

Crewson promises 'real change' at campaign office opening

By Bill Rea

If there is a need for 'real change,' then that's what Ed Crewson says he and the Liberals are offering.

Crewson made the observation several times last weekend, addressing supporters at the opening of his campaign office in Orangeville.

He is the Liberal candidate in Dufferin-Caledon in the next federal election, which is expected in October.

'We are here today because we know that real change is necessary here in Dufferin-Caledon and in Canada,' Crewson told the crowd of supporters.

Crewson praised the dedication shown by his campaign team, adding they have been listening to thousands of residents of the riding who have been calling for change because they believe the current government, under Prime Minister Stephen Harper, is not working for them.

'The Harper government is broken,' he declared. 'It can no longer be trusted to care for the rest of us, who are working hard to pay taxes.'

He also said he believes in the future and that he can make a difference in making it better.

'This is my home,' he commented. 'It's where Wendy and I chose to build our business, raise our family and serve our community.'

Crewson added times have not always been easy, but they have always been driven by their love of each other, the community and the people they have served.

Over 30 years of running a business and 26 years in municipal leadership (he's the former mayor of Shelburne and also served as Warden of Dufferin County), Crewson said he has always passionately advocated for the people he has served. 'I have made a difference in the lives of the people I've served,' he declared.

Crewson stressed the need for better health care services, especially mental health. He said the only way to bring that about is to elect an MP who's committed to real change. 'I know we deserve better than what we're getting right now,' he said.

He also pointed to the need to help young people who are struggling to pay for post-secondary education, or to find their first job. They need help, and she said the only way to get that is to elected an MP?committed to enacting real change.

'Seniors and veterans need all the support we can give them,' Crewson added.

'We know that our environment needs to be protected from those who would exploit and despoil it,' he said, adding that protection can only come from electing and MP who will bring about real change.

Crewson also charged that people work hard to pay their bills and taxes, while watching the Harper government waste money advertising action plans that may or may not exist, or on the Senate.

'We know that the Harper government really only cares about providing tax breaks to those who are already affluent,' he said, adding the government cuts essential services to those who need them.

'I have proven myself as a fiscally responsible, socially progressive leader,' he concluded. 'I believe it is time and I am the candidate for real change in Dufferin-Caledon.'



Dufferin-Caledon Liberal candidate Ed Crewson received some help from Dufferin County Warden Warren Maycock and Orangeville Mayor Jeremy Williams when he opened his campaign office last weekend. Photo by Bill Rea