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Some local residents had the opportunity to meet Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall, Camilla.

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FOR FORT MAC: Four-year-old Theodore Winata gets tricky on the green. Ace2Putt and Georgetown Library got together over the weekend and set up a putting green fundraiser for Fort McMurray residents.

Photo by Jon Borgstrom

MP Chong joins Conservative leadership race

By Kathryn Boyle
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Wellington-Halton Hills MP Michael Chong is taking a big step forward.

Soon after his re-election in October, Chong found himself responding to hundreds of people who encouraged him to join the Progressive Conservative leadership race after former leader Stephen Harper's ouster.

I literally got hundreds of emails and phone calls from Canadians across the country and many of them here in Wellington-Halton Hills, encouraging me to seek the leadership

of the party indicating they would support me, he said.

When January came around, Chong and his team did some research and looked into what would need to be completed to enter the race. After a few months of speaking to his constituents and another six weeks of administrative paperwork, Chong officially started his campaign, beginning with his announcement on May 16.

I'm feeling great, I'm excited about the upcoming leadership race, Chong said. I think it's a great opportunity to put forward bold, new

policies and a bold new vision for this country. This is a country that is rapidly changing and my campaign is going to capture that ambition and that new energy and I'm looking forward to the next twelve months.

By implementing bold strategies, Chong aims to attract new people to the Conservative Party, and he wants to start with some introductions.

I want to attract new people to the Conservative party, and I think that begins by Conservatives better telling our story about who we are, he said. I'm the kid of immigrant parents. My father was a Chinese im-

migrant who came here from Hong Kong in 1952 and my mother was a Dutch immigrant who came here from the Netherlands in the 1960s. Both my father and my mother's family were defended and liberated by Canadian soldiers in the second World War. After the war, my parents immigrated to this country and they built for themselves a new life of hope and opportunity, and that's the story of millions of Canadians who have come here, both recently and in the distant past.

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