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(L-R) The Honourable Jason Kenney, The Honourable John Baird, and Elie Salibi, Conservative candidate for Ottawa South at Elie's campaign launch.

Ottawa South campaign wrap-up



Thank you to all OSCA members and supporters, including those from other ridings, who contributed time and money to our campaign in Ottawa South for the 2008 election. While the results weren't what we hoped, I can report on many positive events from the campaign.

Your riding association worked well with the campaign, managed by Andy Gibbons, and the campaign coordinated smoothly with the national party. For the duration of the election, we worked seven days a week, I canvassed all parts of the riding, and we knocked on over 20,000 doors while I met with as many voters in our community as possible. My wife, Chantal, was also by my side and worked very hard on our campaign. We beat the

other side in signs, fundraising efforts, and in volunteers. At times in the election, polls showed that we were leading the riding. As a result, I say to you, it is not a question of "if", but a question of "when" Ottawa South elects a Conservative Member of Parliament. I am proud of my election team and I'm confident that I put in every possible effort to win Ottawa South. We fought a clean campaign, on conservative values, and I am sure that we put a scare into the Liberals.

I believe in the democratic process, so I accept the result of the election. If you have comments or suggestions for our riding, please send them to OSCA so that we can be ready for the next federal election. Thank you all for your support and your efforts.

— **Elie Salibi, Candidate**

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President's message



The Liberal-NDP coalition that will be propped up with the support of the separatist Bloc Quebecois raises the threat of a new election soon after Canadians gave Stephen Harper's Conservative government a strengthened mandate on Oct. 14th.

Many members of OSCA have approached me with concerns about this coalition. Indeed, a number of Ottawa South residents who voted Liberal in the last election have also expressed their concerns to me.

Many Liberals understand that the cost for support of the separatist Bloc may be both financially and politically high, and it will also hurt Canadian unity. Furthermore, much media commentary suggests that all federal parties may lose the confidence of Canadians if this coalition takes the reigns of government.

While the threat of a coalition may be put off until January 26th, when Parliament comes back after being prorogued by the Governor-General, we must not wait. There is much work to be done and we must get ready as another election may be just around the corner.

Our challenge is to organize our volunteers, to raise the funds to fight another election campaign, and to get our message out to Ottawa South residents. We have already gotten signatures on our petition against the coalition, participated in the demonstration of support on Parliament Hill on Dec. 6th, and many members have

called in to radio shows, and written to the media in opposition to the coalition.

The coalition does not have the confidence of Canadians and it's absolutely appalling that a coalition could seize control of the government without ever having to receive a mandate from the electorate. Ottawa South residents deserve a right to vote on this proposed coalition. After all, how many voters would have voted differently had they known the Liberals and NDP would unite?

If you find the prospect of a coalition as alarming as I do, there is something you can do about it and here's what I recommend:

- 1) Talk to your friends and neighbours about the coalition and tell them what you think. Should there be another election to resolve this situation?
- 2) Send your opinions to your Member of Parliament. After all, should he be signing a coalition agreement without informing Ottawa South voters of the conditions the Bloc has put on their support?
- 3) Send us a donation to help fight the coalition and their irresponsible agreement with the Separatists.

As there is a large possibility of an election in the new year, we need your financial support now. You will get a tax credit for your donation, and you can donate up to \$1,100 in any calendar year. Please be generous and help OSCA fight back against the coalition.

— **Glenn Cheriton, OSCA President**

AGM vote on number of OSCA directors



The OSCA Board of Directors has approved a motion to modify our bylaws for consideration at the AGM on January 25th, 2009. At that time, OSCA members will have a chance to vote on the modification of the maximum number of directors of the board, reducing the maximum

number of board directors from 30 to 20.

Here is the proposed motion and the rationale for it:

- Whereas the matter of quorum at board meetings has been an ongoing concern given that the average attendance at regular meetings is between 15 and 20 directors;
- Whereas the size of the board, (if all were present) requires that meetings be held in public facilities rather than in private homes, thus generating additional costs;

- Whereas, the executive committee and those board members with specific responsibilities have demonstrated a willingness to perform duties beyond those of the regular members of the Association; and,
- Whereas the board of directors must function as a team by committing volunteer time and effort toward the building of the necessary electoral infrastructure in Ottawa South;

Be it resolved that the Board of the Ottawa South Conservative Association approves and recommends to the members at our next AGM an amendment to article 7.5 of the EDA constitution by reducing the number of directors to a maximum of twenty (20) directors (from the current up to thirty (30)) and that steps be taken in accordance with article 14 "amendments" to ensure the approval of National Council or its designate.

— **Kay Stanley, OSCA Director and Policy Chair**

Conservative Convention 2008



The Ottawa South Conservative Association (OSCA) was well-represented at the Winnipeg Convention Centre when more than 2,000 grassroots members gathered for the Conservative Policy Convention on Nov. 13-15, 2008.

