



Election '14

Wellington-Halton Hills provincial election profiles

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The Independent & Free Press asked the six candidates running for the Wellington-Halton Hills seat in the provincial election to provide a profile of themselves and answer two questions (limited to 300-400 words each). Below and on page 9 are their responses.

TED ARNOTT

PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE



About Ted

Occupation: Member of Provincial Parliament

Past elected political experience: Almost 24 years of consecutive service in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario

Education: Bachelor of Arts; Diploma in Business Administration, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo

1. How would you fund and improve transportation in Halton Hills?

The Ontario PC Party has proposed that the Government should be in charge of all rail transit and highways in the GTA in order to better connect Toronto and the "905." This would give commuters a seamless system.

We have proposed expanding our highways by fixing bottlenecks throughout the GTA. We also hope to expand GO Transit with more rush hour service, more express trains, and more all day, two-way service. Our goal is to accomplish this without raising taxes, by making transit a top priority in the province's existing \$12 billion infrastructure budget.

I have also repeatedly called on the Government to reverse their decision to cancel the Connecting Link program, a program which provided municipalities with a stable source of funding for up to 90 per cent of the cost of road and bridge repairs on provincial highways through built up areas. The Town of Halton Hills' five-year capital program, for example, included \$9.3 million in needed projects along Connecting Link roadways. Under this program, up to 90 per cent of this cost would have been covered by the Provincial Government. Now local taxpayers are on the hook for the entire amount.

1. What is the most important issue facing Halton Hills?

I believe that two of the most important issues that Ontario faces are jobs and economy, and the need to get spending under control.

Under the Liberal Government, Ontario has lost 300,000 manufacturing jobs. We need a plan to bring jobs back to Ontario. The Ontario PC Party has outlined a plan to stimulate new job growth by getting spending under control, improving opportunities in the skilled trades, reducing taxes and red tape, and stabilizing hydro rates. Our goal is to create a million new jobs in Ontario over the next eight years.

Ontario's growing debt and deficit are also major challenges. Since the Liberal Government came to office in 2003, they have doubled the provincial debt, increasing it from \$139 billion to \$289 billion. In their most recent budget, the Liberals announced that the deficit was expected to rise this year \$12.5 billion. Ontario will pay \$11 billion this year alone just to service our debt. This represents the third highest spending item in the Ontario budget, behind only healthcare and education.

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DAN ZISTER

LIBERAL



About Dan

Occupation: Business Analyst

Past elected political experience: Dan has spent his whole life taking an active interest in public service and making his community a better place. After graduating with a B.Sc. in Information and Management Systems from the University of Ottawa, Dan went on to complete his MBA from the Cass School of Business in England. During his

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As the representative for Wellington-Halton Hills, Dan is eager to be a strong voice fighting for the Highway 6 bypass in Morriston.

He stands behind Kathleen Wynne's plan to invest \$15 billion in GTHA infrastructure projects, which will not only improve transportation in Ontario, but will help create jobs. As part of the plan two-way, all day Go service to Toronto will run every 15 minutes along the Georgetown line, making it easier for commuters and reducing congestion on the surrounding highways.

school years, Dan was heavily involved in student government. Dan has enjoyed a successful 20 year career as a business analyst working for some of the world's largest financial firms. During that time he was a strong advocate for corporate responsibility and fair labour practices.

Education: Dan attended St. David's Catholic School in Waterloo, Ont. and then proceeded to graduate with a B.Sc. from the University of Ottawa. After working in Eng-

1. What is the most important issue facing Halton Hills?

Halton Hills has some unique challenges, but is also facing some of the same challenges all Ontarians face. While going door to door to speak with the residents of Wellington-Halton Hills, Dan is consistently hearing that job creation and the stability of Ontario's economy is the thing most on people's minds. Dan stands behind Kathleen Wynne's strong plan to help create jobs, including an investments in the creation of youth jobs, expanding trades positions, and creating meaningful work experiences as a part of education and training. Dan believes that long-term investments in the people of Ontario will reward us far better than short-term cuts that will eliminate valuable social services.

land, Dan had the opportunity to attend the Cass School of Business, where he graduated with an MBA.

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