

'Well-earned early retirement for many Liberals'

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offer I can't refuse?' And there's Harper unwrapping a package of a dead fish," Mr. Horowitz said.

"This election is going to make calling somebody an evil reptilian kitten-eater from another planet (the jaw-dropping insult hurled at Premier Dalton McGuinty from the Tory camp during the 2003 provincial election) seem like a compliment."

At the same time, Liberals and New Democrats are painting Mr. Harper as a right wing zealot out to destroy any socially conscious special interest group.

"The thought of Stephen Harper as prime minister has put the fear of God into every black, one-eyed,

Communist lesbian. All eight of them are running for cover," Mr. Horowitz said.

And what's it like to be Jack Layton, who is only invited to play when toppling the government is the political game of the day?

"The NDP is funny. They have no purpose but to side with somebody bringing down the government," Mr. Horowitz said.

"Somebody calls you and says, 'What do you think about bringing down the government Thursday?' and you say, 'Great, I'll be there.' Jack Layton sits around all day until somebody calls him. 'You want to give me Raptors tickets? You want me to bring down the government, don't you?'"

As witty as Mr. Horowitz's zingers are, Ottawa's hijinks have

provided enough comedic fodder for York Region's average voter to take some shots, as well.

Stouffville's Tom Winters has no trouble wading into the political arena.

"If the Liberals have actually done as much as they claim, they deserve a rest. The New Democrats might find it difficult to mend fences while sitting on them, while the Conservatives are a lot like the cat who starved while sitting on a bag of cat food waiting for a bird to fall from the nest," he said.

"Overall, none of the parties seem able to equate politics with morality."

Markham resident Randy Barber is harbouring similar wishes.

"In this holiday season, it is better to give than receive," he said.

"I plan to give the Liberals what they deserve. Santa is going to bring a well-earned early retirement for many Liberals."

Meanwhile, other voters are frustrated with all federal leaders for sending Canadians to the polls at a time when people want to focus on family, friends and impending Boxing Day sales.

"Since this is the holiday season, they should put the election on the lay-away plan," Markham's Shelly Squelch said.

Newmarket resident Risa Seheult voiced the same sentiment.

"Ho, ho, ho, this election has got to go. What a disturbance, what a nuisance, what a rotten time of the year," she said.

"And they're using our money to buy our votes."



TOM WINTERS: Stouffville-area resident has something to say about all three major parties.



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