

Day's appearances in York show Alliance has big hopes

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Canadian Alliance candidates will win three of York Region's five ridings, predicts Oak Ridges Bob Callow.

While such bold predictions may be overstated with the Liberals maintaining a sizable lead in the polls, the Alliance has been campaigning like it believes it. The party has held three major events in York Region in a final push leading up to Monday's vote.

Leader Stockwell Day made a stop in Newmarket yesterday at Upper Canada Mall, his third campaign appearance in York Region and the second stop in less than a week.

Day also attended an Alliance rally in Thornhill at the Le Parc banquet hall just last Saturday.

And on Sunday, Alliance candidates from across the GTA held a sparsely attended rally in Vaughan.

"There's a high concentration of ridings and voters in that area (York Region), so I think it's important to be able to go there and hit it enough times," said John Capobianco, head of the Alliance campaign in Ontario.

"There's a huge demand from these

voters (for Stockwell Day) ... and that's why we're back," Capobianco said.

Vaughan-King-Aurora candidate Adrian Visentin noted York Region is the most likely place for the Alliance to make inroads in the Toronto area.

"I think this area (York Region) has a lot of ridings that are close, whereas other areas in Ontario, we're looking at hopefully a few definite seats, but probably a lot of seats where we have little chance," Visentin said.

Callow pointed to Tory Premier Mike Harris' success in York Region.

"Clearly, the electorate here like the conservative agenda of Mike Harris," he said. "If you look at Mike Harris' agenda and look at Stockwell's, they're very similar."

Unlike the provincial election, however, right-leaning voters have two conservative agendas to choose from in the Alliance and the Progressive Conservatives.

The PC-Alliance split came to a head in Markham, where Jim Jones was the only Tory MP elected in Ontario in the last election.

But in July, Jones crossed over to the Alliance.

Although Jones is up against Liberal star candidate John McCallum, Jones is still considered by many to be the Alliance's best chance for a seat in York Region.

Liberal incumbents Bryon Wilfert and Elinor Caplan say they're not worried about the Alliance's concentration on their home ridings of Oak Ridges and Thornhill.

"I know what ridings the Alliance has targeted, there are 11 ridings they've targeted and this isn't one of them," Wilfert explained.

Caplan, Canada's Immigration and Citizenship Minister, said she was, "cautiously optimistic" of Monday's results, seemingly fazed by the Alliance-Liberal mud-slinging contest that has been focused around her during the campaign.

The latest had Caplan claiming, during an appearance on CBC's Canada Now, that Holocaust deniers Ernst Zundel and Jim Keegstra had joined the Alliance.

Alliance officials denied the allegation, blasting back with their claim Zundel had actually ran for the leadership of the Liberal party in 1968.

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