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These are exciting times in Canadian federal politics. For over thirteen years now, Canadians have called for greater accountability for all elected officials and have now made their voices heard by handing the Liberals a minority government.

The Conservative Party of Canada had a successful spring Convention in Montreal, once again providing Quebecers an option between Liberal corruption and separation. The country has a choice again, with three national parties vying for their vote.

In Canadian federal politics, everyone can participate in the process. One doesn't have to be a lawyer to be a serious political participant. Many of those are persons like me,

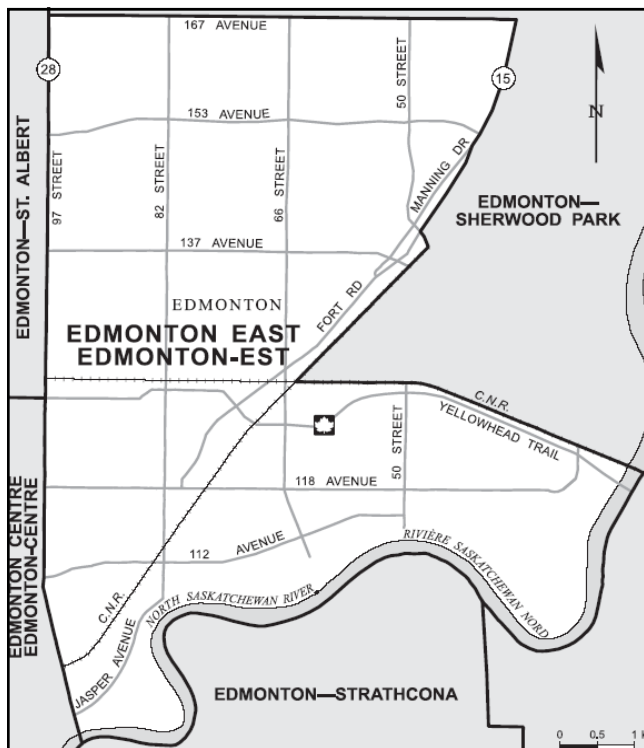
from modest beginnings, reflecting the diversity of the backgrounds of our communities in the House of Commons.

The new Conservative Party came out of its convention as a moderate and principled alternative to Liberal corruption and ineptitude. As part of this new and exciting party, I have proudly represented Edmonton East since 1997. There is still much that I wish to do so I would

like to continue my work advocating for the best interests of the citizens of Edmonton East.

In these exciting times in federal politics, I encourage all to become involved with the political process. Join the party that best reflects your views. You can make a significant contribution to the democratic process, through participating in the selection of the person or party to represent you in the upcoming election. We are very fortunate to live in a country where change can be effected through democratic processes. Do not

take democracy for granted; get involved.



The Boundaries of Edmonton East



The Sponsorship Scandal

The culture of corruption in the Liberal Party continues to become more apparent every day. Kickbacks and extortion ran rampant in the Sponsorship Program, with Albertans and Canadians the victims of fraudulent actions.

To add insult to injury, Paul Martin disregarded Alberta's senate election results and instead appointed the former disgraced Cabinet Minister, Art Eggleton who was found to have given questionable contracts to his ex-girlfriend.

Substantive policies to address corruption and the democratic deficit in Ottawa must be instituted, such as:

- The election of senators, instead of appointing friends of the Prime Minister
- Making government Ministers accountable for their departments
- Instituting free votes in Parliament
- Expanding the scope and budget of the Auditor General
- The **Conservatives** will work hard, honestly, and fairly to restore the tarnished reputation of politicians, resulting from years of Liberal corruption

Marriage in Canada

On June 9, 1999, the House of Commons affirmed by a vote of 216 to 55 a Reform Party motion stating that marriage is and should remain the union of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others.

Since that time, the Liberal government has backhandedly sought to change the definition of marriage, against the wishes of the clear majority of all citizens. Canadians

of different faiths, cultures, and backgrounds are having their rights to traditional marriage being infringed by activist Liberals who listen to special interests, instead of to the majority of Canadians.

