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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.

While both the Liberal Party and the Conservative Party recently had conventions, all political parties do so to debate and establish policy that guides their parties' political future.

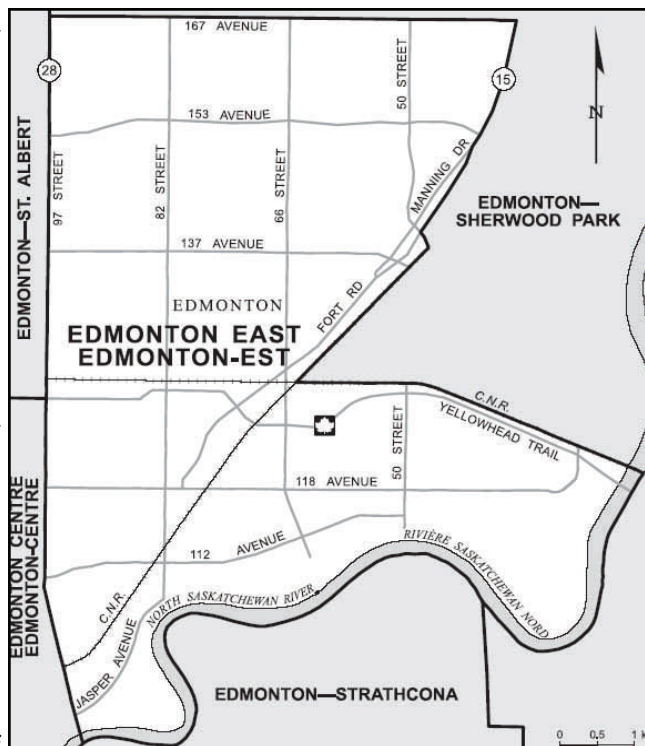
In Canadian federal politics, everyone can participate in the process. One doesn't have to be a lawyer to be a serious political participant. Many of those are persons like me, from modest beginnings, reflecting the diversity of the back-

grounds of our communities in the House of Commons.

As your Member of Parliament, I have proudly represented Edmonton East since 1997. As a Member of Parliament, I represent all the people of Edmonton East regardless of political persuasions. There is still much to do as I continue my work advocating for the best interests of the citizens of Edmonton East and Canada.

I encourage all to become involved with the political process. Less than 1% of Canadians are members of all political parties in Canada. You can make a significant contribution to the democratic process, through joining a political party of your choice and participating in the selection of the person or party to represent your views on election day.

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*



## GST and Home Heating

In 1993, the Liberals ran on a platform to eliminate the GST. Prime Minister Paul Martin was a part of that promise.

Twelve years have passed, we are told of ever-increasing annual surpluses, but we are still waiting for the Liberals to keep that promise, if not in whole at least in part, and beginning with the elimination of the GST on home heating fuels.

Home heating fuels are one of the basic necessities of life in Canada and yet the Liberal government continues to impose the Goods and Services Tax on these fuels. Intermittent attempts by the federal government to alleviate some of the hardship imposed by this tax have been dismal failures. In my Private Member's Motion introduced in the House of Commons, I have called for the complete elimination of GST on home heating fuels.

By eliminating the GST on home heating fuels, we can alleviate a ever-growing tax burden. It is time we stop taxing Canadians over their only means to survival in the dead of winter. Heat is not a luxury, and taxing home heating fuels is unfair to Canada's working families.

## Gun Registry

The failed shotgun registry has cost over \$2 billion still counting, and for what? Trying to keep shotguns out of the hands of hunters and farmers has not lowered violent crime, but has fantastically increased the number of the federal government workers on the taxpayer payroll. The shotgun registry has failed to protect Canadians from crime.

\$2 billion waste could have funded the entire Edmonton Police Force operating budget for more than 14 years at today's costs, to actually fight crime on Canada's streets. \$2 billion could provide a \$37,376 bursary to every Alberta university student—enough to pay for almost a full university degree. \$2 Billion could provide every man woman and child in the city of Edmonton with a cheque for \$2,557.21, imagine how that would help low income families.

\$2 billion could provide 100,000 units of affordable rental housing when federal funds are partnered with provincial funds. Canada's entire homeless emergency shelter population is 15,000. The Conservatives would cut the wasteful long gun registry and invest in Canadians' true priorities.



Conservative Member of Parliament Peter Goldring with Canadians protesting Bill C 68, the wasteful shotgun registry bill on Parliament Hill



## National Unity

National unity has once again been put at risk by our Federal Government. Separatist sentiment is on the rise in Quebec due to corruption in the province involving Federal Liberal Party organizers. Quebecers and Canadians are rightly offended by the Liberal confessions of illegal activity.

And yet, the Liberal Government shamefully still claims to be the defenders of Canada, despite evidence given of their party's illegal activities, which has increased regional alienation in the West and Quebec.

The **Conservatives** are ready to offer Canadians a moderate and principled alternative to the disgraced Liberals. In Quebec, we will offer a federal alternative between Liberal corrupted vote-buying and Bloc Quebecois separation. Conservatives will:

- Respect constitutionally protected provincial jurisdiction and uniqueness
- Bring in ethics legislation limiting potential abuses in the future
- Consider reforming confederation by respecting Quebec and Western Canada's position in confederation and alleviating alienation
- Fix the fiscal imbalance by increasing transfer payments or tax points to the provinces

## Cities

Canadian cities all across the country, including Edmonton, have great financial needs and are looking to Ottawa to help for Infrastructure, community social programs, and arts and culture.



**Canada's cities, including Edmonton, have fallen behind in infrastructure needs, due to years of funding shortages and mismanagement.**

Modern, well maintained urban infrastructure is the basis that allows for sound economic growth and a sustained level of quality of life. Good urban infrastructure helps promote sustainable development. Businesses, land development, and an improved

environment, all rely on stable and secure urban infrastructure.

The **Conservatives** have a plan to address the urban funding gap. Several years ago, the Conservative Party introduced the first motion asking for a transfer of gas taxes to municipal governments. A Conservative plan would:

- Continue the transfer of the gas taxes to municipal governments for infrastructure needs and sustainable development
- Provide clean air legislation to help eliminate smog in Canadian cities
- Fix the fiscal imbalance by increasing transfer payments or tax points to the provinces freeing up money for urban renewal, including public transit and affordable housing

**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. I look forward to receiving your suggestions on how I can better represent your concerns."

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