

# Standing up for Northerners

Hi Everyone,

Thank you all for coming out to help launch my re-election campaign. I'm excited and optimistic about our chances here in the Northwest Territories and across the whole country. Wouldn't it be great if this were the election where the New Democrats broke through and got the voice it deserves in Ottawa? A voice that speaks for ordinary people.

What we need in Ottawa is a government that will stop putting the interests of the big corporations, the big banks, and the energy giants front and centre in every decision they make.

What we need in Ottawa is a government that doesn't see a tax cut as the answer to every question. You and I know that things just aren't that easy.

Thanks to Stephen Harper, we are now approaching the THIRD federal election in four years. Using the excuse that the 39<sup>th</sup> Parliament was somehow "dysfunctional," Harper has decided to quit his job. The opposition parties HAVE NOT defeated the government. The Prime Minister has abandoned his own fixed election law for short-term political gain. He believes that if the Liberals and the Bloc implode, he has the chance to win a majority. Well Mr. Harper, Jack Layton, along with a full slate of strong New Democrat candidates, are going to close that door on you. Mr. Harper, you'll not get a majority; you don't deserve one.

You'll hear from the representatives of the other parties that they can do the job for you. But look at the record. For years the Liberals in Ottawa did nothing but harm to this country. They

guttled social programs. They cut taxes on big corporations and rich Canadians putting the burden of paying for necessary public programs - like health care and education - on the backs of ordinary people like you and me. They showed no real action on the environment and climate change, and they discredited the whole image of government with their corruption.

The Conservatives are no better. The Tories, with Liberal support, kept us in Afghanistan chasing the wrong mission. The Tories, with the help of the Liberals, have destroyed the fiscal capacity of this country to provide the services we need. The Tories, with the help of the Liberals, have made this country into something most Canadians don't support – something that is mean and nasty.

Neither of these parties can offer what Canada really needs. They may be telling you all that they can best serve the North but they can't. Their record and their platforms prove this fact. That is why I am asking for northerners to re-elect me and give Jack Layton, and the rest of the New Democrats, a real mandate to bring about the kind of changes we need in this country.

The way to stop the Conservatives from getting a majority and taking our country any further down the wrong road is to vote on October 14<sup>th</sup> for Dennis Bevington and the New Democrats.

The way to stop the Liberals from getting another chance to govern – a chance that they surely don't deserve -- is to vote for Dennis Bevington and the New Democrats.

The way to get good government, caring government, government that truly 'Stands up for the North,' is to vote on October 14<sup>th</sup> for Dennis Bevington and the New Democrats.

On October 14<sup>th</sup>, I ask you to help re-elect me as the Western Arctic Member of Parliament. Let's do our part up here to get the government we deserve.

Thank you! Merci! Mahsi Cho!