We must protect traditional marriage, by bringing in legislation defining marriage as between one man and one women, while also providing gays and lesbians a parallel institution such as civil unions or registered domestic partnerships. The rights of heterosexual couples to retain and hold special the meaning of the word "marriage" will be balanced by the right of same sex couples to develop and embrace their own word to describe their relationships.



Alberta has stepped forward to challenge the Liberal redefinition of traditional marriage. Constitutionally, marriage solemnization is a provincial responsibility.



Health Care

After thirteen years of Liberal rule is your health care better? Waiting lists across Canada skyrocketed during that period, with the federal government downloading its responsibility to the provinces. The Prime Minister's personal physician runs for profit clinics in Montreal, while the Prime Minister fear-mongers and attacks Conservatives for wanting the best health care possible for all Canadians. Can we really afford more Liberal fear-mongering and duplicity on health care?



Canadians are entitled to the best health care available. Years of Liberal waste and inefficiency have jeopardized Canada's health care system.

I believe that we should be building a stronger health care system for all Canadians, by:

- Working with the provinces to find efficiencies, such as Alberta's own electronic medical records system
- Adding a sixth principle to the Canada Health Act to provide stable and transparent federal funding
- Giving provinces delivery flexibility, while maintaining a publicly funded system open to all Canadians, regardless of their ability to pay
- **Conservatives** support the uniquely Canadian National Health Care Act and will work to improve it with the support and guidance of all Canadians

Taxes and Fiscal Responsibility

Canadians got a \$16 tax cut from Paul Martin's 2005 budget—whoopee!. Meanwhile, federal spending has gone up over 50% under the Liberals, and Canadians' average income has only grown 3%. Is there something wrong with this picture?

The Liberals have squandered Canada's wealth on a corrupt sponsorship program, the grave mismanagement of the HRDC, the gun-control boondoggle, that have all sapped

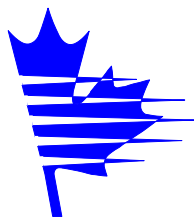
Canadians' wallets. It's time Canadians get some of their money back.

I believe we must provide broad-based tax relief to Canadians, particularly low and middle income earners, by:

- Raising the basic personal and spousal tax exemptions
- Reducing capital gains and business tax rates, and encouraging investment
- Reducing payroll taxes for Employment Insurance
- Closing corporate tax haven loopholes and reviewing corporate subsidies
- **Conservatives** will stop the waste and corruption so that Canadians can share in the reduced costs of governing with lower taxes and better services

Peter Goldring is the Member of Parliament for the riding of Edmonton East, which was reconfigured in the last election. The attached list chronicles Peter's involvement in parliamentary, committee, and critic duties from 1997 to present.

- Senior Critic for Veterans Affairs - 3 years
- Deputy Critic of Intergovernmental Affairs - 1 year
- Deputy Critic of Official Languages - 1 year
- Member of Joint Senate/House Constitution Committee - Quebec Schools
- Member of Joint Senate/House Constitution Committee - Newfoundland Schools
- Member of Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs
- Deputy Critic for National Defence and also Public Works - 1 year
- Vice Chair of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs
- Senior Critic for Public Works and Government Services - 1 year
- Critic for Housing, Homelessness, and Poverty - 3 years
- Member Human Resources Development Canada Committee
- Vice-Chair of the Canada-Caribbean Parliamentary Friendship Group
- Director of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group
- Member Human Rights and International Development Committee - 1 year
- Foreign Affairs Critic (Caribbean) - 1 year



"This spring, I would like to get your input on what issues you think I should focus on in this minority parliament, what you think of the work I've done in the past, and any general comments you may have. As you know, an election is on the horizon and I would encourage one and all to get involved in this democratic process. Do not take democracy for granted. Vote for your political choice on election day!"

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This brochure series is intended to highlight special issues that Member of Parliament, Peter Goldring, has been involved in. If you wish to comment, please take a moment to fill out the survey below, write or call to the address above.

What Issues Matter Most To You

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