

The Riding News

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Conservative Party of Canada
Prince Edward-Hastings Electoral District Association



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WE DID IT!

The people of Canada and the citizens of Prince Edward-Hastings have spoken.

After a nearly picture-perfect National election campaign, Canada, once again has a **Conservative government**.

Not to be outdone, - our local campaign team's hard work resulted in the **landslide re-election** of our hard working M.P., **Daryl Kramp**.

Thank you one and all - for your faith, hard work and financial support. I do not think you will be disappointed in the returns your contributions will bring.

Despite being in a minority, our new government has a good demographic base. This bodes well for future as we work to overcome previous opposition propaganda excesses and as we earn the confidence of the public.

Prime Minister **Stephen Harper** has now

announced his new Cabinet, which appears to be well balanced and is, - for a new government, composed of unusually well seasoned people.

On a local level, your Association will take a break to re-energize itself by holding an **Annual General Meeting**, (see below), to elect a new Board of Directors.

The new Board will not just be "caretakers," but will be working hard to consolidate and improve our position until the next time around.

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2006/2007 Annual General Meeting

Mark your calendars!

- ◆ Deadline for Membership **March 13, 2006**
- ◆ Annual General Meeting **April 8, 2006**

Saturday, April 8th
2pm

The River Inn
79 River Rd.
Corbyville, Ontario
(Follow Cannifton Rd North)

Complimentary Coffee and Cookies.

Meet your MP, Daryl Kramp

Come out and help elect a new Board of Directors for the coming year.

REMINDER!

To vote in the AGM, or to be a candidate for the Board, you **MUST** be a member of our Association by

March 13, 2006.

For Details on the AGM and Board of Directors please see Page 4 of this Newsletter.

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A Message from our M.P., Daryl Kramp

Dear Friends:

Thank you to all of you who worked so tirelessly during this recent election campaign. It is in large part because of your hard work, your dedication and your financial contributions that we as a party won this seat and formed government for the first time in more than 12 years.

The plurality of our election win locally was significant but of more importance to me was our ability to win polls across this riding from Bancroft to Bloomfield and yes even in Belleville! In our riding the desire to bring about change in Ottawa was truly shared across all regions.

In the coming months we must build upon this success. We must never stop reaching out to our friends, neighbours and colleagues to both stay in touch with what is important to the people of this riding and to let everyone know how they can contribute to the building of a better Canada.

As we prepare for our annual general meeting, I want to thank the past board of directors both individually and in cooperation with the campaign team for the amazing job

they have done. Together they have provided me and our riding with one of the best organized, hardest working, most dedicated teams I have ever had the pleasure of working with.

In the upcoming AGM if you are looking to fill a position on our board I wish you the best of luck. You have very big shoes to fill.

I look forward to continuing to serve you both here in the riding and in Ottawa. The challenges that lie ahead, from the crisis in agriculture to the erosion of manufacturing jobs after twelve years of lack lustre productivity, may loom large but they are not insurmountable.

I have every confidence in our new Prime Minister, Stephen Harper a bright and capable individual, a strategic thinker with a long-term view to the future. And, I have confidence in the Canadian people.

For your continued support, I thank you.

Sincerely,

A Message from our Financial Agent

As the official agent for Prince Edward Hastings and the Daryl Kramp Campaign I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that donated during the past year and election. Your contributions during the writ period will let us meet all of our campaign expenses.

We will endeavour as an association to support our MP and maintain an active profile and agenda.

Enclosed with this news letter is a donation form and tax credit table.

Individuals may contribute in total up to \$5,200.00 per calendar year.

Corporations to receive a tax credit may only donate to their local riding associations and may only donate up to \$1,000.00 per calendar year.

No part of any donation sent to National office returns to your local riding association.

You may donate by one of the following methods.

1. Send your form by mail with a cheque made out to Conservative Fund Canada PEH.
2. Send your form and fill out your credit card information which should include the name on the card, the card number and expiration date.
3. Go online to our secure donation site and make a credit card donation or membership renewal. (<http://www.conservativepeh.ca>)
4. Call 613 968-7393 to make any other arrangements.

