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The Guelph PC Riding Association Announces its Candidate for the October 6th Provincial Election!

Guelph – July 18, 2011 - Allan Boynton, President of the Guelph PC riding association, is proud to announce that the PC members in Guelph have selected Greg Schirk as their candidate for the October 6, 2011 provincial election.

Greg Schirk is an entrepreneur who previously owned Royal City Glass and now works for PM Doors and Windows. His extensive involvement in the glass industry has included being president of the Siding and Window Dealer Association of Canada (SAWDAC) and being a member of the steering committee of the Natural Resources Canada Energy Star program (Fenestration Products). Greg is married and has 2 grown children. He was raised in Guelph and maintains that “Guelph is, and will always be, his home.”

The Delta Conference Centre’s Ballroom was packed with over 400 attendees. Local PC members were joined by several special guests, including Ken Zeise (President of the Ontario PC Party), Jessica Maga (Ontario PC Party regional organizer) and nearby PC candidates such as Dave MacDonald (Kitchener Centre), Rob Leone (Cambridge), and Michael Harris (Kitchener-Conestoga).

The three PC nomination candidates for the Guelph riding - Rob Demille, Greg Schirk, and Bob Senechal – each gave 10-minute speeches prior to the commencement of voting. Greg Schirk addressed the crowd with 11 enthusiastic supporters standing behind him. He said that he would not be “Toronto’s messenger to Guelph, (but rather that he would be) Guelph’s voice at Queen’s Park.” He spoke about his personal experiences with health care in Ontario, prior to the deaths of his parents, and emphasized that the “chaos” in the system associated with getting straightforward diagnoses and appropriate care for older adults must end. He said he wants everyone to get “timely, high quality health care” in this province. With regard to financial matters, he said that it is time for Dalton McGinty to “get his hand out of (each family’s) till” and that he will work with Tim Hudak to ensure that Ontario becomes Canada’s economic powerhouse again. He ended by saying that, “if fiscal responsibility and family are your first priorities”, those in attendance should vote for him.

Greg’s speech exemplified what one of his supporters said of him -- that he is “outgoing” with “charisma, natural charm and a self-deprecating sense of humour” and that he “puts others ahead of himself”.

Greg and his wife, Bonnie, are looking forward to this Fall’s election campaign and will work hard together to ensure that he becomes Guelph’s next MPP.

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