

Liberals support veterans

I am pleased to advise letter writer Craig Honey in his Feb. 20 letter to the Caledon Citizen that the Liberal Party of Canada is in full agreement with his sentiment to support our veterans.

At the recent 2014 Liberal Biennial Convention, we in fact passed with a unanimous vote (there were about 3,000 delegates present) Resolution 33 ? A Social Covenant with Canadian Veterans, which was one of the priority resolutions set for the party by the grassroot delegates. In summary, this resolution stated that a future Liberal government ? . . will live up to our country's sacred obligation to care for veterans and their families throughout their lives by allowing them to maintain a quality of life that is worthy of the sacrifices that they have made for Canada.?

Interestingly, this Liberal policy resolution, developed over the last year, passed shortly after the Conservative government was criticized by veterans for closing, as a cost-saving measure, nine regional offices that support veterans while government documents, recently obtained by the Globe and Mail, revealed increased spending by 116 per cent from 2008-09 to 2012-13 for Minister's Regional Offices to support visiting (political) government cabinet ministers. The number of these Ministers Regional Offices grew from 12 to 17 in that period with the new Yellowknife office alone (with one full-time and one part-time employee) costing \$821,443 to set up. Must be really nice furniture!

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