Details of the last year's financial statements will be available at the AGM.



We Now Provide
 Secure On-Line
 Credit Card
 Processing for
 Memberships and
 Donations

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Cabinet Appointments

Stephen Harper - *Prime Minister*
 Rona Ambrose - *Environment*
 John Baird - *President of the Treasury Board*
 Maxime Bernier - *Industry*
 Jean-Pierre Blackburn - *Labour & Econ. Dev. Quebec*
 Lawrence Cannon - *Transport, Infrastructure & Comm.*
 Michael Chong - *Intergov. Affairs, Sport & Privy Council*
 Tony Clement - *Health & Fed. Economic Dev. N. Ontario*
 Stockwell Day - *Public Safety*
 David Emerson - *International Trade*
 Diane Finley - *Human Resources & Social Dev.*
 James Flaherty - *Finance*
 Michael Fortier - *Public Works & Gov. Svcs.*
 Loyola Hearn - *Fisheries and Oceans*

Marjory LeBreton - *Senate Government Leader*
 Gary Lunn - *Natural Resources*
 Peter MacKay - *Foreign Affairs & Atlantic Opportunities*
 Robert Nicholson - *Democratic Reform & Gov. Leader*
 Gordon O'Connor - *National Defence*
 Beverley Oda - *Canadian Heritage & Status of Women*
 Jim Prentice - *Indian Affairs & Northern Dev.*
 Carol Skelton - *National Rev. & W. Economic Div.*
 Monte Solberg - *Citizenship and Immigration*
 Chuck Strahl - *Agriculture & the Wheat Board*
 Gregory Thompson - *Veterans Affairs*
 Vic Toews - *Minister of Justice & Attorney General*
 Josée Verner - *Int, Cooperation & Official Languages*

Election 2006: Some Interesting Facts

- Out of 33 million Canadians, 22.7 million (68.8%) were registered to vote, - of these, 14.8 million (64.9%) voted.
- Out of 109,405 PEH residents, 86,695 (79%) were registered to vote, - of these, 57,199 (66%) voted.
- PEH had the third highest Advance Poll count of all 308 ridings across the country.
- Across Canada after the election there were only two judicial recounts:
 - . In Parry Sound Muskoka where Tony Clement won by 28 votes. Tony was declared elected.
 - . In Desneth Missiinnippi where one poll not only had a 100% turnout, ALL votes were for the Liberal. The Liberal won.
- 76.6% of Canadians live in an urban environment while 23.4 are rural.
- 31% of all Canadians live in Toronto (5.2 m), Montreal (3.6 m), or Vancouver (2.2 m).
- 59.3% of Canadians speak English at home, 23.2% speak French and 17.5% use Other languages,
- Nationally the final 2006 election tally was: CPC-125 LIB-102 BQ-51 NDP-29 OTH-1
- Nationally the final 2004 election tally was: CPC-98 LIB-133 BQ-53 NDP-18 OTH-6
- In PEH the final results were: CPC(Kramp) - 27,787; LIB (Vaughan)-18,034; NDP (McMahon)- 8,574; OTH- 2,804
- Money Raised by the CPC – \$18.1 million by the Liberals - \$9.2 million
- Voter turnout in Stephen Harper's riding was 66.7% and he garnered 72.4% of the total votes cast.
- Voter turnout in PEH – Daryl Kramp's riding was 66.0% and he garnered 48.6% of the total votes cast.
- Voter turnout in Paul Martin's riding was 61.6% and he garnered 48.2% of the total votes cast.
- Voter turnout in Jack Layton's riding was 69.3% and he garnered 48.5% of the total votes cast.
- In Ontario, where voter turnout was 67.3%, the CPC took 40 out of 106 seats, almost double its 2004 showing.
- Of the Eastern Ontario ridings, the CPC won 11 out of 15 seats.
- In Quebec, with a voter turnout of 63.3%, the CPC had a major breakthrough when it won in 10 ridings.

Information from Statistics Canada and Elections Canada

We Got Out the Vote!

