Tories choose Ted Arnott to contest election in 2007

Waterloo-Wellington MPP Ted Arnott was enthusiastically and unanimously endorsed Monday to carry the Progressive Conservative (P.C.) banner in the riding of Wellington-Halton Hills in the next provincial election in 2007.

There were no other candidates named at the P.C. nominating convention at Rockmosa Community Centre in Rockwood on Monday evening.

A 16-year veteran of the Ontario Legislature, Arnott was first elected in 1990 in Waterloo-Wellington and subsequently re-elected in 1995, 1999 and again in 2003. With the redrawing of electoral boundaries, the Waterloo-Wellington riding has been broken up and parts of Wellington lumped in with Halton Hills to form a new riding.

MPP Ted Chudleigh, who represents Halton Hills now will contest the PC nomination in Halton riding in the next election.

Arnott, a native of Arthur, attended high school there, obtained a B.A. degree in Political Science and a Diploma in Business Administration at Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo. He was listed in the university's 2004 annual report as a graduate who is "making a difference around the world."

Arnott married Lisa Mc-Cabe in December of 1990 and the couple has three sons. They live in the Fer-



Ted Arnott

gus area.

The popular MPP was nominated by Elora lawyer Clarke Melville and seconded by Kathryn Lynch. Melville, a trial lawyer who says he has a somewhat cynical view of others as a result of his occupation, says he has been impressed by Ted Arnott's record as an MPP as well as a person dedicated to his family, his constituents and one who represents everyone in the riding, no matter their politics, with integrity.

Melville singled out Arnott's positive initiative in the "double hatter" debate over pro firefighters serving on volunteer brigades, his ability to work with all MPPs and the respect he gets from other MPPs for his work.

"If he's going to be effective he has to get along with all of them," Melville observed.

In a brief acceptance speech, Arnott said he looks forward to being part of a John Tory team that is never satisfied with the status quo in Ontario singling out the need for better roads

infrastructure and health care and the job situation in the smaller communities of Ontario. Tory, he said, chose to stay in Canada when he could have gone to bigger things in the U.S., is smart and decent with a social conscience.

Arnott acknowledged he has already done much spade work in Halton Hills

visiting fairs in Georgetown and Acton, buying a briefcase at the olde Hide House etc., etc. to acquaint voters with him.

Other speakers included Ontario PC executive members and MP Mike Chong's riding assistant Jim Smith. Letters of support were also read from former MPP Jack Johnson.



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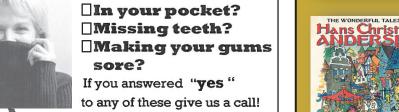
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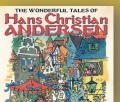
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