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## Candidates rolled out during Tory love-in

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"(He's a) passionate speaker."

Much has happened since the Conservatives' last GTA barbecue, the Prime Minister said, pointing out that during the fall 2008 election, the party strengthened its mandate.

He named party accomplishments during their time in power, but his speech also touched on the possibility of another election soon being called.

We will not do things that are not good for this country,

He outlined the Conservatives' stimulus spending and said no matter what they do, the opposition asks for more.

"Not a week goes by when one of them is not attacking us in Parliament," he said, adding that not one of the party's tax reduction measures was willingly accepted by the Opposition.

The Conservatives, he said, will not be pressured by the Liberals, the NDP and the Bloc Quebecois.

"We will not do things that



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Oak Ridges-Markham MP Paul Calandra speaks during Thursday's event in Markham.

are not good for this country," he said.

He also touched on the constant election speculation that has gripped Parliament Hill since. January.

Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff once again, Mr. Harper said, took the country to the brink of an election earlier this summer over employment insurance reform.

"We saw the real face of the opposition last Christmas," Mr. Harper warned, referring to the coalition of the Liberals, NDP

and Bloc.

"The last thing Canadians want is a Liberal government propped up by the NDP and the Bloc Quebecois."

Canadians don't want an election, the Prime Minister continued, and neither do the Conservatives.

But he said that, as a minority government, the party must be prepared for an election forced on them by the three other parties in the House.

Conservative MPs from across

the GTA attended the barbecue, with election-style signs posted outside the event, as well as behind the stage.

New Conservative candidates for the next federal election were also introduced, with Markham Regional Councillor Gordon Landon, who will face off against Liberal incumbent John McCallum in Markham-Unionville in the next election, getting a big cheer from his hometown crowd.

The barbecue's host, Mr. Calandra, received warm words from his leader.

"I've known him for a long time," Mr. Harper said, noting that Mr. Calandra has worked for the Conservative Party since he was 9.

Mr. Calandra will face former Oak Ridges-Markham Liberal MP Lui Temelkovski in the next elec-

The barbecue, according to a party e-mail, was to be a good way to get volunteers ready to go for the next election.

It would thank them and allow them to meet Mr. Harper up-close and personal.

After the speech, people could get their picture taken with the Prime Minister.

The event, which had heavy security, also featured a barbecue dinner and live country music.

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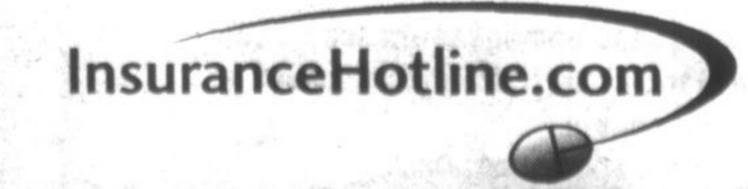
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# Plan is for lowered speed limit in town

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Bannon, whose ward encompasses Ballantrae.

Along Hwy. 48, between Bethesda Road and the Markham/Whitchurch-Stouffville boundary, there are two locations that also require speed reductions.

The first is from about 150 metres north of Bethesda Road to Norman Jones Place.

Town staff want the speed reduced from 80 km/h to 70 km/h.

A drop from 70 km/h to 60 km/h from Norman Jones Place to 200 metres south of Sam's Way is also being requested.

Over the past two years, traffic signals have been installed along Hwy. 48 at Hoover Park Drive, Sam's Way and Millard Street.

The three new traffic signals, along with the long-time light at Stouffville Road and Hwy. 48, are not the only reasons why municipal staff want the speed limit reductions along the north-south corridor.

Traffic volumes and the variety of vehicles using Hwy. 48 and turning onto the adjacent streets, is another reason, along with the variety of land use activities along the corridor.

#### **PERMITS AND APPROVALS**

Town staff are also looking for assistance from council in moving permits and approvals along at the provincial level.

"Town staff's concerns have to do with the time involved and the various layers of review at the Ministry (of Transportation), which eventually leads to the issuance of a permit of approval for the completion of works," Mr. McNeely said.

In several cases, drawings have been returned to staff with comments for revisions.