

Philpott, Calandra spar over airport 'support'

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"Only two days after reiterating her claim that she would not support a Pickering Airport, Liberal candidate Jane Philpott appears to have endorsed a massive and irresponsible expansion of the Markham Airport," federal Conservative candidate Paul Calandra said in a media release a week ago Wednesday.

Not so, according to Philpott. "This is a desperate attempt by Paul Calandra to change the channel from the struggling economy and Harper's scandals. Many people in both Markham and Stouffville have requested my signs for their properties," she told The Sun-Tribune via email last Thursday afternoon.

It's the last skirmish between the frontrunners in the hotly contested new riding.

Calandra and Philpott have exchanged shots, in press releases and statements during the past week, first over mailouts to constituents by Calandra, the sitting MP for Oak Ridges-Markham, and criticism leveled at him by former Liberal leader Stéphane Dion in a visit to the riding.

"Let me be very clear, I have never seen a proposal for the Markham Airport. I am disappointed to see Mr. Calandra resort to spreading such unsubstantiated claims. I will remain focused on listening to voters and spreading our positive message for real change," she stated.

MARKHAM AIRPORT

The signs were placed on Hwy. 48 in front of the Markham Airport, which is just north of Elgin Mills Road and between Hwy. 48 and Ninth Line, by its operator, Al Rubin.

Rubin told The Sun-Tribune he is a Conservative but now "I don't believe Mr. Calandra, as a Conservative, represents me personally or the people of Oak Ridges or Markham, but Durham."

Rubin and Philpott have never met.

Rubin said he went to her Stouffville office Wednesday afternoon but she was not there. He picked up some signs and put them on the airport's more than 2,000 feet of frontage on Hwy. 48, just south of the Stouffville border.

"I did that personally," he said.

"If Jane has more signs, I'd be quite happy to put them up," he said.

Calandra claimed, in his media release, Rubin came to him Oct. 6 and "promised to support his campaign on the condition that he would endorse Mr. Rubin's plan to significantly expand Markham Airport.

Mr. Calandra firmly rejected this proposal as it was not in the best interests of the community."

Rubin admitted to The Sun-Tribune the pair met, but he said he did not ask for support of an expansion. He said he asked Calandra why he was supporting an airport in Durham.

LATEST SKIRMISH

Calandra said he supports a general aviation replacement for Buttonville Airport, a 16th Avenue facility that is scheduled to close, on the non-agricultural lands in Pickering, which are designed for commercial use.

Rubin says he does not require Calandra's support for an expansion because the airport deals directly with the Minister of Transport.

There were Calandra campaign signs erected across the highway from the airport last week, according to Rubin.

The federal election is Oct. 19.

The other two candidates running in the riding of Markham-Stouffville - Gregory Hines (NDP) and Myles O'Brien (Green) - did not respond to a request for comment).

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