

## Jones will back Christine Elliott in Progressive Conservative leadership race

Whitby-Oshawa MPP Christine Elliott has announced she is running to be the Leader of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party, and Sylvia Jones is in her corner.

Dufferin-Caledon's MPP has endorsed Elliott, and stood by her side as she announced her leadership candidacy at Queen's Park last week.

Jones, who was elected to a third term as Dufferin-Caledon's MPP in the June 12 election, made the case for supporting Elliott following the announcement.

"I am supporting Christine because she has the experience and ideas that are necessary to turn our party around," Jones said. "We need to rebuild our party from the ground up, and I know Christine has the right skills to not only lead that effort, but also to lead us into the next election."

"On June 12th, voters sent the PC Party a very clear message: our party failed to connect with what matters to Ontarians," Jones added. "Christine has an exceptional ability to bring people together to work towards a common goal. I think our party needs to do a better job at bringing people from various backgrounds together under a PC banner, as opposed to driving them away. I know Christine is the ideal candidate to lead our party as we work to build those bridges."

Jones observed the party needs to widen its appeal to all residents across Ontario if it is going to be competitive in the next election. As the only PC MPP elected in Peel Region June 12, Jones emphasized that the party needs to listen to voters in areas like Peel to better understand how to deliver real solutions for residents.