

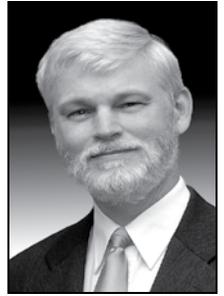
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Pickering-Scarborough East

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Canada becomes a democracy!



Gary Dale
President

Canada officially ceased to be a democracy on December 4, 2008. That was the day the Governor General gave the Prime Minister permission to govern without the consent of Parliament. This decision was unprecedented in the Commonwealth and the Empire that preceded it.

Moreover, coming as it did in the middle of economic crisis and with the (normally) busy holiday shopping season just beginning, it was a disastrous time to leave Canada in limbo - without a real government let alone an economic plan. If there were any doubt sales would be down, this sealed it.

Her Excellency wasn't the real villain in this piece however. The mastermind behind this skulduggery was Stephen Harper. First he forced the crisis with his vile economic state-

ment that not only was hopelessly at odds with what even the most right-wing lobbyists were calling for to fight the looming recession, but it was a blatantly partisan piece that was guaranteed to be rejected by all three opposition parties.

Next he got the Conservative PR machine working overtime to convince Canadians that not only was there something wrong with the idea of parties working together to make government work, but also that no government should ever be supported by the Bloc. Of course, the fact he had proposed coalition governments three times since taking over as party leader, and had relied on Bloc support many times a Prime Minister somehow didn't make it into their attack ads.

Coalition governments are rare

in Canada because our electoral system produces too many phoney majorities and makes the minority governments that do occur unstable. In the majority of the world's democracies, stable coalition governments are the rule because they use proportional representation. Now that Canada has rejoined the ranks of democratic nations, implementing a fairer voting system should be the third order of business, behind fixing our economy and ensuring that the Prime Minister can never again evade the elected representatives of the people of Canada.

Two ways to pitch in ... why not do both?

One: Decide on a convenient monthly amount to be processed through your Visa or MasterCard. Your contribution will appear near the end of every month and next February, you'll receive your official tax receipt. **This is the best way to support the NDP and the work of your riding association.**

Two: Make your one-time contribution by card or by cheque. Either way, indicate your choices by completing and mailing the coupon below to:

PSE Fed NDP, c/o 392 Friendship Ave, TO ON M1C 2Y4

Better yet, bring the form below when you join us at the meeting.

- Be sure to enter your name and address
- You must be a citizen or Canadian Resident to contribute.
- The Elections Act limits your total annual contribution to a nomination contestant, an election candidate, and/or a riding association to \$1,100.

Annual General Meeting

of the
Pickering-Scarborough East
Federal NDP Riding Association

will be held
7:30 pm, Wednesday, 11 February 2009
at the
Port Union Community Centre
(5450 Lawrence Ave East in Scarborough)

- Executive and Financial reports
- Executive elections
- Light refreshments

Need a lift? Contact Gary at 416 616 9370
or garyd@ScarboroughNDP.org

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and/or

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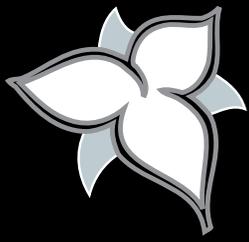
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Pickering-Scarborough East provincial NDP

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Leadership issues



Eileen Higdon
President

It's official! Ontario is now a have-not province. What is mind-numbingly ironic about this is that McGuinty has been spent his five years in office more concerned about getting more federal money than about an industrial strategy to keep good manufacturing jobs in Ontario. What passes for an industrial strategy is having the Premier express his sympathy for the hundreds of thousands of factory workers laid off under his watch.

To make matters worse, rather than implementing a green energy strategy to help Ontario survive in the 21st century economy, McGuinty is solidly behind building more

nuclear plants. In addition to the still unsolved problem of radioactive waste, these plants will take decades to build and will saddle Ontario with debts we'll be lucky to pay off by the next century - we're still paying for building the first generation of plants 40 years ago!

Howard Hampton has spent his time as NDP leader fighting for measures to preserve the environment and jobs. His book *Public Power* showed us how Ontario became an industrial powerhouse through inexpensive, publicly owned and operated electrical generating plants. The way forward, to return Ontario to that status, is to once again lead the

world in green energy.

Unfortunately Howard won't be

leading the party through this struggle. On 7 March 2009, NDP members across Ontario will be voting for a new leader. In September we had all four currently declared candidate out to speak to our members at the Provincial Nomination meeting. If you'd like to vote for one of them, you need to be a member in good standing.

Meanwhile, we have our own leadership problem as we need to elect a new executive and convention delegates. I hope to see all of our members at our meeting on Wednesday, 11 February.

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The agenda for meeting will include a Campaign report, executive and delegate elections, and reports from the President and CFO

Meet and Greet

Your provincial leadership candidates !

The various Scarborough ridings are hosting a
Leadership Candidate Debate
at the Scarborough Civic Centre
Thursday, 29 January at 7:30 pm

Andrea Horwath Peter Tabuns
Gilles Bisson Michael Prue

Pickering-Scarborough East Provincial NDP

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I'd really like to help the Provincial Riding. I'm enclosing my cheque to help Pickering Scarborough East keep up the good work.

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