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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,

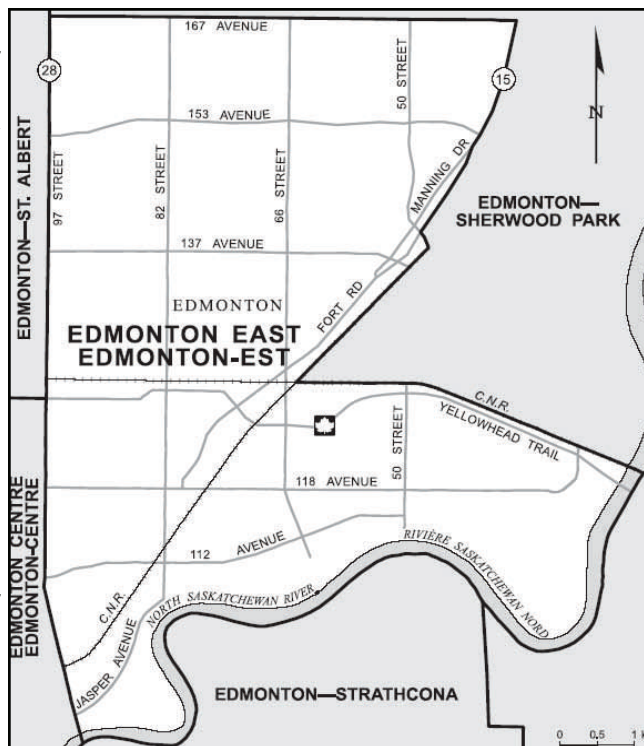
from modest beginnings, reflecting the diversity of the backgrounds of our communities in the House of Commons.

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



Defence

The Conservative Party believes that we must make military improvements a priority. The Liberals, instead, have presided over a decade of cuts to our military that have left our armed forces in a state of decline.

In dangerous war zones, our hard-working fighting men and women are having to make do with ships, helicopters and planes that should be in a museum. Another Liberal promise made and broken.

The military needs a sustained funding increase, if we are to have a military at all. Similarly, the military's role must be defined as a "Canada First" Defence policy—providing security for the Canadian nation and our economic prosperity. More specific ideas to achieve this policy include:

- Increasing Canadian forces to at least 75,000 servicemen and women
- Increasing defence spending to the NATO average, as a percentage of GDP
- Decreasing military administration
- A significant procurement of military infrastructure to replace aging equipment
- A refocused and efficient recruitment process
- Honouring and respecting military personnel, while in service to their country, and in retirement



A CF-101 jet at an aircraft museum in Edmonton Alberta. Canada's military equipment may soon all be at museums unless substantial reinvestments are made.

Criminal Justice

Crime is on the way up, thanks to a Liberal government that refuse to tighten up enforcement. In 2003, crime rates rose 6% and the number of repeat offenders is over 4 times what the federal government has reported. Liberals are allowing these criminals to serve their sentences in community half-way houses and even in the comfort of their own homes, instead of jails, posing new risks to honest, law-abiding Canadians. To make matters worse, a top Liberal organizer in Quebec, Benoit Corbeil, has testified that the Liberal government gave judgeships to Liberal lawyers who volunteered for Liberal candidates.

The criminal justice and policing systems need a reorientation to give greater emphasis to the protection of society by instituting real crime prevention measures that respects the needs and rights of all citizens to be secure. Specific policies, include:

- A sex-offender registry, including DNA sampling
- Mandatory minimum sentences for dangerous offenders
- Reforming the youth justice system to give a greater voice to victims
- Truth in sentencing is the basis of judicial reform



Environment

Under a Conservative government, Canada's environment will be improved. Asthma and respiratory illnesses are on the increase, as Canadians listen to Liberal 'solutions' to air pollution.

While invasive aquatic species from the United States are threatening our natural water ecosystems in the Great Lakes and illegal oil dumping is polluting our streams, rivers, and coastlines, the Liberals spend \$10 billion to control the CO₂ we naturally breathe.

A balanced environmental policy for all pollutants requires a combination of tax-incentives and regulatory controls to encourage and support a sustainable environment, while encouraging economic and job growth across the country. Specific solutions include a wide range of policies, including:

- Capping smog causing pollutants like nitrogen oxide and volatile organic compounds
- Encouraging the use of transitional fuels, such as natural gas, and alternative energy
- Creating tax incentives for energy conservation for consumers and business
- Expanding and enforcing oil dumping detection on our coasts



Pictured above is the Speaker's Chair. The Speaker enforces parliamentary rules, and runs Question Period in the House of Commons.

Democratic Reform

Paul Martin said he would consider his leadership a failure if he did not solve western alienation. Despite his rhetoric, Canada's democratic deficit under Paul Martin has only grown. Alberta's elected senators-in-waiting are still waiting to be invited to the Senate, after Paul Martin refused to do so. So much for solving the concerns of honest, hard working, westerners. After the Liberal sponsorship scandal, federalism in

Quebec is now in peril and has an almost criminal face.

Substantive policies must be introduced to revive a cynical Canadian electorate and reform a political system in which 40% of Canadians do not feel engaged enough to vote. We need reform, and we need it now, by:

- Appointing elected senators to the senate
- Instituting free votes in the House of Commons, except for budget votes
- Respecting provincial jurisdiction
- Reforming the federation to address Western and Quebec concerns
- Fixing the fiscal imbalance by transferring tax points to overburdened provincial governments

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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