The terms, "Voter Identification" and "Getting out the vote" or GOTV are pretty common ones when working on a political campaign. It basically requires that the campaign workers first identify potential voters who support their candidate and then endeavour, through various means, to get as many of those supporters to the voting booth on Election Day.

The theory is this – if you have 20,000 known supporters who might vote for your candidate, you can count on at least half of them not making it to the polls for various reasons; lack of a ride, babysitting difficulties or just plain apathy. During a campaign, a GOTV team's purpose is to identify and then contact all these known supporters and assist them to go and vote by offering rides, babysitters and encouragement.

A successful GOTV initiative during a campaign can make the difference between a win and loss for a candidate.

We Got Out the Vote: - Our riding, PEH, had the third highest Advance Poll count of all 308 ridings across the country!

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*Thank you for your
continued support!*

We're on the Web!
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Reminder: To Vote in the AGM You Must be a Member by March 13th 2006

Our Party Constitution requires that you be a member in good standing for at least 21 days prior to participating in an AGM or other activities such as: attending conventions as a delegate, participating in events, voting on referenda, etc..

So, unless you are already a member for 2006, please complete the enclosed Membership form, (or go on-line to our secure server site), and get your membership now.

Also, please keep in mind that membership fees represent a substantial portion of this riding's operating revenue and will be used to ensure that our M.P., Daryl Kramp, is re-elected in the next election.

Unlike donations, membership fees are split 50/50 between National Office and the Riding so you may renew directly through our Association, (see box to the left), or you may renew directly through National Office.

The Cost of Membership, (January 1st to December 31st), is Ten Dollars, (\$10.00), a Year, (payable to the "Conservative Fund Canada PEH"). Pro-rated, Youth and Senior Memberships are Not Available. Multi-Year Fees are ten dollars a year with no discounts.

Membership fees are not tax deductible under Bill C-24, (Whether you purchase one or five years). so you will receive no tax receipts for such fees.

The Role and Structure of a Constituency Association

According to our Constitution, the role of the Board of Directors is to manage and direct the affairs of the Electoral District Association (EDA) to meet the following objectives:

1. To support and promote the principles, objectives and policies of the Conservative Party of Canada (CPC), and to maintain an effective Association for that purpose;
2. To select a candidate to represent the CPC in the Association for each federal election and by-election;
3. To encourage the participation and recruitment of youth;
4. To assist and promote the election of the Candidate of the CPC in the Association for each federal election and by-election;
5. To raise money and maintain a fund to support the Association and to assist candidates in Federal elections and by-elections;
6. To actively identify potential supporters;
7. To recruit members to carry out the objectives of the CPC and the Association; and
8. To comply with the obligations, and benefit from the rights and privileges of being an Association of the CPC.

Despite these straightforward objectives, the effort required is significant -- especially since it is performed by volunteers. Recognizing that the Board of Directors is the core group of volunteers in the Association, the Constitution allows a large number (up to thirty) of directors. But, numbers alone will not guarantee success. The Board must also organize itself and the tasks to be completed so that it can work effectively as a team to achieve the Association's objectives.

Accordingly, PEH normally restricts the size of its Board to 20 members, each of whom, - supported by working committees composed of both Board and non-Board members, has a different primary responsibility.

These responsibility areas, (for which job descriptions have been developed), include: Communications, District Coordination, Events, Fundraising, Information Management, Membership and Policy. Elected from within the Board of Directors are an Operating **Executive Committee** composed of the President, the Vice President(s), the Financial Agent and the Secretary.

While each job description describes the primary role of one person, many jobs require the assistance of the entire Board. Every Board member is expected to participate in labour-intensive activities. The bottom line is that, when it comes to time commitment, monthly attendance at a two hour Board meeting is only the "tip of the iceberg".

If you are interested in putting your name forward as a candidate for the Board, please **make sure of two things:**

1. You are a member in good standing of the CPC, and;
2. You have sufficient time available.

Prior to the Board election at the AGM you will be required to sign an official Consent Form indicating your intent to run.

You may nominate yourself any time up to the start of voting on April 8th. Proxy nominations are acceptable as long as a signed Consent Form is received by election time.

For More information call Ken Dowsett at (613)968-7393.