

St. Paul's News

Year-End 2011

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Victory in St. Paul's within striking distance

I write this on December 25 after a wonderful few days celebrating the holidays with family and friends. With the end of 2011 fast approaching, it seems appropriate to reflect on what we have accomplished in St. Paul's during the year and particularly assess the 2011 election results.

Like most EDA's, St. Paul's was required to put a top-notch team into place. Unlike most ridings, we did so with less than a week's notice. As some readers may know, my nomination took place within days of the writ being dropped and my outstanding team came together shortly thereafter.

Our campaign proved that with hard work and a strong leader with a vision for Canada, we were able to make significant inroads in St. Paul's and indeed delivered the best results in 20 years!!!! In just five weeks, we gained six points in the polls, as compared with 2008, and the Liberals fell 10 points. Below are the results since 2004 and it is clear that Liberal support in St. Paul's continues to decrease and we are now within striking distance of victory in St. Paul's.

St. Paul's Election Results – Number of Votes

	LIBS	CPC	NDP
2011	22,409	17,864	12,124
2008	26,286	13,948	6,666
2006	29,295	15,021	11,189
2004	32,171	11,226	8,667

St. Paul's Election Results – Percentage of Votes

	LIBS	CPC	NDP
2011	40.6%	32.4%	22.0%
2008	50.6%	26.9%	12.8%
2006	50.3%	25.8%	19.2%
2004	58.4%	20.4%	15.7%

St. Paul's can and will be represented in the Government benches if we work conscientiously and steadily towards that goal. The recipe for success is not a well guarded secret (like those for Coca-Cola or KFC). To win, we need the following:

- √ A well respected leader – Within the party, Stephen Harper is a very well liked and popular leader. His appeal nationally is evidenced by the results in May. In St. Paul's, Prime Minister Harper proved a valuable asset at the door and on the campaign trail.

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- √ Credible and determined candidate – I will leave the former for you to decide. On the latter, I am deeply committed to St. Paul's success and to working hard over the next four years to see it happen.
- √ A talented and hard-working team – St. Paul's is fortunate to have experienced, perceptive, and talented individuals who applied themselves fervently to the campaign and who continue to apply themselves on the EDA Board. They were an integral part of our success in May and, with your support, will continue to work hard to win the next election. There is nonetheless enough work to keep an army of volunteers busy. Whether or not you volunteered in the last election, it's never too early to get involved in the next one. Your support is invaluable.
- √ Financial support – Your donations will make the difference between a win and a loss in the next election. Our ability to canvass, drop literature, poll, and host events before the writ is dropped will determine the outcome of the next election and these events depend entirely on your generosity. In St. Paul's, it's as important to give in non-election years and it is during election years.

Thank you for all your support this past year. It's been a true honour to serve as your candidate of record.

Kindly accept my heartfelt best wishes for a happy and healthy 2012,

Maureen Harquail

In the news

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's majority Conservative government continues to earn respect from Canadians coast to coast, to the astonishment of our skeptical opponents. Our government is winning well deserved kudos for its pragmatic approach to seemingly intractable issues.

For example, a recent [Canadian Press story](#) notes that the Conservative "government is ... quietly bankrolling one of the largest social pilot projects ever seen in Canada, paying generously for cutting-edge research that is changing the lives of hundreds of homeless people." The program is producing results and "suggest[s] federal involvement in funding homes for the homeless can be smart and save money."

On the aboriginal file, a National Post article lists "[Harper's aboriginal firsts](#)" and concludes that "in manoeuvring within the bounds of reality, Mr. Harper is successfully chipping away at what many view as an intractable situation - making incremental changes where change can be reasonably expected."

Earlier this month, John Ibbitson of the Globe and Mail [highlighted the benefits](#) of the Beyond the Border Accord that PM Harper negotiated with U.S. President Barack Obama.

All in all, an impressive start to Stephen Harper's majority government and but a harbinger of more good things to come.

Steve Stinson

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Donations

Donate now! If you haven't maximized your contribution limit for 2011, now's the time to do so. We need every dollar now to win the next election. Successful ridings campaign, poll, and deliver literature before the writ is dropped. We need your donations to make this happen.

Yes, I would like to make a donation to the St. Paul's Conservative EDA.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Amount of 2011 donation: \$ _____

Please ensure you post, fax or email scanned form prior to the end of 2011 to ensure you receive your tax credit for 2011.

Amount of 2012 donation: \$ _____

Cheque (personal cheques only) Credit Card

Visa/Mastercard #: _____

Expiry: _____

Please make Cheque payable to St. Paul's Conservative EDA

Tax receipts will be issued to the person named on cheque or credit card only

Maximum Donation for the 2011 calendar year is \$1,100.

- Donations up to \$400 receive a tax credit for 75% (actual cost is only 25%)
- Donations from \$401 to \$750 receive a tax credit for \$300 plus 50% of the amount above \$400
- Donations above \$751 (to max. of \$1,100) receive a tax credit for \$475 plus 33.33% of the amount above \$750
- For Example:

Donation	Tax Credit	Actual Cost
\$100	\$ 75	\$ 25
400	400	100
500	350	150
600	400	200
750	475	275
1,000	558	442
1,100	592	508

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