burtch, Mark Cottrill, John Donnelly, Gord Bremner, Andrew Browett, Suren Rajeswary, David Hansen, Whitefield Ye. **Seated**: Samy Appadurai, Sheena DeWyze, Linda Jones, John Mason, Betty Stewart, Olive Cheron. **Not pictured**: William Archibald, Blagoja Manchec, Gord Maunders, Brian Rife, Andy Vanressan.

## At this year's Annual General Meeting

of your Scarborough-Guildwood Riding Association, more than 70 local members and supporters of the Conservative Party of Canada heard why our community needs an effective voice in Ottawa.

Riding Association President John Mason and guest speaker, Dean Del Mastro, the Member of Parliament for Peterborough, said the Scarborough community deserves better. Both pointed to the shameful condition of the local feature that gives this riding its name and identity – the Guild Inn.

Mason explained that the deteriorating state of Guild's historic buildings and grounds has occurred over the past 15 years, a time when the same MP has represented Scarborough-Guildwood in Ottawa. While the Guild Inn is owned by the City of Toronto, Mason said an effective MP would have stepped in years ago and prevented what people see as demolition by neglect.

MP Del Mastro said that the federal government has programs to protect and preserve such an important heritage landmark. He explained that before Ottawa gets involved, decision-makers must know that the community supports

such federal initiatives. If an MP fails to be effective bringing community concerns to the attention of Parliament, then nothing can happen. Unfortunately for Scarborough-Guildwood residents, the Guild Inn is a prime example of this inaction.

The Peterborough MP, who has also served on a Parliamentary Committee for renewable energy, spoke briefly about other local issues. On the proposal to build a large development of offshore wind turbines near the Guild, Del Mastro said wind turbines should not be built so close to homes, nor where wind conditions aren't suitable. Regarding crime, the guest speaker explained that the Conservative Government continues to propose laws, such as stronger sentencing, but is frustrated by the legislative delays caused by opposition politicians in Parliament and the Senate.

MP Del Mastro reminded everyone that all politics is local. He urged people to focus on important local issues to improve this community and to gain local support for the Conservative Party of Canada. To thank our guest speaker, Chuck Konkel, our riding's candidate of record, presented Del Mastro with the History of the Guild Inn written by local author and riding resident Carole Lidgold.



Pauline Browes, former Conservative cabinet minister with Dean Del Mastro, MP.



Director Kirk Jensen and Board Secretary Betty Stewart review the AGM agenda.



Peterborough MP Dean Del Mastro greeted by director Leon Saul.



At the Annual General Meeting, from left, Riding President John Mason; guest speaker, Dean Del Mastro, MP; Chuck Konkel, candidate of record; Ravethy Saminathan, director.



Conservative supporters in Scarborough-Guildwood have a new on-line home. The website, [www.scarborough-guildwood.ca](http://www.scarborough-guildwood.ca), brings the latest news about Conservatives – locally, nationally and globally – right to your computer 24 hours a day. Information gets posted from your riding association, as well as from Ottawa, so you can keep up-to-date on important issues.

As an example, the electronic edition of this newsletter is now available on-line as well. You'll find lots more photos and information from our recent Annual General Meeting. New information gets added all the time, so visit us often. While you're on-line, if you have a comment or question for your local riding association, you can send us an e-mail, either through the website or simply using our new e-mail address: [info@scarborough-guildwood.ca](mailto:info@scarborough-guildwood.ca).

When you send us your e-mail, you can then receive electronic updates sent directly to you about upcoming events, notices and other information.

A reminder to Conservative supporters: The information available at [www.scarborough-guildwood.ca](http://www.scarborough-guildwood.ca) gives you the Conservative story directly from the source – without editorial spin, without journalists' cynicism, without opposition name-calling. You won't find a lot of this information in many Toronto newspapers, so when you want the full story, visit [www.scarborough-guildwood.ca](http://www.scarborough-guildwood.ca)

## Make A Conservative Investment:



One way to reduce your tax bill in 2009 – and to support good government in Canada – is to donate to your local Conservative riding association. Every dollar you give to the Conservative Fund - Scarborough-Guildwood stays here in the riding to help keep you informed about how the Federal Government is making this community and the rest of Canada a better place to live, work and raise a family. Your donation also earns you a generous tax credit for the current tax year.

This newsletter is one example of what your local Conservative association does thanks to donations received from Conservative supporters here in Scarborough-Guildwood. Anyone who's 14 or older can make a personal donation. Remember that corporate or business donations are not allowed under federal financing rules.

The form on the next page gives you details about how to donate, as well as how to become a member of the Conservative Party of Canada. Our association will also be doing a local fundraising and membership campaign by phone. If you get one of our calls, it's a great opportunity give your views about the Conservative Party, the federal government and Prime Minister Stephen Harper.



