

**Pickering Scarborough-East**  
Federal NDP Riding Association

## **Annual General Meeting**

Monday, 26 June 2006  
7:00 PM

- **Executive elections**
- **Election of delegates to the Federal Convention**
- **Adoption of Convention Resolutions**

**Tall Pine Community Centre**  
64 Rylander Boulevard  
*(north off Kingston Road, west of the Sheppard Road intersection)*

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Members and non-members are welcome.  
Light refreshments will be served.

# Election analysis

All things considered, we had a pretty good election campaign, but we need to make the next one a bigger success. Dan McTeague will have to run on his record as an opposition member, not the vague promises of the disintegrating Liberals. This will put us in a great position. We need to take advantage of it.

### **Thanks to our volunteers**

Last election, our volunteers delivered a lot more campaign punch than in any recent election. This time, our central core of volunteers co-ordinated a larger team with a more targeted focus. The results were definitely more successful! Next time though, we're going to need a bigger team yet.

## Signs

Needless to say, we were vastly outspent by the Liberals and Conservatives – by about 11 to 1 in fact. We couldn't buy more signs this time, but we did benefit from about 350 signs recovered from the 2004 campaign. Competing in the sign war requires larger signs, and more of them.

## Literature

Even though we didn't make a lawn sign impact, we did get out two different pieces of literature. Because of the strong volunteer base, about 75% of the riding was covered... certainly the best record we have achieved in any recent campaign. On top of that, we also held several successful distributions at the riding's two GO stations.

## Radio Breakthrough!

In this recent campaign, the big news was that our team made it onto the radio, with 20 short spots on two Durham stations, in various time slots during the critical 14 days leading up to election day.

## Heading into the next campaign

Speculation is that the next Federal election will happen soon after the Grits get a new leader. We could well be going to the polls within the next 12 months!

Mr McTeague has been around for a while now and there's no doubt that interest is building for a change. We need to be there to offer voters a better choice. To be blunt though, we won't win unless we raise more money and more volunteers.

Fund-raising is already beginning. Before the official start of the campaign, we'll need to order,

take delivery of, and (more importantly) pay for the signs. Not only that, but the literature must be in the hands of the volunteers by Day One. We can't cover the whole riding unless we're ready right at the start.

## Its Up to Us

Recent changes to the Elections Act means that supporters' contributions is the only source of funds for ridings and campaigns. The very good news is that 100% of your contribution to the Pickering-Scarborough East Federal NDP stays right here – no portion goes to Party Central. Of course all those contributions bring in the same tax break that you get during the election campaign.

## An easy way to help right now

Help your fellow New Democrats prepare for the next campaign in this riding. Start out by approving a small monthly transfer from your credit card. Its easy and painless. Not only does it help with our on-going work like this newsletter, but we'll be much better positioned as soon as Harper gets the boot.

Unlike the Liberals and the Reform-Alliance-Conservatives, we don't have a clutch of super-rich cronies and big businesses feeding us cash. We rely on contributions from Canadians like you.

## You can make June the start of your support.

Please, send in the coupon below, or go to our website, or for real convenience, just pick up the phone and call our Financial Agent, Gerry Batke, anytime, at 416 287 0688.

Your fellow New Democrats in Pickering-Scarborough East are counting on you. **Call today.**

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