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Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion to visit Laurier Brantford

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BRANTFORD – Stéphane Dion, leader of the Liberal Party of Canada, will visit Laurier Brantford Friday March 16 at 6 p.m. to deliver a talk entitled, *Canada in the 21st Century*.

Dion's address, which forms part of the Laurier Brantford Contemporary Studies external speaker series, will include an open question-and-answer session with audience members.

"This event offers a chance for Laurier Brantford students, staff and faculty to engage in a remarkably direct way with a person who could be the next prime minister of Canada," said event organizer Ken Paradis, assistant professor, English and Contemporary Studies.

Dion was elected the leader of the Liberal Party of Canada in December 2006. His previous roles include foreign affairs critic in interim-leader Bill Graham's shadow cabinet, environment minister under former prime minister Paul Martin, and intergovernmental affairs minister under former prime minister Jean Chrétien. Key accomplishments include garnering international agreement to extend the Kyoto Protocol beyond 2012, and introducing the Clarity Act. Dion holds bachelor's and master's degrees in political science from Université Laval, and a doctorate in sociology from the Institut d'études politiques in Paris.

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Laurier Brantford's speaker series will continue next month with Green Party Leader Elizabeth May on April 4, and NDP Leader Jack Layton later in April.

Dion's talk will be held Friday March 16, 6-7 p.m. in Carnegie Building 206. It is open to the Laurier community only and members of the news media.

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