

On October 6th former Prime Minister of Canada and Liberal MP, The Right Honourable Paul Martin, was in London to support local candidates, Jacquie Gauthier and Glen Pearson. Joe Fontana was also on hand to show support. Knowing of the success of the training centre, and the support of Local 1059 members, Paul Martin requested a tour of the facility and the opportunity to meet some of our members.



London Fanshawe Liberal candidate Jacquie Gauthier addresses Local 1059 members



The Honourable Joe Fontana, Former MP and Minister of Labour for Canada offers his support

MESSAGE FROM LOCAL 1059

Both LIUNA Local 1059 and the London District Building & Construction Trades Council (representing 13 construction Local Unions) have declared support for Liberal candidates in the October 14, 2008 election.

We feel that they are best positioned to address the issues that affect our members, jobs, infrastructure funding, the economy, immigration and healthcare.

Previous Liberal Federal Governments implemented programs to support our apprenticeship and training initiatives. Our Training Centre has had funding for courses and new equipment.

Our computer lab was originally purchased through a grant supporting the Liberal's commitment to community based access to the internet.

The Liberals have supported infrastructure investments which directly provides jobs to our members on roads, sewer and watermain, bridges, sewage and water treatment plants.

The Liberals also implemented immigration policies that allowed many of our members to become Canadian citizens and part of our communities.

Local 1059 stresses that you exercise your right to vote and we ask that you seriously consider supporting the Liberal candidate in your area.

Local Liberal candidates include:

- **Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound:** Thomas Noble
- **Elgin-Middlesex-London:** Suzanne van Bommel
- **Huron-Bruce:** Greg McClinchey
- **Lambton-Kent-Middlesex:** Jeff Wessley
- **London North Centre:** Glen Pearson
- **London West:** Sue Barnes
- **London Fanshawe:** Jacquie Gauthier
- **Oxford:** Martha Dennis
- **Perth Wellington:** Sandra Gardiner



Local 1059 staff, business reps and interested members

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LIBERAL PLATFORM

Extending Support to Apprentices and Summer Students

Canada faces a shortage of skilled trades as existing workers retire. To support apprentices, a Liberal government will make available to all full-time apprentices the existing \$400-a-month education tax credit. Apprentices will also be eligible for the guaranteed \$5,000 student loan.

In addition to these measures, a Liberal government will restore the \$44 million in funding to the Student Summer Jobs Program cut by the Conservatives.

Strengthening Infrastructure

The Liberal commitment to addressing Canada's infrastructure deficit is strong. The party's plan will be good for Canadians now – as it will create jobs and stimulate businesses at a time of economic slowdown – but it is also a commitment for the long term. As well, it recognizes, as we do, that the economic opportunities from infrastructure investments are enormous.

To ensure that all Canadians are able to see strengthened and more resilient infrastructure, a Liberal government will invest:

- at least \$10 billion for Strategic Infrastructure, particularly green infrastructure such as clean water and sewage treatment and clean energy grids;
- at least \$8 billion for a National Transit Strategy that will enable our cities to expand their systems and green their transit fleets;
- at least \$3 billion for a dedicated Small Communities Fund;

- at least \$4.5 billion for our country's gateways, corridors and borders to ensure that Canada's infrastructure facilitates, rather than hinders, our trade and tourism industries while keeping Canada safe and secure;
- the entire amount of any future unanticipated surplus that exceeds its \$3-billion contingency reserve into Canada's infrastructure (this would have represented \$7 billion in 2007-08).

As an additional tool to finance infrastructure, a Liberal government will develop an Infrastructure Bank. This bank will provide low-cost financing for all levels of government that choose to borrow from it and will help finance long-term green infrastructure projects. Canadians across the country would have the opportunity to participate in the Bank's projects through the purchase of tax-free Green Bonds similar to Canada Savings Bonds.

Greener Homes and Buildings

Home heating and cooling costs a lot of money and takes a lot of energy. Canada was a leader in energy-efficient housing, but this leadership has waned. We are being surpassed by our global competitors who are actively looking ahead to the emerging market for zero-energy housing – housing built to conserve energy and use renewable energy sources so that the home consumes no electricity from the power grid on an annual net basis.

A Liberal government will provide powerful incentives for green home renovations that will trigger a boom in home improvement to capture the 20 to 40 per cent energy savings that are easily available for most homes. Its objective is to retrofit 50 per cent



Above: Jim MacKinnon and Paul Martin

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of all Canada's homes and buildings by 2020, and 100 per cent by 2030.

In addition, to help Canadians shield their families from higher energy prices, a Liberal government will:

- double the federal financial incentives to help Canadians make energy saving home retrofits, providing up to \$10,000 in direct financial support for any household that invests in energy-saving measures like insulation, weather proofing and efficient heating system.
- introduce interest-free Green Mortgage loans of up to \$10,000 per household to help Canadians pay for the up-front costs of major energy-saving home retrofits such as geothermal or solar heating that can provide even deeper energy savings.
- introduce a \$140-million Low-income Homes Retrofit Partnership Fund to help upgrade low-income housing across Canada, including federally administered co-operative housing, and reduce energy costs for those least able to pay. (The Conservatives cut programs for low-income Canadians, leaving them to face rising energy costs without the help they need to cut those costs permanently.)
- provide the Renewable Power Production Incentive that will result in 10 per cent of Canada's total electricity output coming from low-impact renewable sources by 2015.

Remember to cast your vote on Tuesday, October 14th.



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