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Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Michael Chong will be vying to replace Stephen Harper as Conservative Party leader at the CPC leadership convention in Toronto this weekend. Chong is facing off against 12 other hopefuls including Lisa Raitt, who serves as MP in neighbouring Milton.

Photo by Graeme Frisque

Local MP takes aim at CPC leadership this weekend

By Graeme Frisque
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Wellington-Halton Hills MP, Michael Chong is one of 13 candidates looking to replace former Prime Minister Stephen Harper as Conservative Party leader at the CPC leadership convention this weekend.

year-long campaign and the winner will be announced Saturday (May 27).

The convention will run this weekend (May 26-27) at the Toronto Congress Centre located at 650 Dixon Rd. in Etobicoke.

Having grown up in the area, he has served in Ottawa as the riding's MP since 2004, the last time the party elected a new leader.

Also vying for the top job is fellow Halton representative and Milton MP Lisa Raitt.

Chong took a moment off the campaign trail to speak with *The IFP* last week to talk about the campaign, his vision for the Conservative Party moving forward, and his hopes for both himself and the party this coming weekend.

This weekend's convention will cap off a

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Region says central ambulance comms centre still a risk to patients

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In the report, the region says it has been trying to address a number of concerns at the Mississauga communications centre servicing the region, which have been affecting paramedic services for the last 15 years.

health commissioner Matthew Ruf in the report.

According to a recent Halton Region report, the notion of seconds counting in emergencies doesn't appear to resonate with the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

Halton Region has had long-standing concerns with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) operated Central Ambulance Communications Centre (CACC) dating back to 2002, said acting Halton Region

As a result of challenges at the communications centre there have been call delays resulting in increased response times, he added.

While the ambulance communication centre is responsible for dispatching ambulances and paramedics, the region is responsible for providing those services.

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