

Brown promises stability for small business from PC government

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Small businesses have been having a hard time under the Liberal government, and Ontario's Progressive Conservative Leader Patrick Brown is pledging to do something about that.

Brown spent Dec. 20 on the road, with stops in various locations, including Bolton. He paid a brief visit to Garden Foods, and spent a few minutes, with Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, chatting with business proprietor Piero Carbone.

"Kathleen Wynne is pummeling small business," Brown observed, pointing to the need to create an environment that inspires confidence again.

"You've got to have an environment that's stable," he remarked.

Carbone was pleased after the visit from Brown.

"I'm hoping he'll be a saviour to restore confidence in the entrepreneur," Carbone remarked.

Previously, Brown had visited the offices of Moffat Dunlap in rural King Township, bolstering local candidates Stephen Lecce and Caroline Mulroney. Brown said he's so proud to have such "heavyweight" representation in these talented individuals, who would make "spectacular MPPs."

Brown has been busy lately, promoting the party's People's Guarantee platform, a clear expression of what the PCs plan to do if elected. Brown personally stands behind this "guarantee" and its main points, which include lowering income taxes by 22.5 per cent for the middle class; providing a 75 per cent refund of child care expenses; cutting hydro bills by 12 per cent; making the largest mental health commitment in provincial history, and presenting the first-ever "Trust, Integrity, and Accountability Act."

"Clearly, we need change," Brown said, adding his party is committed to bringing in that change, one that works for average families. These measures are all achievable, and actions the PCs can take right now.



Ontario Progressive Conservative Leader Patrick Brown and Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones were talking with Garden Foods Proprietor Piero Carbone in Bolton recently. Photo by Bill Rea