

# Arnott steamrolls to 8,000 vote win

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time in the new Wellington-Halton Hills riding, said he "felt good about the reaction we were getting when we were knocking on doors."

He said the top three issues raised were the electoral reform referendum, Liberal leader Dalton McGuinty's "broken promises" and PC leader John Tory's proposal for faith-based funding.

That controversial proposal, Arnott said was "mischaracterized" by the Liberal Party and Working Families Coalition in television ads throughout the campaign.

"Unfortunately, we did not effectively respond to them as a party," said Arnott, who also criticized the Toronto media for not fully covering many of the election issues raised by party leaders.

Arnott was "disappointed" Tory did not win his seat in the Don Valley West riding losing to incumbent Liberal education minister Kathleen Wynne.

"I support John Tory's leadership. I hope we can continue to have his services as a leader within the legislature in whatever capacity we can," said Arnott, when asked to comment about Tory's intention to stay on as PC leader.

Healthcare is a key issue he plans to tackle as he heads back to Queen's Park. He said he intends to immediately address the fact the Ministry of Health has "dragged its heels" in approving much-needed CT scanners at the Georgetown and Fergus Hospitals.

"We also have a severe doctor shortage in the province of Ontario," said Arnott.

Liberal candidate Bentley, who watched election results with about 25 supporters at the Lions Hall in Georgetown, said she was "disappointed" with the outcome of the local race, but appreciative of all the efforts of her campaign workers.

A beaming Ted Arnott celebrates his win in the provincial election Wednesday night with his wife Lisa. It was Arnott's fifth election victory.

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Liberal candidate Marg Bentley checks with campaign volunteer Dennis McLay as the first polling station numbers come in Wednesday night.

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