

Crewson set to be acclaimed

By Bill Rea

Dufferin-Caledon federal Liberals are set to hold their nomination meeting this coming Tuesday (Feb. 17), and former Shelburne mayor Ed Crewson is in line to get the nod.

The party reported earlier this week that Alton resident Bill Prout, the only other contender, had decided to pull out of the race, meaning the coming meeting will be an acclamation.

"I put my name in last spring, but things have changed in my life," Prout commented. "So I decided to pull out."

He added he's busy with solar power contracts with his company, Enercontrol Technologies.

Prout was the Liberal candidate in the riding in the 2011 federal campaign, finishing fourth, losing to incumbent Conservative David Tilson.

He said he will be backing Crewson in the coming campaign.

"I think he has a better shot, in at least Dufferin, than I did," he remarked.

"But that's not to say I won't be back," Prout added, commenting another election could come sooner than people think, if this year's campaign results in a minority government.

"I look forward to meeting with the citizens of Dufferin-Caledon over the coming months to listen to their hopes and ideas,"

Crewson said in a statement issued by the riding association. "When I become their Member of Parliament, I can and will work hard every day advocating for them, representing them and serving them in the House of Commons. I thank all the members of the Dufferin-Caledon Federal Liberal Riding Association for giving me this opportunity. Together we can do better."

Tuesday's meeting will start at 6 p.m. at Mono Community Centre at 754483 Mono Centre Rd. in Mono.