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Friends and Members of the Liberal Party in the Toronto Region

It is wonderful to have so many of you with us here at the 2012 Annual General Meeting of the Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario).

Being your Interim Regional President has allowed me to meet and talk with the 22 active and diverse Toronto Region EDAs and their executives and members. I am quite impressed with the incredible talent and experience that our members have to offer and which are required as we renew and rebuild the Liberal Party in the Toronto Region. These discussions have helped me formulate a plan to rebuild: a plan to win as we move towards the 2015 election by focusing on increasing membership, volunteering and fundraising. I look forward to working with all of you in the days, weeks, months and years ahead as we dedicate ourselves to the job of rebuilding and reengaging Liberals throughout the Toronto Region and Ontario as a whole.

This meeting venue is also playing host to a Multicultural Leaders and Ethnic Media Lunch and Round Table discussion with our Interim leader, the Hon. Bob Rae.

As we gather this weekend to participate in the many workshop opportunities, we will also get updates on the New Supporter Initiative and the current progress on the 3 year strategic plan of the party.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my predecessor, Ms. Eileen Shuchat, for her support and guidance during my transition into this position and offer my appreciation to my colleagues on the management committee for their friendship and support. Many thanks to all LPCO staff with special recognition to Lucas Anderson for his committed and dedicated support towards our region.

On behalf of the Toronto region, I'd like to thank very capable and competent Area directors Ryan Ward, Gabe De Roche and Ken Lister who helped me and provide their full guidance for my new role. Please join me to welcome Kelley Foote our new director (Area one) to Toronto region. Area two and three positions will be contested on this AGM.

I would also like to thank the various riding presidents and executive members who have shared their ideas and thoughts about what the priorities should be as we rebuild the Toronto Region. It has been a great honour and privilege to have served as your Interim Regional President since my election 22nd, October, 2011.

Enjoy the 2012 Annual General Meeting!

Warmest regards,

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