The delegation included Elie Salibi, OSCA's Candidate-of-Record, Glenn Cheriton, OSCA President, OSCA board members Steve Coupland, Elecia Elliott, Mary Scheer, and Kay Stanley, along with OSCA members Paul Lepsoe, Deena Granot, Mark Spiro, James Scheer, and Kathleen Murphy.

The Prime Minister's speech to delegates and volunteers on Thursday focused on the Conservative party as Canada's party. He reminded his audience that the Conservatives founded the Canadian federation in 1867, that they bound Canada together from coast-to-coast with the Canadian Pacific railway, and that they gave women and aboriginals the right to vote. In addition, the Conservatives elected the first Chinese-Canadian MP, the first black Canadian MP, the first Japanese-Canadian MP, the first Muslim-Canadian MP, and the first Hindu-Canadian MP. Moreover, he noted that we are the party of Canada's first Bill of Rights and the party that finally gave aboriginals living on reserves the same rights as every other Canadian.

In thanking everyone for their efforts leading up to the October 14th election of our Conservative Government with a stronger mandate, the Prime Minister underscored that we must work hard to keep Canadians' trust by listening to their voices, whether they supported us or not. He said that Conservatives have never been afraid of tough times, and, we will answer our country's call and we will emerge stronger than ever before.

Over the next two days, convention delegates were busy with policy and constitution workshops, which included hearing speeches from candidates that were running for National Council. Delegates were also treated to speeches from Ministers and MPs during various information sessions and presentations.

The resolutions that were supported in the workshops were later advanced to the Plenary Sessions on Saturday where lively debates continued on a wide range of constitution resolutions and policy resolutions that concerned Canada's Social and Democratic Framework, Protecting Canada's Health and Safety, and Canada's Economy.

The members of the OSCA delegation also had a responsibility to vote on 16 resolutions via a Constitution Handout Ballot as well as on 57 resolutions in a Policy Handout Ballot. It was interesting to see the members of the delegations hard at work following the breakfast and lunch breaks, marking their choices on the large electronically counted ballots.

In addition to the "business" of the Convention, members of the Conservative family enjoyed the social aspects of the gathering, including a Maple Leaf Awards Presentation, Paul Brandt concert, convention receptions, hospitality suites, and "Party Prairie Style" were among the many events that provided opportunities for everyone to enjoy the camaraderie that has become a mainstay of political conventions.

In accordance with the Prime Minister's message in the Convention Program, we departed from Winnipeg with the knowledge that we were able to "anchor our resolve, share new ideas, and work together to protect Canada's future."

— Kay Stanley, OSCA Director and Policy Chair

OSCA looking for new directors



Riding association members will elect the directors for OSCA's Board at the upcoming Annual General Meeting. The main job of an OSCA Director is to run the association with the goal of electing a Conservative Member of Parliament in Ottawa South. Directors must be party

members and act in the best interests of OSCA. Directors are expected to attend monthly board meetings and volunteer time to committee and riding work. OSCA has a written guide listing duties and responsibilities for interested candidates. You will need to be a member of OSCA for 21 days prior to the AGM to seek directorship.

— Lorne Anderson, OSCA Secretary

OSCA 2009 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

OSCA's AGM is scheduled for Jan. 25 from 2 – 4 pm at the RA Centre in the Courtside B room. Our AGM guest speaker will be announced on our website shortly. You must be a Conservative party member and be a resident in Ottawa South 21 days before the AGM, but if you were a member last year, you can renew at the AGM and still vote.



Ottawa South Conservative Association Membership and Donation Form

Last Name		Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/>	First Name		Middle Name
Residential Address			City/Town	Province	Postal Code
Mailing Address (if different than residential address)			City/Town	Province	Postal Code
Primary Phone		Secondary Phone		**Signature (required to process form)**	
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E-mail address			Membership #		
Please renew my membership for:					
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 year @ \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 years @ \$30 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 years @ \$35					
I would like to make a tax-deductible contribution of:					
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500					
Make cheques payable to: Ottawa South Conservative Association Ottawa South Conservative Association P.O. Box 301-2446 Bank St. Ottawa, ON K1V 1A8					



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Your Contribution	Tax Credit	Actual Cost
\$25	\$19	\$6
\$50	\$37	\$13
\$100	\$75	\$25
\$150	\$112	\$38
\$200	\$150	\$50
\$300	\$225	\$75
\$550	\$375	\$175
\$1100	\$592	\$508

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Last Name		First Name		Phone Number
Street Address			E-mail address	
I would like to volunteer in the following areas (check all that apply):				
<input type="checkbox"/> Helping OSCA <input type="checkbox"/> Helping at campaign or OSCA events <input type="checkbox"/> Canvassing <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Bank <input type="checkbox"/> Displaying a lawn sign <input type="checkbox"/> Literature Drop <input type="checkbox"/> Scrutineering <input type="checkbox"/> Other:				

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