## Ottawa helps GO Grow

Prime Minister Stephen Harper visited Union Station early this year to announce a major investment to GO Transit. The commuter transit service gets \$500 million from the federal and Ontario governments through this program.

The Prime Minister said this money is part of the federal Conservative Government's Economic Action Plan designed to invest across the country to stimulate our economy now make life better in the future.

"Every day, over 200,000 commuters rely on the GO Transit system to get to work and get home to their families," said the Prime Minister. "More than a dozen separate projects will be covered under this initiative.... And they will help the GO system handle the huge increases in ridership that are projected throughout the Golden Horseshoe during the next decade."

The improvements will continue the work that's been done at the Guildwood and Eglinton GO train stations by improving access to public transit, adding parking capacity, plus upgrading rail lines to improve overall transit reliability.

# Investing in Canada's next generation

By William Burtch, Association Director

**Despite the current downturn**, young people in Scarborough-Guildwood and across Canada are getting a lift this year from the federal Conservative Government. Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Diane Ablonczy, Minister of State for Small Business and Tourism, visited Toronto to encourage young entrepreneurs to start up their own businesses.

"We are proud to put our faith in Canada's next generation of innovators, job-creators, and entrepreneurs," said the Prime Minister, as he announced an additional \$10 million investment in the Canadian Youth Business Foundation. By participating in this successful program, 2,800 entrepreneurial companies have already created over 15,000 jobs for young Canadians and generated \$300 million in sales revenue to boost Canada's economy.



The PM and Diane Ablonczy, Minister of State for Small Business and Tourism, announce new ways to help young entrepreneurs.

This is an example of how the Harper Government believes all Canadians benefit by encouraging enterprise, rather than raising taxes.

Ottawa is also helping create more student jobs through its Canada Summer Jobs Program. This \$20-million national initiative allows local small businesses and non-profit groups to create summer job opportunities. In this way, communities benefit from projects that improve their neighbourhoods, while students gain valuable work experience. Last year, more than 20,000 organizations created about 36,000 summer jobs for students through this popular program.

## On the World Stage in London, England



**While in the U.K.**, Prime Minister Harper and his wife, Laureen, had lunch with Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace. During that meeting, our Prime Minister invited the Queen to Canada. Once arrangements are confirmed, it will be the Queen's 24th royal visit to Canada since her coronation in 1953.

News reports from the Canadian media about

Prime Minister's work at the G-20 Summit in London upset many people in Canada. Here are some views that were posted on on-line forums about Mr. Harper at the London Conference and how the news was reported:

- "It's good to see after many decades a Canadian Prime Minister being listened to in the world stage. The Canadian media would like nothing better than to see the Prime Minister humiliated because he is a Conservative...."
- "I wish the media would start giving the PM a lot more positive press and talk about how he has actually set Canada up for success prior to the recession, and how we are now looking much better in the world markets...."
- "I have been living in Canada 20 years and Harper is by far the best PM this country has had in that time. I am proud to have such an intelligent PM representing this country."

## Getting Things Done in the GTA

The Conservative Government in Ottawa continues to make life better for Toronto residents by:

- Helping pay for the TTC's new buses, subway cars and other projects, including investing \$251 million for 324 new hybrid buses for Toronto
- Creating a temporary Home Renovation Tax Credit to give homeowners a 15% tax credit of up to \$1,350 on eligible house repairs that cost from \$1,000 to \$10,000 and done before February 1, 2010
- Paying \$81.4 million to Toronto in 2009 through the federal Gas Tax Transfer. Ottawa will double this to \$162.9 million a year in the future. The money is to improve Toronto's infrastructure.
- Announcing the Emerging Leaders in the Americas Program, which will award up to 1,600 scholarships for Latin American and Caribbean students to pursue studies in Canada starting this fall.
- Designating the revitalization of Toronto's Union

Station as a "priority project" under Canada's Economic Action Plan.

- Investing \$1.7 million in Toronto's City Centre Airport facilities for federal customs and immigration services – part of a \$10.5 million program for improving six other airports across Canada.
- Investing in a wide range of Toronto cultural institutions, including \$25 million to the Toronto International Film Festival, and \$25 million to the Harbourfront Centre.
- Announcing two-year funding for a variety of cultural infrastructure projects in Toronto, including the Toronto Public Library and Famous People Players.
- Supporting Toronto Football Club by contributing \$27 million to build the new soccer stadium, BMO Field.
- Making more effective recognition of foreign credentials possible for professional-level immigrants by investing \$50 million over two years to accelerate how provinces assess newcomers' qualifications.

## 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 actively support the founding principles of the Conservative Party of Canada
- I am at least 14 years of age.

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