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Are you ready to vote again?

Calandra-Temelkovski rematch set locally

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Here we go again.

Local politicians are revving their engines after federal Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff told party members they would not continue to prop up the Conservative government of Stephen Harper.

"Mr. Harper, your time is up," Mr. Ignatieff told fellow Grits at a Sudbury retreat Tuesday.

While Mr. Ignatieff offered no specifics on what could touch off an election, a vote could take place as early as November with campaigns kicking off just over a month from now.

That would make the 2009 election just over a year after the last election, which took place on Oct. 14, 2008.

"I think it's very irresponsible," said Markham Regional Councillor Gord Landon who will challenge John McCallum for the Conservatives in Markham-Unionville.

"The economy is just coming out of a recession and is very fragile right now ... I really don't understand why they're doing this."

Mr. Landon has said he would take a leave of absence from his positions with the region and town during a campaign.

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PHOTO/GLEN SCHOLEY

Members of the Confalone family and neighbours watch a fire burst from the garage of their Hoover Park Drive home Thursday afternoon. See additional photographs on pages 2 and 8 and at yorkregion.com

BLAZES DESTROY TWO WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE HOMES WITHIN 12 HOURS

Fire victims just happy to make it out

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Within the span of 12 hours, two area homes were destroyed by fire.

Around 12:30 p.m. on Thursday a fire started in the garage of 208 Hoover Park Dr., two houses west of Tenth Line.

"Thank God I got all my kids out, because I just got home from

work," said Dora Confalone. "I was only going to stop in for two minutes to see what the kids were up to."

When Ms Confalone, who works for Sutton Group Town and Country, arrived, she could smell smoke outside the home, but not inside. The smoke detectors had yet to be activated within the two-storey

brick home that is about 10 years old.

After searching the home top to bottom with her mother, Eileen Duffy, who also lived in the house, Ms Confalone opened the inside garage door. That is where she was met with a thick cloud of black smoke.

Mrs. Duffy immediately called

911, while the girls—12-year-old Tara and 14-year-old Cashel—grabbed the dog, cat and six-week old kittens and evacuated. The family's pet lizard, however, was mistakenly left behind and perished.

The home's two other occupants—Graham and Norman Grisold—

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