

Hello everyone:



It has been more than six months since I began my campaign to earn your support to be the federal Liberal candidate who will represent Ottawa West-Nepean in the 2015 general election. For me, **people are politics**. My priorities in this campaign have been to visit every household and meet every registered Liberal, as well as to sign up new members.

I have focused on important issues and concerns for Ottawa West-Nepean: meeting the needs of disabled Canadians; social housing; education, apprenticeships, training that lead to real jobs; national standards in healthcare and the environment; support for our national public broadcaster. We also need serious democratic reforms to return power to Parliament and the people.

While I have reached out to all constituents, regrettably the \$10 membership fee prevents many from joining the Party and being able to vote freely in the nomination race. I want to change this in the future.

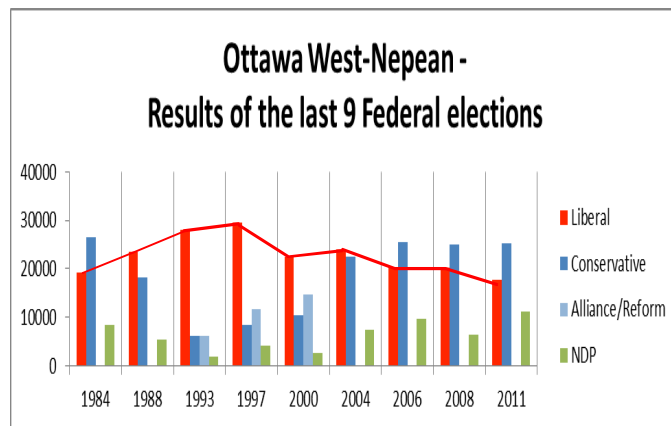
All of you receiving this newsletter have the very important responsibility selecting the best federal Liberal candidate to represent you in Parliament. I enjoy the many questions and thoughtful conversations. And I greatly appreciate the kind

[endorsements](#) and comments from some of those I have met during the campaign.

I believe in [One Canada for all Canadians](#). I know we can and must do politics differently by engaging all of you in our democracy. We must demand the highest standards at all times. We all need to work together to build our great country. No one should feel left behind.

Ottawa West-Nepean needs a new voice in Parliament - a strong voice that will speak up for our community and our country, with clarity and integrity. I want to be that voice.

It is always a challenge to win back a riding. **Just look at this graph**. It is based on figures from Elections Canada. As you can clearly see, the number of Liberal votes in the last election is the lowest we have seen since the Mulroney years!



I have the best combination of local and national experience to be the candidate who will regain the trust of voters in Ottawa West-Nepean and win this great riding back for the Liberal Party in 2015. Our informal internal polls indicate that the membership of the Ottawa West-Nepean Liberal Association shares this view.

Indeed I am happy to report that I have met many constituents who voted Conservative in the past and signed them up as new Liberals. They are looking to the Liberal

Party to provide an inspiring alternative to the Harper Conservatives, and they recognize the importance of having thoughtful, competent and principled representation at the riding level.



Everywhere I go in Ottawa West-Nepean people tell me that the Conservative government is well past its best-before

date. Eight years of Mr. Harper's diminished, unambitious Canada and governing out of the Prime Minister's Office have made us less confident of the future, sitting on the sidelines disconnected, and divided from one another.

Eight years of local representation by John Baird and Pierre Poilievre following prime ministerial dictates has done little for our community, or for the people of Canada. In Ottawa, the lack of firm federal leadership and coordinated inter-governmental funding has, in particular, seriously set back both the City-Wide Rapid Transit Network and the Ottawa River Action Plan, including the Combined Sewer Storage Tunnel.

As the representative of Ottawa West-Nepean, I will fight for Ottawa and for bold national leadership. I will fight for politics in which ideas and principles are more important than pandering and posturing. And for a Parliament that is more open, more inclusive, and more democratic.

We need bold national leadership that sees the public service for what it is - an indispensable and respected source of expert, independent policy advice and the vital lifeblood behind the services provided to Canadians every day.

What threatens Stephen Harper's government? The growing number of engaged citizens, rallying behind a leader with a positive message that: speaks to our hopes and aspirations.

This is the positive message that Justin Trudeau conveys so successfully, a message that is rallying Canadians to the Liberal banner with 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 times. We want to build an economy in which the competition for jobs and investment is won by a race to the top, not the bottom. And we want a future in which Canada works more constructively and helpfully within our global community to address the wide-range of security challenges and assure a peaceful world for generations to come.

Upcoming Events

Meet Deborah and her children – Saturday, September 27, 2-5 pm



I would like to welcome all of you to an **Open House** event on September 27 from 2 to 5 pm. Please join me and my two

children at the home of Gwenn Hughes at 31 Apache Crescent, Ottawa. This will be a wonderful relaxed opportunity for Liberals to mingle and discuss the path forward to the election of a Liberal government in 2015. It is also an opportunity for me to listen to your concerns and answer any questions. I look forward to meeting all of you there. Please call Gwenn at 613-225-1157 for directions. We will be happy to arrange transportation for anyone who needs it. Call me at 613-219-4292, or email deborah@deborahcoyne.ca, to RSVP!



**Meet-the-contestants event –
September 28 at 1:30 pm**

The Ottawa West-Nepean Federal Liberal Association is hosting a “**Meet the Contestants**” event at the Atrium at Ben Franklin Place – 101 Centrepointe Drive. The three candidates will each have the opportunity for a 5-minute introduction and will then answer a few questions provided to us in advance. I look forward to participating very much.

The Nomination Vote

For those of you who may be reaching the saturation point with calls from candidates and their teams soliciting your vote, we still expect that the vote will be called very soon for a date in October.

Reaching Out

Please feel free to continue 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](https://twitter.com/DebCoyne), and on [Facebook](#).

I am 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.

Video!

Stay tuned. My website will soon be updated with new video content

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