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## **NEW DEMOCRAT TASKFORCE ON ECONOMIC RECOVERY CONSULTS IN NWT**

**Yellowknife, NT**– Western Arctic MP Dennis Bevington and Hamilton Mountain MP Chris Charlton, Co-Chair of the New Democrat Taskforce on Economic Recovery consulted with Yellowknifers, Northern business owners and community leaders in the capital of the NWT today.

“Stephen Harper is failing the North and Canada ” said Charlton.

“I am in Yellowknife to listen to the concerns and ideas of the hard working folks who are being left behind by the Conservatives in this economic crisis,” added Charlton.

“Today we heard the real stories of Canadians struggling to make ends meet. But we also heard good ideas to boost the local economy, create jobs right here in Yellowknife and across the North. We must invest in renewable energy,” said Bevington.

Bevington added, “Instead of running up a record deficit with ineffective programs, Stephen Harper should be listening to Northerners and all Canadians and investing in a sustainable and prosperous future.”

Charlton has been the co-chair of the Economic Recovery, while Bevington has been busy as the NDP Transportation and Infrastructure Critic.

Both MPs are hosting a Public Forum this evening from 7-9pm at Northern United Place. A Press conference will follow Friday morning 10am at the Constituency Office.

NOTE: New Democrat Leader Jack Layton launched two task forces this Spring; A “Task Force on the Economic Recovery” and a “Task Force on the Middle Class and the Recession”. The Northern stop, is the last task force event, from a series of meetings which were hosted across Canada.

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