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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,

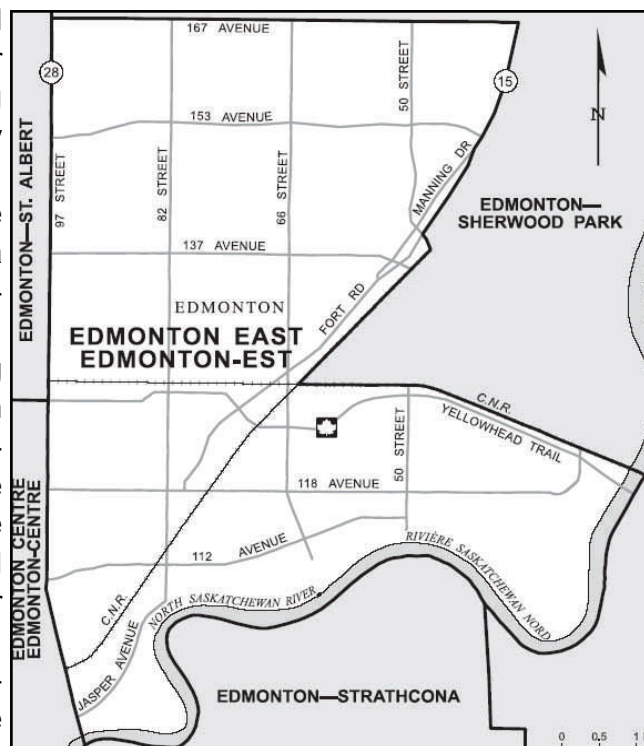
from modest beginnings, reflecting the diversity of the backgrounds of our communities in the House of Commons.

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



Seniors

Seniors have spent a lifetime working hard for Canada. It is time the Canadian Government started working hard for seniors. Seniors who work are still required to pay Employment Insurance premiums, even though they are ineligible to receive benefits.

With the baby boomers soon retiring, Canada's demographic face is changing, presenting many challenges. Senior's issues are complex, involving coordinating ministries from Parks and Heritage to Health.

Conservatives have a detailed plan to address seniors issues, with specific policies such as:

- Appointing a Minister Responsible for Seniors, to ensure that the unique needs of seniors are being addressed
- Ensuring the sustainability of the Canada Pension Plan
- Providing a caregiver tax credit to children and family members who provide care to seniors
- Ending mandatory retirement
- Ensuring that seniors do not pay EI premiums when they are unable to collect EI

Housing and Poverty

Over a decade has passed, and over \$2 billion has been spent on shelter housing, but still homelessness and poverty in Canada have increased. Approximately 15,000 people still live in emergency shelters. One must question the efficiency of a system that has spent so much, yet delivered so very little to help Canadians obtain decent, affordable housing.



Peter Goldring, with Fort Road Business Association volunteers speaking to Mayor Mandel while serving the community's less fortunate Christmas dinner.

During this period, middleclass Canadians have seen their incomes rise only 3%, while federal spending has increased over 50%. An increase in adult poverty also causes an increase in child poverty.

Conservatives have a multifaceted plan to address homeless and poverty issues, such as:

- Investigating where the \$2 billion for shelter housing went
- Tax initiatives and support programs to encourage home ownership and accessible and affordable rental accommodation
- Partnering with local and provincial governments, business, and community groups in dealing with affordable housing issues
- Incentives to encourage private sector low-income housing development



Education

Education has suffered under 13 years of Liberal government. Research and development investments are low, with the United States spending nearly twice as much on R&D. Meanwhile, unsurprisingly, post-secondary tuition costs have increased in almost every province.

Education is important not just for its obvious intrinsic value, but also to support a dynamic economy and flexible workforce. Flexibility is a necessity in today's global marketplace and is imperative, if Canadians are to keep their relatively high standard of living. Education is vital to our economy.

Conservatives have a plan to make post-secondary education more accessible while respecting provincial jurisdiction, by:

- Making scholarships and bursaries tax free
- Creating an independent Canada Education Transfer to the provinces, specifically geared towards education and increasing according to inflation and demographic growth
- Creating greater flexibility in student loans by providing preferred interest rates and income-contingent loans
- Eliminating parental income and assets in the student loan application process

Families and Child Care

Canadian families are hurting these days. More parents are having to work longer hours just to support a growing tax burden and shrinking incomes, due to Liberal fiscal ineptitude. Families under this government have less income, less health care, more taxes, and still no choices on child care.



Students struggle to pay tuition fees at Canada's colleges and universities, such as the University of Alberta pictured above.

Parents and families need a break these days, but just as importantly, they need choice. A one-size fits all approach to child care limits the choices of families, but that's exactly what the Liberals are proposing to do. The Liberal child care plan would do little to help the diverse range of families in today's society, such as rural areas and single-income households.

Conservatives believe that parents and families are in the best position to determine what's good for their own families. We believe that support should go to all parents and families raising children, especially lower and middle income parents, including a child tax credit to help working families and also tax credit measures for parents who choose to stay at home with their children.

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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| ☐ Scandals & Ethics | ☐ National Debt |
| ☐ Defence | ☐ Environment |
| ☐ Marriage & Family | ☐ Crime |
| ☐ Health Care | ☐ Taxes |

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