

Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario) 2010 Annual General Meeting February 5th to 7th, Windsor Ontario

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Dear Liberal Friends,

The past few months as interim Northern Regional President have been very enlightening. Our region represents 90 percent of the land base of the Province of Ontario with 6.5 percent of the population spread in communities across 900,000 square kilometres—yet our Northern candidates for the next general election are more than up to the challenges presented by our geography and demographics.

We contain within our ranks a sturdy, dedicated and experienced cadre of volunteers whose commitment to the Liberal vision knows no bounds and I am honoured to be in a position to serve their needs during the coming term.

The solution to the challenge of winning back the North lies within our hearts and the means lie within our efforts. I am confident that—with the support of an outstanding Member of Parliament like Anthony Rota and a dream team of nominees dedicated to parliamentary democracy—the North will return to the Liberal fold.

Anthony and Andy Mitchell have spent months crossing the vast expanse of the North, holding consultation meetings with community leaders in order to put together a Northern Platform that will meet the needs of our region. I am confident that the work of these gentlemen, with the support of Northern Liberal party stalwarts like Brenda Kurzak, Gord Quaiattini, Shawn Fitzsimmons, Greg Ducharme, Gary Duhaime, Leigh Beal, all our Northern candidates and riding executives, and LPC-O Executive Director Judi Longfield and her team at St. Mary's, we will produce a document which illustrates that the Liberal Party of Canada listens and responds to the needs and concerns of all Canadians.

I look forward to working with Liberals across the North to build an alliance of the people, for the people, and through the people—my door, phone number, email, eyes and ears are always open to suggestions on how we can best accomplish that goal.

I would also like to thank the Northern Regional Directors, Nathan Hewitson (Area 1), Delroy Prescott (Area 2) and Shawn Fitzsimmons (Area 3), for their efforts on behalf of the party over the past term and look forward to working with them in the future.

Enjoy the Annual General Meeting here in the beautiful city of Windsor, warmed by the camaraderie of Liberals from the most diverse province in the land—together we stand up for Canadian traditions and values.

Yours truly,

Michael Erskine
Northern Region President

Working together to overcome the challenges ahead

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