



Hello all:

Most of my time this summer has been spent meeting existing Liberal Party members and signing up new members. With the good weather, there have been numerous outdoor barbeques and some of you have invited your neighbours to meet me over coffee. I have found this to be a wonderful venue in which to answer your questions, address your concerns, and earn your support for my candidacy.

On August 14th, for example, I attended a small gathering at the home of Bill Cowie, president of the Ottawa Carleton Association for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (OCAPDD). Among other things, we discussed the [Every Canadian Counts initiative](#) and the merit of Canada following Australia's lead in implementing a National Disability Insurance Scheme. This is an area that has been of particular interest to me for many years, and is an important component of the broader discussion of how to ensure adequate income support and social services to prevent citizens from

sinking below the poverty level. For a related discussion, please see my 2012 policy paper ["Retirement Security We Can Count On"](#).

On August 19th, I met organizers of a workshop for the Parents of Parkwood Hills Youth, and learned much more about the need for effective community activities focused on crime prevention and providing a healthy and secure future for our children.

On August 23rd, I had a very enjoyable meeting with community organizers and residents of Morrison Gardens, Penny Knox and Carissa Davis. We discussed the serious need for more and better social housing, and how to greatly expand meaningful job opportunities and bridging programs, especially for single mothers and youth. We also addressed the critical role that should be played by the federal government in ensuring all Canadians can lead dignified and productive lives, recognizing that the best social and economic policy is decent work for a living wage.



My ongoing door-to-door canvassing and other activities are taking me to all the interesting pockets and corners of

this great riding, leading to innumerable enjoyable encounters with constituents. At the Muslim Summer Festival on August 2nd, for example, I had an invaluable opportunity to speak with many about a wide range of issues and concerns.



Like most Canadians, residents of Ottawa West-Nepean are thoroughly fed up with the diminished unambitious Canada of Mr. Harper. We are fed up with the manipulative Conservative playbook: pander to narrow constituencies, exploit regional differences, and bypass Parliament with the Prime Minister's Office.

Growing numbers of Canadians are rallying behind our Liberal leader and his positive message and a hopeful vision of Canada. We want to have confidence again in our government, in our country, in our future. We want politics that reflect principle, purpose and reasonable compromise at all time.

I look forward to putting my energy and my many years of political and legal experience to work to win back this riding for the Liberal Party as part of Justin Trudeau's team. I want to be a

strong voice for the residents of Ottawa West-Nepean in Parliament and for [One Canada for all Canadians](#).

Upcoming Events

Capital Pride Parade - August 24, 2014

Ottawa is celebrating its 29th annual Pride Festival from August 15th to August 24th.

I look forward to participating in the Capital Pride Parade with the Liberal float on Sunday afternoon, August 24th. I hope to see you there!

Politics in the Pub night - Monday, August 25, 2014 at 7 pm

The location is the Royal Oak on Centreponte Drive. This is organized by the OWN riding association as a way to promote lively political discussion, and is very timely as we enter the final phase of the nomination race.

LPC(O) General Meeting - September 12-14, 2014

On August 28th, the OWN riding association will hold a riding meeting to select the delegates who will be voting members at the Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario) General Meeting in Markham, Ontario, on September 12-14, 2014. I look forward to joining our riding delegates that weekend, as well as many other Ontario Liberals, as we get ready for the all-important 2015 election.

Bob Chiarelli fundraiser on September 23, 2014

The Hon. Bob Chiarelli invites you to join him for a special fundraising evening from 6 to 8 pm on Tuesday, September 23rd, 2014 at the Britannia Yacht Club. Tickets are \$100, and can be purchased at the link below, by calling 613-700-2707, or emailing info@bobchiarelli.com.

Meet-the-contestants event – September 28 at 2 pm

On August 20th, I attended a riding executive meeting to discuss arrangements for an all-candidates event to be held before the October nomination vote. The meet-the-contestants event will take place on Sunday, September 28th at 2 pm, with the location to be determined. I am looking forward to an interesting and informative afternoon.

Municipal Election - October 27, 2014

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the upcoming municipal election and School Board elections in October. It is so important to take the time to support our municipal politicians who work so hard on our behalf.

Nomination Update

There has been a reasonably clear indication from the Party that the nomination vote in Ottawa West-Nepean will take place in the month of October. The precise date remains to be determined.

While some of you may have already decided which way you will be voting in the nomination, many of you remain undecided and may have questions for the candidates.

Please feel free to contact me so I can learn your concerns, respond to any questions and/or arrange to meet at your convenience. You can reach me anytime at 613-219-4292 or at deborah@deborahcoyne.ca.

You can also follow me on Twitter @DebCoyne, and on [Facebook](#).

I continue to make significant progress in signing up new members of the Party. The key to a successful nomination campaign is of course to [sign up new members](#) who will come out to vote when the Party establishes the date.

I am also readily available to attend any gathering and happy to be introduced to friends, neighbours or family who might be potential supporters interested in joining the Liberal Party.

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